



RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

(Established under Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006)

(Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Finance Committee, RGNUL, Punjab, held on 25th March, 2021 at 3:30 pm through online mode.

Following members were present through online :

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| 1. Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar
Officiating Vice-Chancellor,
RGNUL, Punjab | Chairperson |
| 2. Professor (Dr.) Ranbir Singh
Former Vice-Chancellor,
National University of Law,
New Delhi | Member |
| 3. Professor (Dr.) Veer Singh
Former Director (Academics),
Chandigarh Judicial Academy,
Chandigarh. | Member |
| 4. Sh. Harjit Singh
Dy. Controller (Finance & Accounts),
Nominee of the Principal Secretary Finance, (Pb),
Chandigarh. | Member |
| 5. Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar
Professor of Law,
RGNUL, Punjab | Member |
| 6. Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats
Registrar,
RGNUL, Punjab | Secretary |

Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Officiating Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson) welcomed the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee and thanked them for taking out valuable time from their busy schedule for joining online meeting.

ITEM (1)

To confirm of the Proceedings and Action Taken Report of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee which was held on 07.11.2020. (Annexure-1)

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the proceedings of previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 07.11.2020. As such, the Proceedings and Action Taken Report of the said meeting were placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee for kind perusal and approval.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee perused the proceedings and the Action Taken Report of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 07.11.2020 (Annexure-1) and unanimously resolved to approve the same.

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ITEM (2)

To peruse and approve the Budget Estimates of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, for the Financial Year 2021-22 (Annexure-2)

The Vice-Chancellor placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee Budget Estimates 2020-21 of RGNUL reflecting Income and Expenditure and other details as per Annexure-2. Brief of the same is as under :

A Maintenance Grant :

Sr. No.	Particulars	Estimates for 2021-22 Amounts (Rs.)
A	Receipts	
	Opening Fund Balance	5,09,92,787
	Estimated Net Revenue Receipts for Academic Session 2021-22	25,26,38,602
	Total Estimated Revenue Receipts	30,36,31,389
B	Expenditure	
	Total Revenue Expenditure	40,10,10,737
	Annual Revenue Budget Deficit (-) (A-B)	- 9,73,79,348
	(C) Say	- 9,73,79,000

B Capital Grant :

Sr. No.	Particulars	Estimates for 2021-22 Amounts (Rs.)
	Opening Balance	-1,96,11,694
D	Receipts	
(i)	Estimated Net Capital Grants/Receipts for 2021-22	5,02,30,000
	Total Estimated Capital Receipts	3,06,18,306
E	Estimated Capital Expenditure on University Infrastructure Development/Building Repair & Maintenance/Construction Wing for the year 2021-22	3,27,00,000
	Annual Capital Expenditure Deficit (D-E)	- 20,81,694
	(F) Say	- 20,82,000

The Hon'ble members of the Finance Committee perused the details of Income and Expenditure of the Budget both on Maintenance and Capital side. The Members also looked into the other details as

reflected in Part-I and Part-II of the proposed budget. The budget proposals were discussed in detail at the meeting and it was unanimously resolved as under :

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to accept the budget proposal for 2021-22 as per enclosed Annexure-2 projections and further recommended it to the Executive Council for its approval.

Further, the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee advised to write a letter to the Punjab Govt. for providing financial grant to the University every year.

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ITEM (3)

To peruse and approve the Balance Sheet of Accounts of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, for the Financial Year 2019-20 (Annexure-3).

The Vice-Chancellor read out the Financial Statements of RGNUL for the Financial Year 2019-20 duly audited by Chartered Accountant are placed for kind consideration and approval of the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee perused the Audited Balance Sheet of RGNUL Accounts (Annexure-3) for the Financial Year 2019-20 and unanimously resolved to approve it and further recommended it to the Executive Council for its approval.

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ITEM (4)

To consider the representation of the LL.M. Students, (Batch 2020-21) of the RGNUL, Punjab, for granting Relief in Hostel Fee of Rs. 35,000/- and Amenities Fee of Rs. 23,000/- respectively, out of the total Annual Fee of Rs. 1,62,000/-, due to the Economics Crisis caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic (Annexure-4).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the Students of the LL.M. One Year Course (Batch 2020-21) has submitted their representation by email dated 06.01.2021, for granting relief in semester fees due to the Economics Crisis. They requested that the economics stress caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic on the families of RGNUL Students. The cataclysmic damage caused to the various sectors of Indian Economy is unprecedented. At the micro level, this has hit the financial condition of many households across the country. In this scenario, many parents/guardians find it difficult to pay the entire fees for the next semester.

Further, the students of LL.M. (Batch 2020-21) have not yet got an opportunity to come to the university to attend the physical classes and have not been able to visit the campus even once due to the closure of campus caused due to COVID-19 Pandemic after march 2020 accordingly the students of LL.M One year course are seeking rebate in Hostel Fee and Amenities Fee out of the total Annual Fee.

Decision:

After thoughtful deliberations, the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve to grant Relief in Hostel Fee of Rs. 35,000/- and Amenities Fee of Rs. 23,000/- respectively, out of the total Annual Fee of



Rs. 1,62,000/-, to LL.M. Students, (Batch 2020-21) of the RGNUL, Punjab.

Further, it was resolved that in due course of time, if the students of LL.M. batch (2020-21) avail these facilities at RGNUL, the Hostel Fee and Amenities Fee should be charged proportionately, only for that respective period of stay in campus. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (5) To consider the matter for registration of RGNUL for purchases through GeM (Government e-Marketplace).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the Principal Accountant General (Audit) Punjab, Chandigarh in its audit report had pointed out that purchases are required to be made as per Rule 7A of Appendix-8 of Punjab Financial Rules Volume-II. The relevant extract of audit Para is reproduced below for reference:-

"Rule 7-A of Appendix-8 of Punjab Financial Rules Volume II provides that the Central Government e-Marketplace (GeM) shall be used by the State Government Departments or Government Agencies for direct on-line purchases of goods and services as under:-

- I. Up to Rs.50,000/- through any of the available suppliers on the GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period.*
- II. Above Rs.50,000/- and up to Rs.30,00,000/- through GeM seller having lowest price amongst the available sellers, of at least three different manufacturers, on GeM, meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period. The tools for online bidding and on-line reverse auction available on GeM can be used by the buyer if decided by the Competent Authority.*
- III. Above Rs.30,00,000/- through the supplier having lowest price meeting the requisite quality, specification and delivery period after mandatorily obtaining bids, using on line bidding or reverse auction tool provided on GeM.*

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve all the purchase as per RGNUL Regulations made up till GeM Portal is activated and recommended to complete the registration process for purchasing through GeM (Government e-Marketplace). It was also resolved that if the product available in the Local Market with lowest rate(s) against Government e-Marketplace, in that condition, University would be allowed to purchase from Local Market as per Regulations of RGNUL, Punjab.

Further, It was resolved that the copy of relevant rules pertaining to purchase through GeM also be obtained from other NLUs to amend the RGNUL Regulations, if required. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (6) To consider the payment of Rs. 1,58,534/- against Arrear of Revised Pay Scale to Er. Harjit Singh, J.E., who had remained on deputation in RGNUL, Punjab, w.e.f. 03.02.2009 to 16.06.2016 from his paternal department of Public Work Department (B&R), Patiala.



The Vice-Chancellor read out that Er. Harjit Singh, J.E. remained on deputation in RGNUL from PWD Punjab w.e.f. 03.02.2009 to 16.09.2016. His pay was drawn based on the pay particulars sent by Chief Engineer Punjab (HQ) Public Works Department (B&R) Patiala from time to time. Now the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Nabha vide his office order No. 226/(ਜਨਰਲ ਸਾਖਾ) Dt. 06.08.2020 re-fixed his pay in terms of instructions issued by Chief Engineer, letter No. 1174-1273/E2 Dated 05.03.2019 for compliance of court case decision and sent a copy of the same to Registrar RGNUL vide endorsement No. 3524 dated 13.10.2020. Accordingly, his arrear on a/c of re-fixation of pay has been prepared from 03.02.2009 to 16.09.2016 and amount of arrear works out to be Rs. 1,58,534/-.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the payment of Rs. 1,58,534/- against Arrear of Revised Pay Scale to Er. Harjit Singh, J.E., who had remained on deputation in RGNUL, Punjab, w.e.f. 03.02.2009 to 16.06.2016 from his paternal department of Public Work Department (B&R), Patiala. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (7)

To consider the request of Mr. Karam Chand Rana, (Retired as Superintendent from Punjabi University, Patiala), who is working as Supdt. (Establishment) at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, w.e.f. 10.12.2012 (FN), for re-fixation of his salary as per revised last pay certificate issued from Punjabi University, Patiala.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Sh. Karam Chand Rana, Supdt. (Estt.), is appointed on 10.12.2012 on contract of one year (initially) after superannuation from Punjabi University Patiala on the terms of Pay-pension as per the Govt. of Punjab rules.

He has submitted his request on 03.02.2021 and stated that to re-fix his pay because his last pay stands revised by Punjabi University, Patiala, as per decision of the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court. Consequent upon revision of his last pay his pension has also been revised, vide letter No. 18762/Estt/A-1 dated 27.01.2021 and No. 118/Pension dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure-5) with regard to revision of his last salary and pension certificates respectively issued by Punjabi University, Patiala.

In view of the above letters issued by the Punjabi University, Patiala, the salary of Sh. Karam Chand Rana, Supdt. (Estt.) at RGNUL may be re-fixed as on 01.02.2021 as given below :

Sr. No.			Revised Salary as on 01.02.2021	
1.	Last Pay (Basic Pay+GP)+Secretariat Pay	:	36780	33200
2.	Pension	:	18390	16600
3.	Basic Pay to be fixed at RGNUL	:	18390	16600
4.	Interim Relief @5%	:	920	830
5.	D.A. @ 148% on Basic Pay+Interim Relief	:	28579	25796
6.	HRA	:	1931	1743
7.	Rural Area	:	1159	1046
	Total Salary (Sr. No. 3 to 7)	:	50979	46015

Increase in his present salary will be Rs. 4964/- per month, however, he may be given the benefits from the date of his joining at RGNUL i.e. 10.12.2012 F/N.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously



resolved to defer the item and to place again in the next meeting of the FC along with details of initial appointment at RGNUL and financial liabilities. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (8)

To consider the following proposed Honorarium/Remuneration to Resource Persons of RTI Seminar/Webinar.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Centre of Advanced Studies in Labour Welfare (CASLW) organized a national seminar/webinar title 'Changing Paradigms of Right to Information Law' on 15 March 2021 in collaboration with Punjab State Information Commission. RGNUL received Rs.75000/- from the RTI commission to sponsor the event as grant.

Presently, there are no provision for payment of honorarium to Chief Guest and the Resource Persons of the webinar out of Govt. Grants.

The matter is placed for fixation of Honorarium of Rs. 5000/- to Chief Guest and Rs. 3000/- to resource persons of all the Seminar/Workshop/Webinars out of Govt. Grant.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the fixed Honorarium/Remuneration of Rs. 5000/- to Chief Guest and Rs. 3000/- to Resource Person of RTI Seminar/Webinar out of Govt. Grant.

Further, in absence of any specific rule for payment of honorarium for other academic functions the amount of Honorarium for the Chief Guests and other resource persons may be considered the same as paid to the academicians invited to deliver lectures.

The Honorarium for judges of the Moot Court Competition at semifinal and final rounds shall be Rs. 3000 for Final Round and Rs. 2000 for the semi-final rounds.

And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (9)

To consider the following proposed Honorarium/TA payment to External Members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of RGNUL.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab has established Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) under the aegis of University Grants Commission (UGC) on October 2011.

The Purpose of establishment of IQAC at RGNUL is to channelize and systematize the efforts and measures of the Institution towards academic excellence. It is also meant for planning, guiding and monitoring quality assurance and quality enhancement activities in the Institution.

For the purpose of improvement of standards in the institution Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law IQAC cell organize online/offline meetings including RGNUL members and outside experts.

In the RGNUL Regulation presently there is no provision for payment of honorarium of online/offline meeting to outside experts i.e. Academicians, Senior Advocate and Officers.



The matter is placed before the Hon'ble Member of the Finance Committee, for fixation of Honorarium/TA as per the other meetings provision Part -XII Miscellaneous para 12 i.e. Rs. 3000/- per online/offline meeting.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the fixed Honorarium/TA Payment of Rs. 3000/- per online/offline meeting to External Members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of RGNUL, Punjab except RGNUL students and alumni. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (10) To consider the representation of Er. Ajay Jain, Maintenance Engineer, request regarding for allotment of rent free university accommodation at university campus and additional pay. As have done in the case of Chief Warden, Warden. To perform the additional charge of guest house in-charge and manager-Auditorium in continuation of his regular duties as Maintenance Engineer.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that :

1. It is submitted that in the support of his claim, he has stated in his request that Guests and dignitaries who come for various events of the University as well as parents and other guests who stay in guest house have to be taken care off at all times during their stay on campus and this requires my presence as well. I am not being given any extra allowance for these additional duties so I humbly request you to allot me a rent free university accommodation on campus seeing the nature of job which requires my presence on campus at odd hours as well.
2. In terms of the already approved regulations, the chief warden, wardens of the hostels who are performing the duties of wardens in addition to their teaching work as Assistant Professor/ Professor are allowed to provide rent free accommodation along with exemption of payment of maintenance charges which includes charges for amenities as has approved the Executive Council.
3. The Vice-Chancellor and Registrar are also entitled to rent-free accommodation or House Rent Allowance as per approved regulations. At present, Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Professor of Law who has been given additional charge as Registrar and performing the duties with effect from 01.01.2019 as a Registrar in addition to his teaching assignment as Professor. As per above approved regulations for free accommodation at RGNUL campus for performing additional duties, present Registrar is also entitled to be provided rent free accommodation.

The matter is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee/ Executive Council to consider the case of free accommodation to Er. Ajay Jain (Maintenance Engineer) is performing the additional duty as Manager Guest House and Manager Auditorium and Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Professor of Law who has given the additional charge as Registrar.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the allotment of rent free university accommodation at university campus to Er. Ajay Jain, Maintenance Engineer without any additional honorarium to perform the additional charge of Guest House In-charge and Manager-Auditorium in continuation of his regular duties as Maintenance Engineer.



It is also resolved to provide the rent-free accommodation to the officiating Registrar from the date of his joining. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (11)

To peruse and approve the recommendations of the Committee, which was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, for disposing-off unserviceable/broken items to the Medical Equipment lying in the University Health Centre, RGNUL, Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that as per request of the Medical Officer, UHC, RGNUL, Punjab, dated 31.12.2020 (Annexure-6), the Vice-Chancellor constituted the following Committee to verify the unserviceable/ broken items to medical equipment lying in the Health Centre, vide letter No. RGNUL/07 dated 14.01.2021 (Annexure-7) :

- (i) Dr. Gaytri Sharma, Medical Officer
- (ii) Mr. Maninder Singh, Finance Advisor
- (iii) Mr. Nand Lal, Supdt. Accounts Branch
- (iv) Mr. Satish Kumar, Property In-charge,

After examined the above said items the committee reported that the items have been verified and identified by the members and recommended for disposing-off due to unserviceable/broken items to the Medical Equipment lying in the University Health Centre (Annexure-8).

Decision:

After thoughtful discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee for disposing-off unserviceable/broken items to the Medical Equipment lying in the University Health Centre, RGNUL, Punjab. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (12)

To peruse and approve the payment of Ex-Gratia Grant of Rs. One Lakh only to Smt. Rajpreet Kaur w/o Late Sh. Baljinder Singh, Electrician (who was expired on 15.12.2020), on a uniform basis as per notification of the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Finance, Vide letter No. 2/19/2016-2FPPC/563 dated 10.03.2019, which have implemented on the Teaching/Non-teaching Employees of the RGNUL, after approval of the Executive Council in its meeting held on 08.06.2019 (Para-7).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Sh. Baljinder Singh who had worked as Peon from 10.07.2008 to 05.08.2012 and worked as Electrician on contract basis from 06.08.2012 to 31.01.2016 and his services was regularized w.e.f. 01.02.2016. He was on long leave on medical ground due to health problem since 15.09.2020 and his leave was extended from time to time and now he was granted Extraordinary leave (L.W.P) from 03.12.2020 to 31.12.2020 on medical ground. Due to serious condition, he was expired on 15.12.2020. He had availed all his leave and Zero balance in his leave account. Therefore, he has entitlement only for Ex-Gratia payment @ 1,00,000/- (one lakh only) on a uniform basis as per decision of the Govt. of Punjab Department of Finance vide its letter No. 2/19/2016-2FPPC/563 dated 10.03.2019 in which decided to extend the benefit of grant of Ex-Gratia to employee of New Pension Scheme recruited on or after 01.01.2004, which has been adopted by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 08.06.2019 vide Para-7, regarding Ex-Gratia Grant on the pattern of Punjab Govt., in respect of RGNUL employees.



As per partial modification regarding Ex-Gratia Grants for death of Govt. employee under different circumstances the Govt. of Punjab substituted the following decision regarding Ex-Gratia payment :

"8 Ex-gratia Payment

- (a) Where death occurs in harness or the employee is permanently disabled and rendered unfit for further service, the ex-gratia payment shall be made at the rate of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One lac only) on a uniform basis.
- (b) Where death occurs in harness due to causes attributable to service i.e. for reasons which are directly or substantially connected with the performance of official duties and is clearly relatable to performance of such duties, the payment of ex-gratia shall be equal to 24 times the revised basic pay of the employee on the date of his/her death, with a minimum of Rs. 2.00 lacs and maximum of Rs. 4.00 lacs.
- (c) If death occurs in performance of duty such as dealing with riots, terrorist attack or enemy action, ex-gratia shall be paid @Rs. 10.00 lacs on a uniform basis."

His case falls under 8(a) above category. The matter is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee for kind perusal and approval the payment of Ex-Gratia Grant of Rs. One Lakh only to Smt. Rajpreet Kaur w/o Late Sh. Baljinder Singh, Electrician, please.

Decision:

After thoughtful discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the payment of Ex-Gratia Grant of Rs. One Lakh only to Smt. Rajpreet Kaur w/o Late Sh. Baljinder Singh, Electrician (who was expired on 15.12.2020), on a uniform basis as per notification of the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Finance, Vide letter No. 2/19/2016-2FPPC/563 dated 10.03.2019, which have implemented on the Teaching/Non-teaching Employees of the RGNUL, as per decision of the Executive Council in its meeting held on 08.06.2019 (Para-7). And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (13)	(i)	To confirm the payment of GPF to Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, former Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab	
	(ii)	To peruse and approve the following payment of Leave Encashment to Prof (Dr) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Former Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab :	
	1.	Basic Pay	: Rs. 75,000/-
	2.	Additional Pay	: Rs. 10,000/-
	3.	Total	: Rs. 85,000/-
	4.	Interim Relief @ 5%	: Rs. 4250/-
	5.	DA @ 148% on	: Rs. 1,32,090/-
	6.	Grand Total	: Rs. 2,21,340/-
	7.	Calculated leave encashment	: Rs. 2,21,340x120/30 = Rs. 8,85,360/-

The Vice-Chancellor read out that :

- (i) As per RGNUL Regulations for CPF/GPF rule 19 "an employee shall be entitled to refund of the whole amount extending to his credit on retirement or on quitting the University services." In view of the above, the release of payment of GPF/CPF of Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal of

Rs. 36,39,549.96 has been released after getting due approval from DCLA to Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal. Accordingly, submitted for information.

- (ii) It is submitted that Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab by the Chancellor of the University vide its letter No. 4636 dated 31.11.2010 for a term of five years and he joined his duties on 08.02.2011. On expiry of his 1st term he was appointed for a 2nd term w.e.f 07.02.2016 vide Chancellor letter No. 31/CJS dated 03.09.2015. Till retirement from Panjab University Chandigarh in February 2017. Prof Jaswal was on deputation from Panjab University Chandigarh to Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. On 01.03.2017, Prof Jaswal continued to serve RGNUL in the 2nd term on the same terms & conditions finalized in the beginning of his joining in the RGNUL on 08.02.2011. He served from 01.03.2017 to 30.11.2020 in the University after their superannuation from Panjab University Chandigarh.

The Hon'ble Chancellor RGNUL vide his Lordship's order dated 24.04.2018 permitted Prof (Dr) Paramjit S. Jaswal to draw full pension from Panjab University Chandigarh after his retirement, on attaining the age of superannuation, in addition to his full salary being drawn in the capacity of Vice-Chancellor of RGNUL and other benefits which were earlier allowed by the Finance Committee/Executive Council in its meeting held on 09.02.2017. The Post of Vice-Chancellor is above all the teaching and non-teaching employees of the University as administrative and academic head of the Institution requiring his full attention and availability on 24x7 basis for its development and smooth working. The Vice-Chancellor is only paid a fixed pay of Rs. 75,000/- per month with no increment during the whole tenure of his working in the Institute and he is not entitled for any increment as is admissible to teachers and other officers @3% per annum. So, keeping in view the service conditions and contributions of any Vice-Chancellor he is permitted to have an annual earned leave of 30 days of maximum a year which is also permissible in the RGNUL rules as well as Punjab Govt. rules. The Vice-Chancellors of all the NLUs are availing this facilities of leave/leave encashment. The recent superannuation of Vice-Chancellors of Delhi and Hyderabad NLUs has also been regulated in the same manner in terms of leave encashment.

As per rule 8.2.1 of Punjab CSR Vol 1, Part 1, the employee shall be entitled to encash the number of days of unutilized leave in his credit up to maximum of 300 days of unutilized earned leave. In his account are 120 days and the leave encashment works out to be as above said given in the item. Therefore, working of the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar are 24x7 in the any of the universities, therefore both including Vice-Chancellor and the present Registrar are entitled to the benefit of Encashment of Earned Leave.

The same is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Finance committee for kind approval to payment of Rs. 8,85,360/- to Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal on account of leave encashment.

Decision:

- (i) After thoughtful discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the payment of GPF to Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal.
- (ii) Further, it was approved to pay the amount of Leave Encashment to Prof (Dr) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Former Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, as proposed above.

And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (14)

To allow the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, for open auction of the following vehicle:

Vehicle	Registration Number	Registration Year
Tata Sumo Grande	PB-11AL-1002	2008



The Vice-Chancellor read out that RGNUL had been purchased the vehicle Tata Sumo Grande PB-11AL-1002 since 2008 and now, it has to be become on damage condition. The expenditure on running & maintenance of the vehicle was increasing abnormally and financial loss was being accrued day by day. Therefore proposal for disposal of this vehicle was put up before the Executive Council. The Executive Council in its meeting dated 08.02.2020 approved the disposal of vehicle at a value not less than assessed by PWD B&R Mechanical or have exchange with the agency at a price not less than assessed by PWD B&R Mechanical.

The original reserve price was fixed at Rs. 1,75,640/-, then reduced by 20% i.e. at Rs. 1,40,512/- and further reduced 10% more i.e. at Rs. 1,26,461/-. But nobody has shown any interest for purchasing the vehicle at the price.

The disposal committee of the vehicle has already recommended that if no response is received at price of Rs. 1,26,461/- by giving three times auction notices with interval of 15 days, then it should be sold in open market at the maximum price. As per requisition/decided by the disposal committee, three times auction notices as described above have already been given, but no response has been received. Therefore, it is proposed that vehicle be sold in open market at the maximum price.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the dispose RGNUL vehicle Tata Sumo Grande, PB-11AL-1002, Registration Year 2008 in open auction/market. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (15)

To confirm of the orders of the Vice-Chancellor made in anticipation of the approval of the Finance Committee, for paying the fee to the following Advocates relating to the cases of the University.

- (i) Dev Raj v/s RGNUL, Punjab
- (ii) State v/s RGNUL, Punjab
- (iii) Tanya Mander v/s RGNUL, Punjab

The Vice-Chancellor read out that :

1. It is submitted that the above titled case is fixed on 24.03.2021 before the Punjab Government Industrial Tribunal, Patiala, in the Court of SMT Jatinder Kaur-II, Superior Judicial Services, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Patiala, APP. The University has appointed Advocate Gurjit Singh, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh [Punjab] Distt. Patiala as University Counsellor to represent the University in the Court of SMT Jatinder Kaur-II, Superior Judicial Services, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Patiala, APP. The counsellor has submitted the fee bill of the above case of Rs. 11,000/- (includes clerk's fee and other misc. expenses).
2. It is submitted that RGNUL has engaged the services of the Advocate Brij Bhushan Gupta to clear the deficiency in the Stamp duty or in the registration fee in connection with the registered lease deed no. 78014 dated 19.12.2014, which has been executed between Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, (Lessor) and State Bank of India having its Head Office at Mumbai and Branch all over India including the one at the campus of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (being Lessee) and as such the proceedings so initiated are liable to be dropped. In this regard he has submitted the reply on behalf of RGNUL, Punjab to settle the case.

In concern to the above said matter, Advocate Brij Bhushan Gupta has submitted the Fee Bill of Rs. 3550/- (Professional Fee Rs. 3000/-, Clerk age @ 10% & Misc. Expenses etc. Rs.250/-) vide Bill No. 163/62 dated 23.01.2021 to RGNUL, Punjab, to settle the above said case. The Vice-Chancellor has allowed the payment of Fee Bill of Rs. 3550/- to Advocate Brij Bhushan Gupta, in anticipation of the approval of the Finance Committee/Executive Council.



3. An amount of Rs. 14,000/- is to be paid to Advocate Puneet Gupta in reference to caveat petition in LPA in CWP 960/2019 Dr. Tanya Mander v/s Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.

Keeping in view, the Vice-Chancellor has allowed the payment of the above mentioned fee for defending the above cases at the respective Court/forum.

Decision:

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve above said proposed fee to the respective Advocates relating to the cases of the University :

- (i) Dev Raj v/s RGNUL, Punjab (Rs. 11000 to Advocate Gurjit Singh)
- (ii) State v/s RGNUL, Punjab (Rs. 3550/- to Advocate Brij Bhushan Gupta)
- (iii) Tanya Mander v/s RGNUL, Punjab (Rs. 14000 to Advocate Puneet Gupta)

Further the members recommended to prepare the penal of advocates at RGNUL to defend the interest of the University in different courts/forums. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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- ITEM (16)** To confirm the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, made in anticipation of the approval of the Finance Committee, for purchase of essential books for Library, on the recommendations of the RGNUL Purchase Committee (Annexure-9).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that RGNUL Statutory Bodies have approved budget of Rs. 55,00,000/- for purchase of books. Out of the said budget Library has spent Rs. 555610/- so far. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, remaining budget could not be utilized and is likely to lapse on 31.03.2021.

Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor has allowed for purchase of books duly recommended by Library Purchase Committee in various meetings in anticipation of the approval of the Finance Committee.

Decision:

After thoughtful discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to confirm the order of the Vice-Chancellor, for all the purchase of essential books/items/online resources for Library including list of books enclosed in annexures, on the recommendations of the RGNUL Purchase Committee (Annexure-9). And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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- ITEM (17)** To confirm the orders of the Vice-Chancellor made in anticipation of the approval of the Finance Committee, for increasing of the Imprest amount of General Branch from Rs. 5000/- to 10,000/- .



The Vice-Chancellor read out that as per decision of the Finance Committee/Executive Council in its meeting held on 07.07.2018, Para-3(8), the Imprest amount of Rs. 5,000/- was sanctioned to General Branch of the University to dispatch of letters and other Articles. Due to increase the work-load for dispatching the letters and other assignment of the General Branch, the imprest amount Rs. 5,000/- was not sufficient for postage purpose. Keeping in view, the Vice-Chancellor has approved to enhance the amount from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- to General Branch of the University for the Conduct of dispatch work smoothly.

Decision:

After thoughtful discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to confirm the order of the Vice-Chancellor, for increasing of the Imprest amount to General Branch from Rs. 5000/- to 10,000/-. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (18)

To confirm the Sitting Fee of Rs. 5000/- to the outside subject expert/ nominee for attending the meeting of Scrutiny and others Selection Committee(s) for the vacant Post of Medical Officer, etc., on the same pattern of Item No. 16 of the Finance Committee (Annexure-10), which has been approved by the FC/EC in its meeting held on 20.06.2020.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Regulations Part XII Miscellaneous Section A Clause 11 & 12 provide the provision for payment of Sitting Fee for RGNUL Statutory Bodies / Ph.D. Viva / Resource Persons of Webinar.

As per request of the RGNUL, the Hon'ble Members of Finance Committee/Executive Council had approved the honorarium of Sitting Fee for all members of statutory Bodies/Ph.D. Viva/ Resource Persons of Webinar as applicable for offline meeting.

It is to confirm to pay the sitting fee (Rs. 5000/-) to the outside subject expert/Nominee for attending the meeting for Scrutiny / Selection Committee for the vacant post of Medical Officer and other post(s), on the same pattern of Items No. 16 of the Finance Committee, which has been approved by the FC/EC in its meeting held on 20.06.2020.

Decision:

After thoughtful discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the Sitting Fee of Rs. 5000/- to the outside subject expert/ nominee for attending the meeting of Scrutiny for the vacant Post of Medical Officer and other Selection/Search Committees(s), on the same pattern of Item No. 16 of the Finance Committee (Annexure-10), which has been approved by the FC/EC in its meeting held on 20.06.2020. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (19)

To note the report of Audit and Inspection of the accounts of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, for the Financial Year 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2020 by Indian Audit and Accounts Department Chandigarh conducted under section 14(i) of CAG's (DPC) Act, 1971.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the Indian Audit and Accounts Department Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit), Punjab, Chandigarh has audited and inspected the RGNUL accounts for the



financial year 2018-19 and 2019-2020 and as per para part-II A which is as "Significant Findings-NIL".

Decision:

After thoughtful discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously accepted the report of Audit and Inspection of the accounts of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, for the Financial Year 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2020 by Indian Audit and Accounts Department Chandigarh conducted under section 14(i) of CAG's (DPC) Act, 1971. And further it was recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (20) To note the orders of the Hon'ble Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, for Relieving of Prof (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor RGNUL, Punjab, w.e.f. 30.11.2020 (AN) (Annexure-11).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the Hon'ble Chancellor vide his order dated 06.11.2020 has relieved Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal from his duties and responsibilities as Vice-Chancellor of the RGNUL on 30.11.2020 (AN) and designate Prof (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Senior most Professor of the University to perform the functions of the Vice-Chancellor until the new Vice-Chancellor assumes office.

The orders of the Hon'ble Chancellor has been complied w.e.f. 01.12.2020 and the same is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for kind information, please

Decision :

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee perused the orders of the Hon'ble Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, for Relieving of Prof (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor RGNUL, Punjab, w.e.f. 30.11.2020 (AN) and unanimously resolved to note the same.

In this regard, the Members of the Academic Council acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal to RGNUL, Punjab. And Hon'ble Members conveyed best wishes to new Officiating Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar. And recommended it to the Executive Council for its consideration.

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TABLE ITEM

ITEM (21) To decide the representation of the employees to grant 6% Rural Area Allowance (RAA) from July 2013.

The Government of Punjab had revised Rural Area Allowance (RAA) norms from 01.09.1997 granting RAA @6% to the employee who are posted in rural areas. The revision of RAA was made with retrospective effect from 1st May 1988. The revision also removed the condition of having place of residence in rural areas for the grant of RAA.



RGNUL is located in village Sidhuwal, Bhadson Road Patiala. RGNUL was established in the year 2006 at Mahindra Kothi, Patiala and University started shifting of the activities from Mahindra Kothi Campus to the present campus in the year 2011. In 2013 the academic activities were completely shifted from the city campus to the Sidhuwal Campus and as such classes were conducted in the new campus from July 2013 onwards. It was followed by the shifting of offices in the same year. Accordingly, academic as well as administrative and managerial functions of the University were completely shifted from the city campus to the present campus at Village Sidhuwal in 2013 itself.

Since the University physically and actually shifted to Village Sidhuwal for all practical purpose in 2013 itself, accordingly, RGNUL employees are eligible for RAA @ 6% from July 2013 whereas the RGNUL Executive Council vide its meeting dated 8th June 2019 allowed RAA @ 6 % from 2017.

It is prayed that the RAA @ 6% be granted to the eligible employees from July 2013 onwards keeping in view of the fact that the actual working of the University shifted in July 2013.

Decision :

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to approve the payment of RAA @ 6% from July 2013 from the date of shifting of Academic Activities. And recommended it to the Executive Council for its consideration and approval.

ANY OTHER ITEM

ITEM (22) To report the status of the CWP 960/2019 against the RGNUL Punjab.

Hon'ble Member of the Finance committee inquired about the status of the C.W.P 960/2019 filed by one of the employee of RGNUL Punjab, challenging the composition and constitution of the RGNUL Internal Complaint Committee as per Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013.

The members were apprised that the petition CWP 960/2019 is dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana on 23rd March 2021. And as per legal advice the final report is accordingly submitted by the ICC to the Registrar of RGNUL Punjab.

Decision :

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee unanimously resolved to take note of the information. And recommended it to the Executive Council for information.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to the Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee and with a Resolution to vote of thanks.



Chairman
(Finance Committee)



Secretary
(Finance Committee)