

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
AIU HOUSE, 16, COMRADE INDRAJIT GUPTA ROAD
NEW DELHI

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30.09.2022 AT 11:00 AM THROUGH BLENDED MODE. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Prof. Suranjan Das	In the Chair
Prof. G D Sharma	Member
Col (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam	Member (Joined Online)
Prof. Najma Akhtar	Member (Joined Online)
Dr. Dileep N Malkhede	Member (Joined Online)
Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal	Secretary General & Member Secretary
Mrs. Ranjana Parihar	Secretary

At the outset, the Secretary General extended a warm welcome to Hon'ble President and Chairperson of the Finance Committee and also welcomed all the esteemed members of the Committee. Thereafter, the Chairperson extended a cordial welcome to all the members attending the meeting virtually/physically. All the members also extended warm welcome to the Chairperson.

Thereafter, Agenda items were taken up by the Deputy Secretary (Finance) for discussion, consideration and decision.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. To confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at AIU House on 16.11.2021.

Confirmed.

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ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

2. To report action taken on the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 16.11.2021.

Noted and approved.

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ITEMS TO REPORT

3. To report pending Annual Subscription (Membership Fee) of the Association receivable from 57 members for more than 3 years.

Resolved that reminder letter to the Vice Chancellor(s) be sent to the Universities in arrears of annual subscription for more than three years by the President, AIU. Letter should clearly cite that the Universities will not be

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allowed to participate in any of the events organized by AIU and benefits provided by AIU will not be extended to these universities till pending arrears of annual subscription are settled.

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4. To report that 460 member universities have yet to pay the Annual Membership Fee of the Association for the Financial year 2022-23.

Resolved that the reminders be sent to all the Universities in arrears of Annual Subscription. The Deputy Secretary (Finance) should write to the Registrar(s) of the Universities for expediting the payment of membership fee of AIU. All the Nodal Officers of AIU will continue to take up the matter rigorously with the Universities in arrears of annual subscription.

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5. To report compliance of GFR 230(8), 2017 with regard to refund of interest earned on grant-in-aid, sanctioned by the Ministry of Education, during the FY 2021-22.

Noted and ratified.

6. To Report sanction of the Ministry of Education in favour of AIU as Grant-in-Aid (General) amounting to Rs. 2 Crores under Object Head-31 for the Financial Year 2022-23.

Finance Committee noted with appreciation and further resolved that efforts be made for enhancing the Grant-In-Aid from the MoE.

7. To report approval accorded by the Principal Commissioner of Income Tax to AIU under Section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Noted and ratified.

8. To report that Dearness Allowance was paid to AIU Staff members as per Bye Law 2.1.

Noted and ratified. Resolved further that DA @ 4% announced by the GOI be extended to the staff members of AIU as per AIU Bye-law 2.1 as and when the requisite order is issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, GOI.

9. To report that Net Banking arrangement for disbursing payments from the Savings Bank Account SB 0158101000975 with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 200000/- became functional effective from February 18, 2022 by Operator/Approver concept of Canara Bank Net Banking.

Noted and ratified.

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10. To report that a sum of Rs. 53,63,360/- was refunded by the Income Tax Department in favour of AIU.

Noted and ratified.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

11. To accord approval for deficit amounting to Rs.5,28,415/- to be met by the AIU (Employer) in respect of Provident Fund Interest for the Financial Year 2021-22.

Deficit in interest amounting to Rs. 5,28,415/- was approved by the members. The members recommended that all efforts be made on priority basis to ensure that the terms and conditions of Notification No INV-11/2/2021-INV/4670 dated June 3, 2022 are complied with by engaging an appropriate agency by the Trust and interest is credited in the Members' Account.

Finance Division should ensure compliance with regard to deduction of TDS as per above notification on interest relating to contribution, in a Provident Fund during the FY 2021-22, exceeding specified limit of Rs. 2.5 lakhs.

The Secretary General apprized the members that this is the 3rd continuous year wherein the liability on account of deficit in interest ranging from Rs. 5 lakhs to 9 lakhs are being borne by the AIU over and above the interest rate declared by the EPFO. The members of the Trust are continuously requesting not to return the Trust to the EPFO as there would be delays in settling loans, advances and final settlements to the members on superannuation and the liability on account of deficit of interest is decreasing as compared to last year. However, the members resolved that efforts be made to return the AIU Provident Trust to the EPFO on priority basis as this is an unnecessary expenditure for which the liability falls on the Employer (AIU).

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12. To consider the Revised Estimates for the year 2022-23 and the Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 in respect of following Budget(s) along-with relevant schedules:

After due deliberations, Budget(s) were approved with an amendment of RE 2022-23 under the Head: New Programmes for Universities. Main Budget of AIU is accordingly revised.

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13. To consider the Receipt and Payment Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Audit Report and Points for Attention for the Management in respect of AIU including AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme for the year 2021-22 received from M/s. Sanjay Satpal & Associates, Chartered Accountants, New Delhi, AIU Auditors.

The Finance Committee considered the Receipt & Payment Account, Balance Sheet along-with Audit Report of AIU & AIU Group Gratuity Scheme for the Financial Year 2021-22 received from M/s. Sanjay Satpal & Associates, CA and after due deliberations the same is recommended for approval of the Governing Council including the surplus funds of AIU amounting to Rs. 2,52,74,083/- for the AY 2022-23 to be utilized for charitable objects within the period of next five years.

The members discussed at length about the money lying in the Suspense Account (Advance against Publications, Schedule 'C' – Current Liabilities & Provisions). All the members were of the view that this is the difficulty faced by all the organizations/universities wherein funds are transferred in the Bank Account through RTGS/NEFT and no details are provided by the remitter relating to remittance (UTR No., date of remittance, university name etc.) in spite of repeated reminders from the Finance Division and by the Nodal Officers of AIU because of which Tax Invoices are not raised and unlinked money is lying in the Suspense Account.

The Deputy Secretary (Finance) apprized the members that liability to pay GST arises at the time of supply of goods or services. The time is generally the earliest of one of the three events, namely, receiving payment, issuance of invoice or completion of supply. Since the provisions of GST are strengthened day by day and there may be liability of GST on AIU as per above provision in respect of unidentified/unlinked remittances by the universities/applicants in the bank account of AIU directly by way of NEFT/RTGS, the members desired to settle this issue by taking the advice of the Chartered Accountants and deposit the liability on this account for unlinked credits as per the provisions of the Act.

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14. To consider the Revenue Account, Balance Sheet along-with audit report for the year 2021-22 in respect of AIU Provident Fund Trust received from M/s P S Bajaj & Company, Chartered Accountants, New Delhi.

The Finance Committee considered the Revenue Account, Balance Sheet along-with Audit Report of AIU Provident Fund Trust for the Financial Year 2021-22 received from the Statutory Auditors M/s. P S Bajaj & Company, CA and after due deliberations the same was recommended for approval of the Governing Council.

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15. To consider the appointment of AIU Auditors for the Financial Year 2021-22 in respect of AIU, AIU PF Trust and AIU Employees Group Gratuity Scheme.

The Finance Committee authorized M/s. D D Bansal & Associates, Chartered Accountants to take up the Statutory Audit of Accounts of AIU, AIU Group Gratuity Scheme and AIU Provident Fund Trust for the FY 2022-23 and other related works as per Fee statement enclosed effective from 1.4.2023. M/s. Jain V & Company, Chartered Accountant may also be kept on the panel of AIU.

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16. To consider appointment of Chartered Accountants for filing Annual Returns (Form 9 and Form 9C) for the FY 2021-22 under CGST Act, 2017.

Recommended that M/s Gaurav K Arora & Company, Chartered Accountants will file the Annual Returns (Form 9 and Form 9C) for the FY 2021-22 under CGST Act, 2017 on or before 31.12.2022 (due date of filling the return). However, the empaneled Statutory Auditor as cited under Sl. No. 15 above will take up this assignment for the FY 2022-23.

17. To consider proposal of the Private Bank (ICICI/Axis/Yes Bank) for sending RTGS/NEFT letters to the Universities on behalf of AIU for collection of Annual Subscription.

All the members were of the view that AIU may not consider Private Banks for any of the banking services of AIU. Any recommendations relating to any of the operations to be assigned to a Private Banker shall require the approval of the Finance Committee and the Governing Council.

However, members deliberated at length on the subject matter and authorized the Secretary General to see the presentation of the Private Banks for sending RTGS/NEFT letters to the Universities on behalf of AIU for collection of Annual Subscription.

18. To accord approval for opening the Demat Account of AIU with the Canara Bank or with a Private Bank.

Approved. Resolved further that the Demat Account may be opened only with the present Banker of AIU (Canara Bank). Investments of AIU be made only in the Fixed Deposit Receipts of Canara Bank, Nationalized/Scheduled Bank and other Public Corporations having Government stake. Funds of AIU are not to be invested in any risky or market oriented mutual funds/instruments. Safety of the investment is the prime parameter to be considered for investment purpose.

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19. To consider request(s) from the Associate Members for withdrawing membership of the AIU.

The Finance Committee approved the requests of following three associate members for withdrawing membership of the AIU:

University of Mauritius, Mauritius
The Open University, United Kingdom
The South Asian University, New Delhi

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20. To report the favourable Appellate Order received from the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal for the Assessment Year 2015-16.

Noted and ratified with appreciation for the efforts made by the office in this regard.

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During the meeting of the Sports Board held on 17.8.2022, the members unanimously decided to introduce Registration Fees for various sports tournaments. Members of the Sports Board also suggested that a separate Bank Account be opened for the registration fee to be charged. The recommendations of the Sports Board are being placed before the forthcoming Governing Council meeting for approval.

As regards opening of New Bank Account, the Deputy Secretary (Finance) apprized the members that the registration fee is required to be collected through online portal of AIU linked with the Bank Account of AIU. New Account can be opened and the feasibility to link the same with online portal of AIU shall be discussed with the Canara Bank & Paytm Officials as one account is already linked with the online portal of AIU.

The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks to the Chair and all the esteemed members.


Dr. Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General


Prof. Suranjan Das
President, AIU
