



7th Syndicate Meeting 2019

BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY
BHANJA BIHAR: BERHAMPUR-760007, ODISHA

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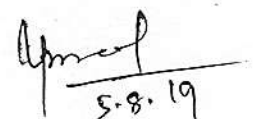
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD AT 12.30 P.M
ON 05.08.2019 IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,
BERHAMPUR UNIVESITY

Members Present:

1. Sri T. Ao, IAS,
Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University ... In the Chair
2. Prof. J.K. Mohapatra,
Former Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University
JASNAL, Giri Road, Berhampur
(Nominee of Director of Higher Education, Odisha) ... Member
3. Prof. R.M. Tripathy
Principal, MKCG Medical College, Berhampur ... Member
4. Prof. (Mrs.) Arundhati Rath
P.G. Department of Home Science, Berhampur University ... Member
5. Prof. Bhagirathi Panigrahi
P.G. Department of Law, Berhampur University ... Member
6. Sri Ranjan Kumar Biswal, OAS (S)
Registrar, Berhampur University ... Secretary

At the outset, the Registrar informed the House that the Pensioners of Berhampur University are on *Dharana* since 17th July 2019 requesting for release of their arrear pensionary benefits. This emergency meeting is called to have discussions on this particular issue as per Statute 22(1) of Odisha Universities First Statutes, 1990. The Registrar informed the House that the matter was placed before the Syndicate in its meeting held on 27.6.2019, wherein it was considered for payment of arrears consequent upon fixation of pension under 7th Pay from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2018 to the university pensioners and it was resolved that the Government in the Department of Higher Education, Odisha be moved to release the fund at the earliest for disbursement to the pensioners. Accordingly, the University wrote a letter to the Government in the Department of Higher Education, Odisha for release of an amount of Rs. 32,51,22,296/- vide Letter No. 5082/Fin. (Pension) dated 11.7.2019, but till date the same has not been released. Prior to that the University had also submitted a detailed budget for the Financial Year 2019-20 vide Letter No. 8612/Fin. (Bill) dated 8.12.2018, wherein the amount required for clearing such pensionary benefits has also been incorporated.

The pension of the pensioners of Berhampur University has been revised under OURSP Rules, 2018 basing on the recommendations of the 7th CPC from 1.5.2018 onwards. The pension


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arrears from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2018 has not yet been released. As per the Circular issued by the Finance Department, Government of Odisha vide No. 28046/F dated 22.09.2017, the entire amount of arrears for those pensioners who retired between 01.01.2016 to 31.08.2017 entire arrear is to be paid in one instalment. As calculated by the Finance (Pension) Section, for payment of revised 7th Pay Commission Pension fixation arrears from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2018 to the pensioners of Berhampur University comes to Rs. 5.16 Crore (Approx.).

As regards financial position in the Pension Fund of Berhampur University, it is apprised by the Comptroller of Finance that an amount of Rs. 3.0 Crore is available, which was released by the Government during the year 2017-18. Further, it was informed to the House by the Comptroller of Finance that there is a fund called "Pension Reserve Fund", where the University deposits the self-generated sources. This fund is created to meet emergency requirements. To clear the present requirement of Rs. 5.16 Crore, an amount of Rs. 2.16 Crore is to be met out of this Pension Reserve Fund, which can be recouped soon after receipt of funds from the Government.

The representatives of the Berhampur University Retired Employees Association were called to the office chamber of the Vice-Chancellor for discussion on the matter and they agreed to call off the *dharana* if they are paid the arrears from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2018.

Under the above context, the following agenda was considered:

Finance (Pension) Section:

171. Considered payment of revised Pension Fixation arrears under OURSP, 2018 from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2018 to the pensioners of Berhampur University amounting to Rs. 5.16 Crore (Approx).

Resolved that: This be approved. An amount of Rs. 3.00 crore available in the General Fund be transferred to the Pension Fund. The balance amount of Rs. 2.16 Crore (Approx.) be met out of this Pension Reserve Fund, which shall be recouped soon after receipt of funds from the Government. However, the Syndicate allows to utilise Rs. 2.50 Crore from the Pension Reserve Fund as the figures worked were on approximate basis, and the final requirement may vary after preparation of the bills of individual pensioners.

Further resolved that the Registrar will intimate the President of the Berhampur University Retired Employees Association regarding this decision of the Syndicate.

Sd/- Shri R.K.Biswal
REGISTRAR

Approved

Sd/- T. Ao
VICE-CHANCELLOR

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5-8-19.