PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH The DUI, P.O. Chd The Co-ordinator-cum-Liaison Officer SC/ST Cell), Panjab University, Chandigarh No. 143 -144/Spl. Cell.SC/ST. Reference: Enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to (i) oversee the effective implementation of policies and programmes of Government of India, U.G.C. and State Government for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and (ii) to suggest follow-up measures for achieving the objectives and targets laid down in respect of these reserved categories, held on 20.4.2021. It was decided in the meeting of the Standing Committee (dated, April 20, 2021), on the agenda item No.2: to appoint the teacher In-charge in all affiliated colleges/constituent colleges/Regional Centres and all teaching departments of the University to look after the routine issues/grievances of SC/STs. For this purpose, a sub-committee was constituted to discuss the issue. The Vice-Chancellor has approved the minutes of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee. **General Guidelines:** 1. The departments/Constituent colleges/Regional Centres/Affiliated colleges, having students strength of more than 300, should constitute a committee of about 3-4 teachers for enabling the work related to the issues/grievances of SC/ST students, staff and faculty. The above committee must be assisted by 1-2 staff members for running the work smoothly. 3. The departments where students' strength is less than as mentioned in the No. 1 may appoint 1-2 teachers for the above said purpose. The Chairpersons of the teaching departments/Principals of the constituent and affiliated colleges/Directors of the regional centers are requested to kindly get the needful done in this regard by June 14, 2021 with intimation to the office of the SC/ST Cell. You are also requested to kindly send the details of the committee constituted including the names/s of the members along with contact information (address/email/mobile/landline etc) to the office of the SC/ST Cell (email: osscst@pu.ac.in) by June 14, 2021. Co-ordinator-cum-Liaison Officer (SC/ST Cell) Endst. No. SC/ST Cell Dated: D.U.I. (With a request to forward it to the chairpersons/directors of all the teaching departments of P.U.) D.C.D.C. (With a request to forward it to the Constituent colleges/Affiliated colleges of Panjab University, Chandigarh).

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Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor in terms of U.G.C. letter No.F-7-1/2004(NEF-2) dated 01.07.2004, for the effective implementation of policies and programmes of Government of India, U.G.C. and State Government for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes held on 20.04.2021 at 12:00 noon through online mode under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

PRESENT:

1. Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University.

-Chairman.

- 2. Prof. Rattan Singh, UILS.
- 3. Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Chairperson, Zoology.
- 4. Dr. Kashmir Singh, Chairperson, Biotechnology.
- 5. Dr. Kewal Krishan, Anthropology.
- 6. Dr. Jaskaran Singh, Chairperson, Defence & National Security Studies.
- 7. Dr. Naresh Kumar, UIET.
- 8. Co-ordinator-cum-Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell.
- 9. Deputy Registrar (Estate)

Special Invitee.

10. Office Supdt. SC/ST Cell..... Convener

Professor R.S. Jhanji, Dr. N.R. Sharma and Dr. Kuldip Singh could not attend the meeting.

Professor M.C. Sidhu, Co-ordinator-cum-Liaison Officer, SC/ST, cell welcomed the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other members of the Committee. He requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to allow them to start the meeting.

Item -1

Considered the issue of allocation of space to SC/ST Cell which is pending.

Professor M.C. Sidhu explained that a Committee had been constituted on this issue. The Committee had met and referred the matter to the Space Allocation Committee. The Space Allocation Committee has allocated the space for SC/ST cell. However, the allotted space has neither been got vacated nor handed over to the SC/ST Cell oven after a gap of 5-6 months. He requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to intervene in this matter.

The Vice-Chancellor enquired as to why action in the matter has not been taken till date.

Professor M.C. Sidhu said that the issue is pending with the office of the Dean of University Instruction and the estate office.

RESOLVED: That Professor M.C. Sidhu along with the Deputy Registrar (Estate) should approach the Secretary to Vice-Chancellor and Dean of University Instruction to sort out the matter and update the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

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Considered the issue to appoint Teacher In-charge in all affiliated Colleges/Constituent Colleges/Regional Centres and all University Teaching Departments to look after the routine issues/grievances of SCs/STs.

Professor M.C. Sidhu proposed that it will be better if one of the teachers of University Teaching Departments, P.U. Constituent Colleges, Regional Centres and affiliated Colleges be made In-charge to facilitate the issues/grievances of SC/ST students as the entire work is being shifted to SC/ST Cell, which is facing a lot of problems owing to shortage of staff.

RESOLVED: That a Committee comprising the following members examine the proposal made by Professor M.C. Sidhu and give recommendations:

(i) Dr. Kewal Krishan

Chairman.

- (ii) Dr. Jaskaran Singh
- (iii) Dr. Naresh Kumar.

ITEM-3

Considered the issue regarding implementation of Reservation in House Allotment as per U.G.C. guidelines.

Professor M.C. Sidhu said that the Committee was constituted and as per recommendations of the Committee, the data relating to Reservation Policy in House Allotment was collected and the same was sent to the office of the Dean of University Instruction. Earlier; the file was pending with the office of D.U.I. and now it has come to their notice, that file is lying pending with Professor Navdeep Goyal since December, 2020.

RESOLVED: That, under the esteemed guidance of Dean of University Instruction, Professor M.C. Sidhu and Dr. Kewal Krishan should meet Professor Navdeep Goyal to expedite the matter.

ITEM-4

Considered the issue relating to verification of all forms of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme.

Professor M.C. Sidhu said that the forms for Post-Matric Scholarship are being received from various Departments for verification. Sometimes, incomplete forms received and SC/ST cell has to contact the Departments time and again to resolve this. Thus, it faces a lot of difficulties in uploading/verification of the forms. He suggested that the verification of these forms should be done at the Departments level, as due to shortage of staff and space in the SC/ST Cell, it is very difficult to handle. Earlier, the forms were dealt with by some of the departments at their own level. As such, the forms should be verified by the Departments/Regional Centres/Constituent Colleges/Affiliated Colleges themselves.

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