



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

Directorate of Research - recommendations of the Syndicate Sub-committee constituted to study the matter of explanations from Research Scholars who have enjoyed the research fellowships from various funding agencies and have not submitted their final Ph.D. thesis on time and to initiate further action to recover the amount from the research scholars and to submit a report on the action taken by the University to the Government of Kerala - Syndicate Decision implemented- Orders issued.

Directorate of Research

U.O.No. 8627/2017/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 12.07.2017

- Read:-*1. Letter No.24333/B1/15/H.Edn dated 30.10.2015 from the Secretary to Government, Higher Education (B) Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Letter No.205239/RESEARCH-D-ASST-1/2015/Admn dated 10.12.2015 .
3. Letter No.Fin.Audit-2/9339/IR/2012-13 dated 09.12.2015 from Finance Officer.
4. Memo No.205239/RESEARCH-D-ASST-1/2015/Admn dated 03.03.2016 and of even number dated 30.03.2016.
5. Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 14.06.2016.
6. Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 01.08.2016 Item No.2016.730*
7. Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 10.08.2016.
8. Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 22.10.2016 Item No.2016.991*
9. Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 02.11.2016.
10. Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 26.12.2016 Item No.2016.1362*
11.Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 09.01.2017.
12.University order No. 867/2017/Admn dated 23.01.2017
13.Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 16.05.2017
14.Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 20.06.2017 Item No.2017.635*
15.Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even number dated 29.06.2017

ORDER

As per the letter read 1st above, the Secretary to Government, Higher Education (B) Department, Thiruvananthapuram has requested to furnish a detailed report on the allegations regarding non-submission of Ph.D. thesis after availing fellowships from various funding agencies, based on the report in Newspaper on 13.07.2015. Thirty one scholars in Calicut University have not submitted their Ph.D. thesis after availing Fellowships from various funding agencies. Based on the details of these 31 research scholars available in the branch, an interim reply was forwarded to Higher Education (B) Department vide reference read 2nd above.

Meanwhile, the Inspection Report of A.G's Audit Party in Part-II, Para XVI, for the financial year 2011-12 & 2012-13 pointed out that, unfruitful expenditure amounting to Rs.64.08 lakhs occur due to the non-submission of thesis by the research scholars after availing fellowships from various funding agencies. The same was communicated by the Finance Officer vide reference read 3rd above.

After considering the matter, the Vice-Chancellor ordered to seek explanation from the 31 research scholars for non-submission of thesis after availing fellowships from various funding

agencies.

Accordingly, vide reference read as 4th above, memos were issued to the 31 research scholars in this regard. But out of the 31 research scholars, 11 research scholars have not submitted their explanation to the memo served to them. The matter was reported to the Vice -Chancellor and considering the seriousness of the issue, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor vide reference read 5th above, has ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate for consideration.

Vide reference read as 6th above, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 01.08.2016 vide item No. 2016.730 * considered the matter and resolved to defer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Courses & Research for detailed study.

Vide reference read 7th above, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction on 10.08.2016, to implement the Syndicate decision dated 01.08.016, vide item No.2016.730*.

Vide reference read as 8th above, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.10.2016, considered the matter of explanation furnished by the Research Scholars based on the recommendations of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Courses and Research and resolved the following vide item No.2016.991 *.

- 1) The Standing Committee on Courses & Research will examine carefully the explanations already furnished by the students and hold discussion with research guides concerned to furnish their clarification for non-submission of thesis.
- 2) To give strict warning to those who have not furnished explanation regarding the non-submission of thesis in order to avoid initiation of legal action against them.
- 3) Standing Committee on Courses & Research will explore the feasibility of enhancing the research fellowships.

Vide reference read as 9th above, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction on 02.11.2016, to implement the Syndicate decision dated 22.10.2016, vide item No.2016.991*.

In order to consider the matter of explanation furnished by the Research Scholars, vide reference read as 10th above, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 26.12.2016 vide item no 2016.1362*, resolved to conduct a hearing for the research scholars and guides who submitted their explanation so as to study the feasibility of continuing the work and submitting the thesis.

A committee consisting of 1) Prof. (Dr.) Fathimathu Zuhara. K. (Convenor), 2) Dr. K.M. Naseer, 3) Dr. P. Sivadasan and 4) Sri.O. Abdul Ali will hear the scholars and guides. Also resolved to initiate legal procedures against those who failed to respond to the memos.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction on 09.01.2017 vide reference read as 11th to implement the Syndicate decision vide item No.2016.1362* and university order was issued, vide reference read as 12th, in this regard.

Accordingly, a personal hearing was convened on 07.03.2017 to hear the Research Scholars along with their Supervising Teachers so as to study the feasibility of continuing the work and submitting the theses and to submit a report to the Government.

For finalising the explanations submitted by the Research Scholars at the time of Personal Hearing, second meeting of the Syndicate sub-committee was convened on 05.04.2017.

The committee recommended

- 1) to grant the Research Scholars 12 months for the completion and submission of their final Ph.D. thesis, if they are willing and also their Supervising Teachers are interested in guiding them.

2) to seek explanation from the Research Scholars who did not appear for the personal hearing and to seek remarks from the Supervising Teachers who did not appear for the hearing.

3) In cases where Supervising teachers have expressed their unwillingness in guiding Research Scholars and have requested to cancel their registration, the committee recommended to seek the possibility of completing the Ph.D. work of these Research Scholars under the same Supervising Teachers, by considering such registrations beyond the sanctioned strength of that Supervising Teacher.

The defaulters of submission of their final Ph.D. thesis after availing fellowship from various funding agencies and have not responded to the directions of the University, the committee recommended the following actions:

(i) to seek legal opinion of the Standing Counsel regarding the defaulters of submission of Ph.D. Thesis after availing fellowship from various funding agencies.

(ii) to seek legal opinion of the Standing Counsel regarding the recovery of University fellowships received by the Research Scholars who have failed to submit their Ph.D. thesis in time.

After considering the whole matter, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 16.05.2017, vide reference read as 13th above, has ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 20.06.2017 vide reference read as 14th above, considered the matter vide item no. 2017.635* and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Syndicate Sub committee.

Accordingly, vide reference read as 15th above, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction on 29.06.2017 to implement the Syndicate decision vide item No.2017.635*.

Therefore, the aforesaid decision of the Syndicate is implemented and Orders are issued accordingly.

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Deputy Registrar

To

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Section Officer