

**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH**

Minutes of special meeting of the **SENATE** held on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10.30 a.m. in the Senate Hall, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

**PRESENT:**

1. Professor Arun Kumar Grover ... (in the chair)  
Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. Ajay Ranga
3. Dr. Amit Joshi
4. Dr. Ameer Sultana
5. Ambassador I.S. Chadha
6. Dr. Baljinder Singh
7. Professor B.S. Ghuman
8. Professor Chaman Lal
9. Dr. Dalip Kumar
10. Dr. Dayal Partap Singh Randhawa
11. Dr. D.V.S. Jain
12. Shri Deepak Kaushik
13. Dr. Emanuel Nahar
14. Dr. Gurdip Kumar Sharma
15. Dr. Gurmit Singh
16. Dr. Gurmeet Singh
17. Dr. Hardiljit Singh Gosal
18. Dr. Harjodh Singh
19. Dr. Harsh Batra
20. Dr. I.S. Sandhu
21. Dr. Inderpal Singh Sidhu
22. Dr. Inderjit Kaur
23. Shri Jagdeep Kumar
24. Dr. Jagdish Chander
25. Dr. K.K. Sharma
26. Dr. Keshav Malhotra
27. Dr. Mukesh K. Arora
28. Professor Manoj K. Sharma
29. Dr. Neeru Malik
30. Professor Navdeep Goyal
31. Dr. Nisha Bhargava
32. Dr. Parveen Goyal
33. Professor Promila Pathak
34. Shri Prabhjit Singh
35. Professor Rajat Sandhir
36. Dr. Raj Kumar Mahajan
37. Dr. Rabinder Nath Sharma
38. Dr.(Mrs.) Rajesh Gill
39. Professor R.P. Bambha
40. Ms. Surinder Kaur
41. Dr. Subhash Sharma
42. Professor Shelly Walia
43. Shri Sandeep Singh
44. Dr. Shaminder Singh Sandhu
45. Dr. Satish Kumar Sharma

46. Dr. Tarlochan Singh
47. Shri Varinder Singh
48. Col. G.S. Chadha (Retd.) ... (Secretary)  
Registrar

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Shri Ashok Goyal
2. Ms. Anu Chatrath
3. Dr. Akhtar Mahmood
4. Dr. Amod Gupta
5. Dr. Amar Singh
6. Shri Amanpreet Singh
7. Professor Anita Kaushal
8. Dr. B.C. Josan
9. Chief Minister, Punjab
10. Professor Dinesh K. Gupta
11. Professor Deepak Pental
12. Education Minister, Punjab
13. Dr. Gurjot Singh Malhi
14. Justice Harbans Lal
15. Shri H.S. Dua
16. Shri Jitender Yadav, D.H.E., U.T., Chandigarh
17. Shri Jarnail Singh
18. Smt. Kirron Kher
19. Dr. N.R. Sharma
20. Dr. Narinder Singh Sidhu
21. Shri Naresh Gaur
22. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal
23. Professor Pam Rajput
24. Shri Parmod Kumar
25. Shri Parimal Rai
26. Shri Punam Suri
27. Dr. R.S. Jhanji
28. Shri Raghbir Dyal
29. Shri Rashpal Malhotra
30. Professor Ronki Ram
31. Dr. Sarabjit Kaur
32. Shri Sandeep Kumar
33. Dr. S. S. Sangha
34. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Arora
35. Shri Sanjay Tandon
36. Dr. S.K. Sharma
37. Justice Shiavax Jal Vazifdar
38. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Bandlish
39. Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma
40. Shri T.K. Goyal, Director, Higher Education, Punjab
41. Shri Satya Pal Jain
42. Dr. Vipul Kumar Narang
43. Shri V.K. Sibal

I. The Vice Chancellor said, "I feel immense pleasure in informing the Hon'ble members of the Senate that –

1. 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Panjab University stands scheduled on March 25, 2017. On this occasion Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-President of India, Shri M. Hamid Ansari ji, will confer Honoris Causa degrees on three eminent icons, viz., Prof. Murli Manohar Joshi (D.Litt.), Prof. G.S. Khush (D.Sc.), and Dr. Nuruddin Farah (D.Litt.) as well as honour three awardees, viz., (i) Prof. (Mrs.) Dalip Kaur Tiwana (Sahitya Ratna), (ii) Shri Anupam Kher (Kala Ratna) and (iii) Dr. P.D. Gupta (Vigyan Ratna). Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-President of India will stay with us from 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
2. Prof. Nuruddin Farah has arrived in the Panjab University yesterday and will deliver 40<sup>th</sup> Panjab University Colloquium titled 'What if all stories were one Story' in the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Hall of University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology, today i.e. 16.03.2017 at 3.00 p.m. He will stay with us up to April 3, 2017. He will also be involved in several other academic seminars, lectures and interactions with students and faculty.
3. Prof. Murli Manohar Joshi ji, will arrive Panjab University, Chandigarh on March 25, 2017. He will preside over the valedictory session of 3-day national seminar on the theme Social Science Research and Policy at Centre for Research in Rural & Industrial Development (CRRID) in Sector-19, Chandigarh.
4. Prof. G.S. Khush will arrive on March 22 and will deliver Shiv Ram Kashyap Oration on March 24 in the Department of Botany and INST Hargobind Khurana Lecture on March 27 for School Students who receive Hargobind Khurana Scholarship. He would stay with us up to April 1, 2017.
5. Prof. P.D. Gupta will arrive Chandigarh on March 23. He will also deliver first H.S. Hans Memorial Lecture in the Department of Physics on March 24. He will be with us up to March 25, 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the information contained in Vice Chancellor's Statement at Sr. Nos.1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, be noted and approved.

II. Item on the agenda was read out, viz. –

- C-1.** To discuss the issue of release of additional grant of Rs.30.05 crore by the U.G.C. to the Panjab University, pursuant to interim order dated 19.01.2017 passed by Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in C.W.P. No. 18745 of 2016 (O&M) – Court on its own Versus Panjab University and S.L.P (C) No. 7202 of 2017 filed by the U.G.C. in Apex Court against the said interim order of the Hon'ble High court.

**NOTE:** 1. A Photocopy of SLP No. 7202 of 2017 filed by the U.G.C. in Apex Court along with interim order dated 19.01.2017 of the Hon'ble High Court & reply filed by the University in the Hon'ble High Court in the CWP 18745 and other Annexures is enclosed (**Appendix-I**).

2. The S.L.P has been enlisted at Sr. No. 28 for hearing on 10.03.2017 in the Apex Court (**Appendix-I**).
3. The University has filed Caveat Petition of 2017 in this regard (**Appendix-I**).
4. A copy of the C.M. 3338 of 2017 filed by the University in C.W.P. 18745 of 2016 in the Hon'ble High Court is enclosed (**Appendix-I**).
5. The C.W.P. No. 18745 of 2016 has been fixed for hearing on 15.03.2017 in the Hon'ble High Court.
6. A photocopy of the reply by way of additional affidavit dated 15.01.2017 filed by the University in the Hon'ble High Court is enclosed (**Appendix-I**).

The Vice-Chancellor said that this meeting has been convened to address a single item which relates to an unfortunate development that has happened in the last 15 days. They are well aware that Punjab and Haryana High Court on its own had ensued a writ petition titled 'Court of its own vs Panjab University' to address to the issues relating to the financial difficulties faced by the University on the premise that the University is an institution which has long history and which has been serving the society at large for a very long time. It is a national institution and a sitting judge of the High Court who is also an alumnus, felt anguished that University is going through difficult times. So it is in that background this was ensued and the Vice-Chancellor was asked to make an appearance on behalf of the University and tell the Court all the issues the Court proceedings commenced on October 20<sup>th</sup> with the Vice-Chancellor making a written submission. The hearings thereafter have happened and the last such hearing was on 19.01.2017. The Court had ordered the U.G.C. for a relief in the form of 15% extra money on whatever utilization certificate had been submitted for the last year (2014-15) on the lines of similar concession being given to other Central Funded Institution from the same budget head of UGC in which the Panjab University stood placed for the release of grant from the Centre on a direction of Ministry of H.R.D. via the U.G.C. That directive of the Court was to be complied within four weeks, the U.G.C. could have complied with the directive but instead U.G.C. chose to file a S.L.P. in the Supreme Court. The Vice-Chancellor became aware of that SLP on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> of March. So, as this happened, he contacted few very senior members of the House who have long association with this House and he was advised that we should file a caveat in the Supreme Court, at that time he was not aware what the contents of the SLP were, so we initiated the process of filing a caveat. He was also advised that he should as well bring it to the attention of the High Court immediately. So we filed a status report, as the situation was perceived on 1<sup>st</sup> of March in the High Court. The University filed a caveat on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in the Supreme Court and the University got a copy of SLP on 7<sup>th</sup> March. A meeting of teacher-Senators on the Campus was convened thereafter and it was felt that there are immediate concerns because by that time the University had not released the salary of the teachers. Somehow the University had managed to release the salary of the non-teaching staff as well as the pension of the pensioners, whom monthly releases are made on 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. The meeting with the faculty was convened, it took cognizance of the contents of the SLP, and during that meeting there was a consensus that the Governing body of the University, i.e., the Senate must be told of the serious situation that is being faced. The predecessor Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor in Chair took an initiative of seeking a meeting with the Hon'ble Governor and the U.T. Administrator, Chandigarh. Panjab University, Chandigarh is a defining part of the city and it was felt that when the University is in deep difficulty, the Administrator of

U.T. must be apprised of the situation that is faced. Of the three Union territories in India which have Universities, University of Delhi in Delhi is a Central University, Jawahar Lal Nehru University is a Central University, there are other institutions which receive support from UGC in Delhi, the constituent Colleges of Delhi University when it comes to payment of the salary. University of Pondicherry has many of its Colleges and institutions which have their affiliations from the Pondicherry University. Pondicherry University is a Central University and some of the colleges which were affiliated to Panjab University from the other Union territories in South earlier are all affiliated to the Pondicherry University. In the Union Territory, Chandigarh there are Government Colleges which are funded through the Central Grant made available to UT Administration. There are also grant-in-aid Colleges whose grant in aid position is such that 90% Salary Budget comes from the Union territory. It was felt that the Administrator of U.T. must be made aware of all these things by the Vice-Chancellor of this University first hand. So, the University officers had a long meeting with him. Concurrently, this special meeting was convened to address this. So he said that agenda papers might have been received by all the members of the Senate in which the copy of SLP submitted by the U.G.C. along with all the annexures and few other documents which the University has submitted to the Court from time to time. For benefit of those members who would not have got time to go through the details, Vice-Chancellor apprised that the most salient features are there before them. The U.G.C. decided to raise a law point. The SLP filed in the Supreme Court says that the High Courts of India are not to interfere with the disbursal of money which is their prerogative. This is a law point they want to raise that is fine with us but what concerns all of us are the kind of statements which have been made in that SLP. Some of which are facts which are put in a way and which has disturbed the certain interpretation. Attached in the agenda papers are some events which have happened over the last 6-7 years. There are certain statements made which pertain to the governance of this University for a long time. He said that he did not know whether the members noted that the SLP states at one place that the financial bungling is going on in this University. It is also stated that University is responsible for this financial situation. It is also added that certain directives to the University are not being implemented by the University. Then there are other things stated as if University is not doing things that are being told to do or the University is being violative of its own Calendar. Several years ago a vernacular newspaper in the city said that for the last 25 years the financial bungs were happening in the University and all the Vice-Chancellors are responsible, as it said "*PU ki sakh girane mein Panjab University ke Vice-Chancellor rahe Avval*". So long as these were statements which were coming from the so called RTI activists, it was okay. But this process of defamation of the University, which commenced as the Panjab University filed its self assessment report to have the NAAC accreditation done is unacceptable. He said further why he is recalling all these things, what are the things that they are accused of; it is financial bungling and violation U.G.C. regulations. He said that he had invited Chairman of U.G.C. to commemorate the diamond jubilee of U.G.C. on 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014 and that was done because he felt that that the first chairman of the U.G.C. was the alumnus of University. U.G.C. have had three alumnus of Panjab University who have chaired the U.G.C. namely Dr. Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, Dr. Yashpal and Dr. Manmohan Singh. So, when Professor Ved Prakash was here, a correspondent of the city newspaper, who had quit the beat of the University some months earlier, made an appearance on that day and after the U.G.C. chairman had made an address, a question was popped out to him that can a University violate the U.G.C. regulation?". The prompt answer from U.G.C. Chairman was "No". No University can violate the U.G.C. regulation; the next day there was a headline that Panjab University is violating the U.G.C. Regulation because the Senate of this University had passed in 2014 that whatever the capping was to be effective from July 2013 via a directive received in September 2013 that every University must adopt these things. He said that adoption takes time and in our University it took time and by the time the minutes etc. were written, it was beyond 14<sup>th</sup> of August. Whatever was being done, it was projected that Panjab University was violating the regulations and that became the basis of initiating a campaign that this University was violating the U.G.C. regulations. There is this, that University is violating, involving in financial frauds from time immemorial, all such things mean that the Vice-Chancellors of this University are involved in such acts. The Vice-Chancellor cannot alone do anything, everything is done on behalf of the Governing body, so Governing bodies have been negligent in doing their duties. He further stated that all members are well aware how our NAAC

review happened in the month of March, but the score was not released as there were all kinds of complaints against the University that it is violating the regulations of the U.G.C. and the Vice-Chancellor has been dishonest while submitting the self assessment report where he said that he is following all the regulations of the U.G.C. The University had filed an application to get a sum of Rs.50 Crore from the U.G.C., but application of PU was not considered because University did not have a valid score of NAAC before a certain deadline. The NAAC score was released after a couple of weeks after the decision to distribute the money had been taken by UGC. In the meanwhile there is the campaign which everyone is well aware that RTIs were filed, some information was solicited by a retired faculty member of this University, documents were made to articulate that financial bungling was going on in the University. When the President of India visited the Panjab University in the March, 2015, the President of the Students Council submitted a memorandum that financial bungling was going on in the University. Four weeks later another students outfit goes and submits a letter to the Ministry of H.R.D. and the U.G.C. that financial fraud is going on in this University, loot and plunder is going on in the University, so that allegations of loot and plunder led to a fact finding by the U.G.C. and the MHRD. He further said that he himself and other senior officers of the University spent months trying to respond to those fact findings. In fact there was not one fact finding, another fact finding which was initiated against some personal misdemeanours attributed to him. Neither the U.G.C. nor the MHRD made reports of those Fact Finding Committee(s) available to the University. The SLP talks that fact finding was done as if how can there be a smoke without a fire. There should be some restrains in addressing to the concerns of this University. But what are the actual facts. Actual fact is that University's income has never been adequate after independence, to meet its needs. University's income was adequate in pre independent India when the Government was not committed to release grants to the University. University had few teachers on its roll and those teachers were paid out of the profit or the other income of the University. Come Independent India, come this concept of residential Universities and Chandigarh being chosen as the capital to be replace Lahore for the whole state of Punjab which comprised all areas West of Delhi or north west of Delhi, so that University is to be created and for that University to sustain the new departments. So many Central Universities have come up after the independence. So many earlier Universities have been given the Central University status whether it is Vishva Bharti, Aligarh Muslim University or B.H.U. Ours is as historical University as others. So if the then Governments started to provide grants to this University to build this beautiful environment in which we live and reside. For Sector 14 campus to move along, money was needed, and Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar was the first Chairman of U.G.C. to give Rs. 2 Lacs to build a department of technical chemistry. Professor A.C. Joshi who was a D.P.I.(Punjab) gave another Rs.2 Lacs. With that Rs. 4 Lacs, the first building of the University was commenced. So the U.G.C. trying to bring up this University has been there ever since U.G.C. was created, UGC Act came into being later. There are so many directives (of UGC) and one of the directives is to build up the institutions like us as a part of rehabilitation of refugees and to give them what they lost in Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the U.G.C. was enjoined to help and re-build this University. The "Flight of Phoenix" is the title given to the book on the history of Panjab University released on 125<sup>th</sup> year of the University. So it is in that background that Government support to this University has been there from 1950s. The Punjab Government was the only government at that time which was giving money to the University. Come 1966, the reorganization of Punjab was done and PU located in Chandigarh becomes an Inter-state body corporate. There is more than a Central government which are involved, State Governments are involved because Chandigarh is a Union Territory, the capital of the two states. It is in that background that University becomes the responsibility of the Central Government, and it is the responsibility of the Central Government to determine who will pay how much, so this goes on, time passes. In the States of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, at one time Rohtak was the regional centre of Panjab University, Shimla was the regional centre of Panjab University and during the 500 years anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, a new University came up in Amritsar and the Colleges which were in Punjab were reorganized and distributed. Earlier they were all a part of Panjab University. They were re-distributed, some Colleges from Panjab University were taken away and assigned to Amritsar (GNDU) and Patiala (Punjabi University) Universities. This

is how the whole thing progresses, Centre gives the directives, everybody meets the share. Then the University comes to the beginning of 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in a given year there is a 49 crore of deficit, 40% of that was to be paid by Punjab, 60% was the share of Union territory Punjab share is between 19-20 crores and the Punjab is not able to give more than Rs.16 crores. There are greater details but the fact is that at the beginning of 21<sup>st</sup> century, Punjab could not meet its commitment of Rs.20 crores as directed to them by the Central Government. So Central Government chooses or is reluctant to fill in the gap left by the Punjab Government, however via the U.T., the things continue, 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission comes, in the meanwhile the Panjab University had expressed the desire to have a pension scheme, in principle, approved in the early 1990s, which could not be implemented, but with the intervention of Central Government, the Central Government gazettes that Panjab University will have a pension scheme. It was not an arbitrary decision, one can express a desire and pass a resolution and it is resolved and gazetted that University will have a pension scheme. It was a burden on Panjab University. There would be a burden in implementing the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission as and when it would happen. The University had serious difficulties because the U.T. which was giving support to the Panjab University via its non-plan budget; they had many other requirements and their own priorities and the University became a burden on U.T. for financial purposes. The U.T. Government prioritised and the University fell down in the list, and its needs did not get met. It is in that scenario that former Prime Minister who is a Panjab University alumnus and who had served as a U.G.C. Chairman and who was familiar with what various organs of Government of India do. A series of meetings happened with the initiative of the office of Prime Minister, Cabinet Sectt. and Home Minister, MHRD and with the participation of all the organs of Government of India. Certain understandings are arrived at, those understandings envisaged that the budget will be made, Punjab's contribution will be subtracted, at that time it was well known that Punjab's contribution was not keeping up with the inflation. However, Rs.16 Crores contribution had become Rs.20 Crores with the order of the Punjab Government. Everything was known that Punjab will not be able to contribute very much, so Punjab's contribution, University contribution and rest of the income comes from the Centre and it was recorded that Panjab University is not a new burden on Centre. It is an old thing continuing, only the route of funding has changed instead of coming in by the Centre and MHRD, it will come via U.G.C. after the directives by the MHRD. The Vice-Chancellor said the SLP which is filed by U.G.C. which is available in the Agenda document with all the attached documents of the U.G.C., the very first thing the U.G.C. quotes is the letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 at Page 41 which says that Harpreet Singh, Director (UGC) said that the matter relating to change of funding pattern of Panjab University, through the University Grant Commission requires the concurrence of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance. This Ministry is the process of consulting these Ministries and thereafter, the matter will be placed before the CCEA for its approval.

The letter further says that U.G.C. is requested to continue funding the Panjab University, Chandigarh based on norms as applicable to Central Universities excluding the State Government's share of Rs.21 Crore and the amount of funds generated by the Panjab University through its self financing courses. There is no mention that the University will have to reduce the deployment of teaching or non-teaching staff.

The letter further says that for 2011-12 an amount of Rs.150 crores may be released from the plan funds, so the directive comes give Rs.150 Crores from the plan funds. The letter reads that as regards the reimbursement of funds to the U.G.C. by the MHRD, action is being initiated to open a new sub-head under the main budget head of the U.G.C. in the demands for Grants of MHRD. Panjab University may project the amount pertaining to Panjab University as part of the annual budgetary proposals to this Ministry. The Vice-Chancellor said that it is very clear that the matter is between MHRD and U.G.C. has to be sort out and University's requirements have to be met, because our requirements have to be assessed, once again after the requirement comes from the Board of Finance, Syndicate, Senate in which there is a participation of Punjab Government Finance Secretary, MHRD representative, DPI(Colleges) Punjab and DPI (Colleges) U.T. are the ex-officio members of the Syndicate of the University. So if the MHRD, U.G.C., Punjab Government and U.T. Government who were the ex-officio members of the Syndicate of

the University , do not come and tell anything in the meeting, if they abstain themselves from the all the processes. The fault is not of the Governing body of this University.

The Vice-Chancellor felt very anguished that a body like U.G.C. accused Panjab University of the things which is unacceptable on behalf of the Governing Council of Panjab University. He further said continuing what happened in 2011, the needs of the University had to be met with the release of Rs.150 crores from the plan budget. He said that he assumed office on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012 and in 2013 a letter was written from MHRD to U.G.C. that in accordance with the practice followed in 2010-11 as well as in 2011-12, the U.G.C. may similarly release an amount of Rs.116.13 crores to Panjab University for 2012-13 under plan head to ensure that University's functioning is not disrupted. The estimate of Rs.116.13 crores was submitted by the Vice-Chancellor. Until then, the budget exercise of the Panjab University was the same, budget was approved by the Senate every year in the month of March. The University had put in the budget exercise that all the positions in teaching and non-teaching, which had been advertised with the intent of filling up the same. The intent is to incur an expense, so all that expenses are put in the needs of the University. He added that in the year 2013-14, there was a query that what does the Panjab University do with the grant that comes from the Centre Government. It was informed that it is now largely for payment of salaries. The Secretary MHRD visited the Panjab University in the year 2013 and opined that it is not a proper thing for release of funds for PU from the plan budget, it should be from a non-plan budget. In the non-plan budget, their budget estimates have to be submitted before the Finance Minister presents the budget and before 30<sup>th</sup> September the revised estimates have to be sent to the Finance Minister to assess the amount of money to be released. Therefore, the University is also asked to informed that what is to be done in the year 2013-14. The MHRD asked the U.G.C. to do the exercise but the U.G.C. did not do the exercise as a result the Joint Secretary of MHRD convened a meeting in October of 2013, before that many letters were exchanged between MHRD and U.G.C. on the background of revised budgets submitted by the University. The University's utilisation in 2013-14 was Rs.165.25 crores which was met from the plan budget, therefore the next year the University has projected the deficit of Rs.278 crores as the 400 positions of teachers which were advertised were to be filled up, that was objected to this practice and stated that in a given year, deficits should project only these positions which can be filled within the year. A PIL had been filed in the High Court that Panjab University does not have adequate number of teachers and the Panjab University is not providing quality education as compared to the promises made to give quality education in the absence of filling up of these positions. The Court had accepted that PIL and University was asked to file a report every two months as to how many posts have been filled up in the University out of the total advertised posts. All that was going on in parallel.

The Vice-Chancellor intimated about the famous meeting in October, 2013 in which there was a communication from MHRD to U.G.C. Professor A.K. Bhandari, the then Registrar Panjab University had requested for release of Rs.110 crores as an interim arrangement towards meeting their salary requirements and other day to day expenditure under its Non-Plan head against Revised Estimate Allocation for the financial year 2013-14. On the basis of that the MHRD wrote to the U.G.C. to work out the annual amount and disburse it to Panjab University, out of its Non-Plan head, to provide relief to Panjab University to meet its immediate expenditure requirements (minus revenue generation and receipts from Punjab Government). That implies that University's needs have to be met so that University will not come to a halt is accepted by the MHRD. As a outcome of that meeting the University gets the money. The utilisation certificate of Rs.161.6 cores had been sent in the previous year, so the University should get support from MHRD. But MHRD and UGC in that famous meeting got together and said that they will give the University only Rs.163 crores that is Rs.1.73 crores more than the previous year. And during the next year the MHRD and U.G.C. will allow up to enhancement, 8% he said they came back home and protested that this (i.e., 8%) was an unfair limit to put.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the Registrar, Panjab University had requested to grant Rs.170 crores for the year 2013-14 upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 under Non-plan head towards the above purpose. This is mentioned at Page 15 of the SLP filed by the U.G.C., they (UGC) themselves were attaching the documents to prove that they are aware of the same. The

University was given only Rs.163 crores and in the next year i.e., 2014-15, while the utilisation of Rs.171 crores was submitted to them for 2013-14 the allocation for 2014-15 remained the same as Rs.163 crores plus 8%. The annual budget estimates were submitted with the participation of every member, but at the time of release of funds, U.G.C. does not do any assessment of Panjab University and at the end of the year on 31<sup>st</sup> March only Rs.176 crores were released. The last installment was released on 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The Vice-Chancellor met the officials of the U.G.C. and said that their work could not continue as more grant is required for the same. A phone call was made by the Vice-Chancellor intimating the U.G.C. about the grant required but in the evening after the banks were closed an amount of Rs.176 crore comes in the Panjab University head. After the computation of income and submission of utilisation certificate to the U.G.C., there was shortage of 17 crores in 2014-15. The whole of next year the Vice-Chancellor was making trips after trips to meet U.G.C. team(s), as a fact finding committee had been constituted in May 2015? Before the Government changed a students' leader who was the President of the Students Council complained that there was bungling going on in the University, hostel funds are being bungled, over estimates were being done. It is done on a day when the President of our country is in the University and at that time when Panjab University is saying that this University is a premier institution in the country. In all this background several accusations were levelled. In the next months more accusations were levelled, fact finding ensues. It is noted the Senate had said that there should be a double entry system. The only shortcoming was that the University had not shifted to double entry system from the single entry system which was told by the U.G.C. The same was complied with by the University and part of the hostel income was transferred to University's income and the employees of the Hostel were being paid from the University's income and the hostels were not authorised to make any appointment from their funds. The Consultants were appointed to audit and convert the last five years accounts of the hostels on double entry system, everything was complied with as was asked to do by the U.G.C. But no copy of fact finding report was given to the University but the money was not released in the year 2015-16 but as the year came to an end, the money was released. On 31<sup>st</sup> March, phone calls were made but only Rs.176 crores were released. When the University was paid out of the plan budget all the requirements were being met. During last year of Plan Budget the University got Rs.161 crores, next year when the University shifted to the non-plan budget, only Rs.163 crores were allocated and a year after Rs.163 crores plus 8% was allocated. So freezing actually happened, when the University crossed from the year 2012-13 to 2013-14. The Government has changed but the attitude of MHRD and U.G.C. towards the University has not changed. Even though the task for in 2011 had said that no difficulty should be put in the functioning of the working of the national institution. Statements made are different than whatever is done in the situation. After the year 2013-14, the Vice-Chancellor prepared the chronology as the University went to the Supreme Court on 10<sup>th</sup> of March, however the Court could not proceed on that day. The Vice-Chancellor read out the statement submitted to the Court.

That the Central Government had ordained that funding to Panjab University shall be routed via MHRD/U.G.C. ,the needs of Panjab University from the year 2013-14 be met because the University had some money which was carried forward even though Rs.163 crores was released. In real terms at the end of financial year 2013-14, the University did not face financial crisis. In October, 2013, the budget estimates for the year 2014-15 were determined after a joint meeting of MHRD/U.G.C. and Panjab University which agreed to release the grant of Rs.176 Crores i.e., Rs.163 crores + 8% to Panjab University. U.G.C. was enjoined to assess the revised budget estimates of Panjab University every year, however, the U.G.C. did not perform this task. It unilaterally froze the support to Rs.176 crores to Panjab University. The freezing of support to Panjab University resulted in deficit of about Rs.16 Crores in 2014-15 and Rs.30 crores in 2015-16. Since 2013-14, the support to Panjab University has been provided out of the non-plan budget head of U.G.C. which supports several other institutes, Colleges, Inter University Centres. The MHRD had ordained that support to Panjab University be made available after assessment of its requirement on the lines of support to centrally funded institutions and Universities. While the support to other institutions in the same budget had been enhanced annually by U.G.C., however, the support to Panjab University was capped to the level of Rs.176 crores unilaterally, arbitrarily and discriminately viz a viz other institutions. The

MHRD never asked U.G.C. to enforce 1: 1.1 (teachers to non-teacher ratio) any time earlier because U.G.C. , U.T. Administration and Panjab University had carried out an exercise and had ordained that this many teachers are required in Panjab University, these workers are working on this thing and they said that 400 positions are to be frozen and they had been frozen. Since that year no additional posts have been added in the budget document whether teaching or non-teaching.

As the revised budget estimates for the 2016-17 were finalised in August, 2016, it became apparent that if U.G.C./MHRD would not provide the desired support to replenish the deficit of previous two years as well as give adequate support for the current year, the Panjab University could face closure.

The High Court took suo moto cognizance of the above fact and asked the Vice-Chancellor to file an assessment on October 20, 2016 as a respondent. MHRD, UGC, Government of Punjab and U.T., Chandigarh participated in the proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court along with Panjab University from October 20, 2016 to January 19, 2017.

At the suggestion of the counsel of the MHRD, the Hon'ble court directed the convening of a meeting by Secretary, MHRD/ Chairman U.G.C. and the Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University to attempt to resolve the matter amicably. Proceedings of the meeting along with the unilateral directives issued by MHRD/UGC were presented before the Court on 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Certain directives were issued after the Vice-Chancellor left from the meeting. They do not have his concurrence nor was discussed in that way. The Vice-Chancellor expressed the reservations regarding the unilateral decisions and the Hon'ble Court gave an opportunity to Panjab University to file its response. On the same day, i.e, 19<sup>th</sup> December, in order to tide over the financial difficulty of the Panjab University, the Hon'ble Court directed U.G.C. to release the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly installment of Rs. 44 Crore. This was to come after December but the University had no money, how can the University pay the salaries of December. U.G.C. complied with it on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and this year's disbursal was over on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. In the meanwhile Panjab University was expected to submit a feasible expenditure and manpower reduction plan for the next five years. The University was asked to reduce the expenses, reduce the employees and submit the projection report of next five years. Panjab University complied with the same within the stipulated period of one month. The University cannot do away with teachers, neither they can do away with regular employees, regular employees will retire, only thing which can be done is that we would not fill that positions. Of the remaining temporary people or daily wagers, security people who are least paid employees of this University only a few of them can be done away with and about the number only which that entered on the rolls of the University after the year 2010-2011. Whatever number the University has at that time after that those who have come they can be asked to shift. On 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the Counsel for other party did not provide any input, other parties mean these are the Punjab Government Counsel nor the U.T. Administration Counsel, nor the U.G.C. Counsel, and nor the MHRD Counsel, they provided no input to the Court on 19<sup>th</sup> of January. The Hon'ble Court noted that the U.G.C. had Rs.306 Crores unallocated in their non-plan budget as per the minutes of their (UGC) meeting, the commission itself had submitted that they had so much of money, available, after they had distributed the rest. When on 15<sup>th</sup> November the meeting of the Commission held then they have balanced amount of Rs.306 crores. This position was not disputed by the Counsel of U.G.C. On the plea of Panjab University the Court issued a directive to U.G.C. to release the amount of Rs.30 crores which is 15% of the deficit that the University had submitted for 2015-16. Other institutions had submitted their utilization certificates (for 2015-16). All those institutions were allowed 15% more on whatever utilization certificate they had submitted. The University said that U.G.C. gave the grant to those institutions, then they should also give to us and should not discriminate with the University, and treat at par with the other institutions to which U.G.C. had allowed some amount, as allowed to all institutions, then the same may be also be given to Panjab University. So it is that Rs.30.5 Crores which the U.G.C. did not release, they went and filed an SLP that High Court cannot interfere in the microscopic functioning of U.G.C. It is their prerogative, it is an autonomous organisation, once the money will be received from the Government, they are autonomous, once the money will come, they will assess the report and

abandon the spirit that our needs have also to be met, this institution has to continue. Instead of complying with the orders of the Court dated 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 to release Rs.30.5 Crores, U.G.C. chose to file the SLP on 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2017, Registrar went and met the U.G.C. officials in Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, F.D.O. accompanied the Registrar, the U.G.C. obliquely said that University will not get money because they are going to file the SLP whereas the SLP had already been filed on 21<sup>st</sup> of February. The U.G.C. did not share that SLP had been filed, neither the MHRD nor the U.G.C. shared that the SLP filed had been filed. The Vice-Chancellor said that he wished that they sent the advance copy of that so that we could defend but no such thing was done. The stand of U.G.C. is that MHRD has not made available the additional amount to U.G.C. to meet the release of Panjab University Grant. The fact of the matter is that U.G.C. have enhanced grants every year received from MHRD and it has been discriminating against the University and frozen the support to Panjab University whereas all other institutions were allowed appropriate yearly enhancement. For instance in the year 2016-17, the MHRD allowed 15% enhancement to U.G.C., U.G.C. itself received 15% extra from MHRD and they pass it on to everyone on the basis of utilisation certificate. The only institution which is discriminated against is Panjab University. The same percentage enhancement has been allowed by U.G.C. to all other institutions except the Panjab University. It is in this background that the Hon'ble Court has issued directions to U.G.C. to release the amount of Rs.30.5 crore as an interim measure to bring Panjab University on par with other institutions. This actually does not pay up Rs.45 crores of earlier shortfalls. The University has a shortfall of Rs.45 crores. There is 30 Crores and still there is shortfall of Rs.15 crores. In the year 2013-14, when the name of Panjab University was specifically included in the non-plan budget of U.G.C., the MHRD had determined an allocation of Rs.163 crores of Panjab University out of the total budget head of U.G.C. of Rs.1758 crores. When it was 1758 crores, Rs.100 crores was given to U.G.C. by MHRD, firstly their allocation was 1658 crores, to meet the need of the University Rs.100 crores was included in it and the University got only Rs.110 crores in that year because of carry forward amount of previous years. MHRD had given Rs.100 crores and our needs were met. The statement of U.G.C. that MHRD has not given any additional money to it is wrong. Every subsequent year MHRD has given money on the base figure of Rs.1758 crores. The share of Panjab University turned out to be 9.27% in 2013-14. Since the year 2013-14 the total budget allocation of U.G.C. has been enhanced by MHRD at the annualized rate of more than 11%. After the year 2013-14, MHRD has given more than 11% money to the U.G.C., U.G.C. gets the additional amount of 11% from the budget but U.G.C. is not assessing Panjab University and give additional amount. This year their allocation is Rs.2492 crores, University share has dropped from 9.27% to 7.2%. The Vice-Chancellor intimated that vide order dated 15.03.2017, the Hon'ble Court had directed U.G.C. to release the grant of Rs.2173 crores as approved by MHRD to Panjab University as soon as possible, the statement was given in the High Court on 15.03.2017 thereby grant of financial year 2016-17 would enhanced from Rs.176 Crores to 197.73 crores. The next date of hearing is 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. In the meanwhile the MHRD, U.G.C. and Panjab University all have to get together to determine how much money the MHRD will give to the University in the next year because the University told them that the information of fees : examination and tuition fees Colleges have to be printout in their hand books, University has to print in their hand book, hand books have to be finalised by March or April, normally the same is done at the end of March. There will be a meeting of Senate on 26<sup>th</sup> of March, whatever we will do to the budget on 26<sup>th</sup> March, it would be all tentative, because it is not known how to balance the budget of the University in the absence of the decision of the MHRD and U.G.C., that how much they are being given to the University. This budget exercise is a theoretical exercise and the financial crisis is postponed to next year. A table showing non-plan budget of U.G.C. as approved by MHRD and the allocation to the Panjab University, the University started from 9.27% share, it will have 9.12, 8.12 and this year it is 8.51. These are the facts that have been brought here. There are many more things which he would point out after a break. He further would like to draw the attention to the document in a clarification submitted by the University to the U.G.C. on 13<sup>th</sup> of March. This is the description of ratio of teaching to the non-teaching post, he has carried out an exercise, the Centre accepted at one time that in University there is requirement of 1510 teachers, he had a look on all the time tables and the courses and new courses are growing, changes were done in the courses, some were knocked out etc. There is a requirements of 1378 teachers. University today has 778 regular teachers, 48 teachers are there

who are re-employed who are receiving their pension plus last salary drawn, their posts are occupied and their posts are not being advertised, plus there are 110 teachers who are appointed by walk-in-interview and for which the recruitment has not been regularised for the several years, recruitment process has come to a halt, there is no recruitment for the last 2.5 years. These 110 teachers are being paid salary but there is no annual increment and no P.F. benefit. There are guest faculty, guest faculty are working against 215 positions, they are not being paid more than Rs.25,000/- per head and they can teach 40 lectures in a month as goodwill but the University is paying only Rs.25,000/-. The University is deputing guest faculty against the 169 vacant posts of teachers so the total comes to 1100. Now the U.G.C. is saying that no new teachers are to be filled in but actually during the last 2.5 years, 44 teachers have crossed the age of 65, 44 new vacancies have occurred. Non-teaching employees work in the Administrative office, examination branches, security staff, field workers and the staff which is posted in the various departments. University *per se* is a big township, two sectors, almost 5% of the Chandigarh is the University and all civic amenities have to be provided for, its roads have to be maintained, all these civic duties have to be performed by Panjab University. So, from where the money will come to pay those employees who work on low wages to maintain and keep the University clean, lighting in University and other basic amenities. University is not paying high wages to these employees. All these things have to be done. There is a chart depicting that 2609 regular employees are posted in the teaching departments and 1067 are temporary. But now the important thing is that what are the costs involved and what is the expenditure incurred. Some of the regular employees will be going to retire after 5 years and U.G.C. is forcing to remove temporary employees recruited after 2011. If UGC will force, the temporary employees will be removed and hence 1000 will be less. If the University follows, what the U.G.C. is forcing to follow, then the ratio of teaching versus non-teaching will become 2 and this is roughly the ratio that is there in Aligarh Muslim University, BHU and other Central Universities. Our number as compared to other institutions is not different. This is the thing the University has submitted. But this is not rightly understood by them. The only omission that has been made that he forgot to mention the number 1500 of temporary people. Our number was 4150, this number was not explicitly written. The U.G.C. is asking for an explanation regarding reduction as the projected expenditure is not commensurate to the reduction of employees. Now to address this, table is expressed through a pie charts. The first pie chart depicts the salary component, 306 crores on 2016-17, it says the salary and non-salary component. The non-salary component is payment of electricity, water, etc. Then there is conduct of examination, no expenditure can be curtailed on conduct of examination, maintenance of buildings, payment of pension, retirement benefits cannot be reduced, those who will retire will have to be paid the retirement benefits like gratuity, leave encashment etc. and there is hardly 1% expenditure on LTC and medical. Whenever there is a financial crisis, LTC etc have to be stopped but not much amount is saved from these by spreading the unhappiness, how much will be saved. The Vice-Chancellor stated that he is not in favour of reducing the LTC and medical benefits to overcome the financial crisis. But this is only his personal opinion. Now he pointed out to see the salary component, in the salary component one cannot reduce the salary of the teachers. If one can start doing what is being done in other Universities like Punjabi University, Patiala, Guru Nanak University, Amritsar and in Punjab Government that teachers are appointed for three years on fixed emoluments, as a result, good people will not come in the University which will affect the research projects of the University. So the salary of teachers cannot be reduced, salary to regular employees cannot be reduced unless they retire. Even if the regular employees are retired, then the University have to pay the pension and if retirement is after 5 years then yearly increments have to be made. For example today the salary of an employee is Rs.100/-, after five years it will be Rs.160/- and after retirement one have to pay Rs.80/-. Taking note of these employees and by not filling up the vacancies, not much of expenditure will be curtailed. Now, what he can do is to cut short the income of the lowest categories. But he pointed out how much the lowest category employees are getting, only 3%. If he cuts down the lowest category posts then there is not much difference, the income of low category employees would be Rs. 2 Lacs and there are 1500 employees and by cutting down the expenditure will reduce to Rs.30 crore. If the said employees are appointed through outsourcing, then the payment of 1000 employees have to be made plus 12.5 % taxes plus profit/commission of outsourcing agency, there will not be much difference in the expenditure but the number will only be reduced from 1500 to 1000. All these details have been

submitted to U.G.C. in the form of pie chart which depicts what is the current situation and what will be in the year 2021. He further pointed out to look into the pie chart. The chart starts from the base year of 2013-2014. From this year the budget has to be balanced every year. Otherwise the budget has no meaning if it is not balanced at the end of the year. In the chart from the year 2013-14 to 2021 there is a high curve of internal income in the budget. Internal income is projected and total expenditure is also projected. He further stated that no new appointment will be made, University is stagnant, no building will be constructed, no road will be maintained, no buildings will be maintained, no maintenance of houses will be done as the University has no money. He said that if nothing will be done then the second pie chart depicts the expenditure of the University. Rs. 20 crore is being paid by the Punjab Government but the University requested the Punjab Government to enhance @ 12.5% whereas the Punjab Government is not in a position to give this amount of Rs.20 crore, even that burden of paying Rs. 20 Crore may have to be taken from the Punjab Government by the Centre. Dr. Ajay Ranga pointed out that this share of Punjab Government is 20% whereas the Vice-Chancellor clarified and stated that it is Rs.20 Crore.

Dr. Ajay Ranga further stated that there is agreement between Punjab Government and Centre Government whereas the Vice-Chancellor clarified and stated there is no agreement; the directives to the Punjab Government have been issued by the Centre Government to release the grants. Once the Centre Government directs that has to be complied with, when the compliance is not done that will cause the problem to the national institution. The lowest curve in the chart depicts what the University is asking for from the Central Government. The chart depicts that expenditure is increasing with the rate of 9 to 10% whereas the income is increasing the rate of 10 to 11%. The actual figure is available in the next graph, the income is depicting on the top most curve and expenditure is lowest curve. In the year 2015-16, the graph shows that half of this is the income of the University and half is being paid by the Central Government. The University is at the same place. At this pace, the curve of the University is diverging on upper side and the curve of Central Government is at low pace. That difference is increasing and he further stated that he is not demanding to match the same, but the University is trying to increase the same. The Vice-Chancellor further stated that for what he is asking is not increasing from the rate as compared to the contribution in increase of income. Therefore, the U.G.C. is at the lowest pace. Above all, the UGC is pressing to remove the employees, no new appointments and so on. He intimated that this is the real situation that has been presented in the Court on 15.03.2017. When they presented this document, MHRD said that they will give Rs.21.73 Crore.

The Vice-Chancellor said that at the moment the only satisfying thing is that the stakeholders of this University at the governmental level stand fully informed in details that what our situation is and since they are, going to the court, they are responding to the court, so his personal feeling is that there is a serious concern that something has to be done. They cannot be left the way they are. If they are left, the way they are then either the institution's academic will go rapidly down or there could face even serious repercussions. The University rating will down very very rapidly.

Shri Tarlochan Singh said that he is sorry to say that the Vice-Chancellor) had spoken at length and has done the task very well. What is your suggestion then.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that first of all, he felt the same and shares Vice-Chancellor's anguish and the situation in which they find themselves. They also laud the valiant efforts that they had made to come out of this situation. It has met with partial success and he deserves our thanks and our congratulations. But, he wants to take a few minutes of the Senate to share with them some thoughts. He raised a question as to why they had got into this mess and what needs to be done to ensure that they don't face the same mess again and again. He said that, he is afraid that it is not going to be easy unless they put forward their case with conviction and backed by development provisions of the governance structure of this University. Many questions have come to his mind, like, what is the character of this University? Is it an autonomous body or not? If it is, which he believes it is, where is the statutory authority for

which it derives the autonomy? and the most important of all, what is the funding pattern envisaged in the legislative provisions created for this University and which have been enforced ever for the last 60 years or so. University functioned very well under these provisions until recently and he would say until, probably only this year that suddenly all kinds of questions have been raised.

The Vice-Chancellor said that what he is trying to tell them, it is since 2013.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that he will not take much of their time. The legislative provisions are embodied in their Calendar, i.e. their bye-laws. Any questions which are raised whose answers are sought to be given must be found in that Calendar of theirs. Not in any communications from the various officials, dozen of them have been annexed to the SLP, many dozens are there in the voluminous files with their Registrar. And there are press releases accompanying some elusive grants which are supposed to come, in which all kinds of questions are raised. Answers cannot be found there, the answers must be found here (in calendar). He will take few minutes time of the House. To summarize, what is the autonomy, the autonomy is guaranteed by this Act (Calendar). The two Acts which govern them are the 1947 Act of the Punjab Government which created the new University after Independence. The only change in that governance structure on the funding pattern occurred when there was a re-organization. Before 1966 the funding pattern provided that the Universities have to be funded by Punjab Government. It was a State funded university funded by the Punjab Government. What change occurred in 1966? It became an Inter-State University, funded by the constituent States at that time which were Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and UT of Chandigarh. Gradually because when the other colleges came up in other areas, other Universities came up. They are now left with two States who are responsible for funding this University. Now, they have to remind them again and again of their responsibility. People are asking if it is this State funded University or is it a Central University. State funded Universities are funded by the states; Central Universities are funded by the Centre. Inter-State Universities had to find their funds from somewhere else, where do they go. The 1966 Act clearly enjoins upon the Central Government the responsibility to ensure that the constituent states which at the moment of only Punjab and U.T. of Chandigarh, these two together must ensure, that the University had adequate funds. It is not a self-financing University. So, Panjab University cannot be told to bear all the expenses. Look at the Press Release which mercifully, has not yet officially come to them, which says they had been bad boys. They (PU) behave themselves. This time, they (Government) are bailing them out and the University should not come to them again and again. Are they doing them a favour or are they discharging their statutory obligation. Obviously, the answer is, it is their statutory obligation? Now the problem has arisen slightly, to some extent because they have been identifying the gap between the budgeted expenditure and the budgeted income as "deficit". But that's a terminology, they can call it what they like. But that gap is required to be filled, and this is to be ensured by the Central Government. This is his statutory obligation. It is not that they go begging, please give us, do it less, they will do what they say or please give us grant. No, it is their statutory obligation and if they want to change that, if they say in future they will do that. Okay, tell them they want to do that. If they think that they (PU) had behaved like bad boys and this time they are bailing them (PU) out, next time don't come to them, where do they go (PU). That answer has to be given. As long as they do not amend any of these provisions (calendar), either the acts or the regulations, their implementation is a statutory obligation after Central Government. If the Punjab Government is not giving enough, rather the Central Government has the authority to tell them, under the reservation of the reorganization of Punjab under which section 72 (4), which gives the responsibility to the Central Government to tell the States that you may provide this much and that much. But the statutory obligation for ensuring that the gap between the income, the budgeted income, not the income which they adopted after the budget adopted, they start playing around figures again. As they have pointed out the deficit budget, the governance structure of the University provides for a process whereby the budget is approved. The supreme authority, the only authority which can take that decision is the Senate. It is there in the act that the Senate is the authority for approving the budget. In other words, it is the Senate which decides how much the University will earn, how much it will spend and it has to balance. Otherwise it will not make sense. As they (UGC) said, budget become little more.

The Vice-Chancellor said that whatever ordained, these answers have to be given to the court by the 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that yes, so therefore those are the statutory provisions and unless and until they are changed, which is not going to happen, this is their statutory responsibility and they must fulfil. Answers have to be sought from within the framework of these provisions and their implementation becomes the responsibility of the institutions created under those acts and the regulations there under. Issues like what should be the ratio of the teaching to non-teaching staff. Now all these questions are important. But, those questions cannot be considered in isolation from the requirements of the University which is not only to just reduce the expenditure but also to ensure that the quality of education is maintained and further enhanced. So, on one hand, they talk of the ratio between the teaching and non-teaching staff with the exclusive objective of bringing down the expenditure, what about the ratio of the students to the teaching staff? NAAC another regulatory body tells us that this ratio has to be improved. So they (NAAC) are telling them to increase that ratio because that affects the quality of education, as they pointed out, and on the other hand, questions are being raised during the discussions with University officials, are exclusively desired to reduce the expenditure. He is all for reducing expenditure. But in the process, they have to keep in mind the quality of the output of the University. It is talked about putting a cap, on what they call the deficit. Why should there be a cap? If they (PU) want to make progress, if they want to introduce new activities in order to improve their global ratings, why should there be a cap to the expenditure. What is their objective to make sure that they have a cheap University or one should have a better University? What about the infrastructure. He doesn't have space to put his papers on his table, in the Senate Hall. So if they want to construct a new multi-purpose auditorium, they have to get money for that. They don't have the money, they have the cheap University. So all those issues are the relevant issues, he is not saying that those are irrelevant. But, they have to be considered in the appropriate bodies after that and then the Board of Finance come with some budget It goes through the Syndicate and then comes to the Senate and Senate approves it. And at the end they find that they don't have money. Therefore, he is going to submit a draft resolution, which he think the Senate should adopt, which should express themselves at the situation and make suggestions for the future. He sought permission and he has given a copy to the Registrar which can be circulated.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he will read it. This is not the concluding part. Let him read in just a minute.

“The Senate expresses its serious concern at the unprecedented financial crisis facing Panjab University caused by the inordinate delay in the release of required resources and the resulting hardship that members of staff have had to undergo due to non-payment of salaries on time; reminds the Central Government of its statutory obligation arising out of the Panjab University Act VII of 1947 read with Para 5.2(c)(i) of the Regulations relating to Finance, which lists government Grant as one of the sources of income. Section 72(4) of the Panjab Re-organisation Act, 1956, which casts the responsibility on the Central Government to determine the pattern of funding of Panjab University; reaffirms the understanding that in pursuance of the above-mentioned statutory provisions the Central Government has the obligation to ensure that adequate resources are provided to the University to meet the budgeted expenditure after taking into account the budgeted income from all other sources and the grant from the Punjab Government; urges the Central Government to arrange for the immediate and unconditional release of Rs.68.03 crores, being the outstanding amount calculated in accordance with the above understanding; this outstanding money is deficit for last two years. Requests the Central Government to take necessary steps to ensure timely release of funds in future so that the University does not have to face similar crises again.” This is in nutshell.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that the MHRD had told you that by releasing this 21.73 crores which has not come by the way yet, this would then will meet their total requirement.

The Vice Chancellor said that only for the financial year 2016-17.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that is right. Therefore, he must add to it that the carry over of the earlier years and his figures show him that from 2014-15, there was 16.26 crores, from 2015-16 there was 28.86 crores, for the current year actually it was much higher figure but they revised it down which is un-precedential step but they have taken that in a spirit of mutual understanding.

The Vice Chancellor said that they have reduced it, because they have generated more income.

Ambassador I.S. Chadha said that now let's say 21.73 crores completes that. So the total comes to 66.85 crores.

The Vice Chancellor said that that's matter in detail. So, he has to have some organized way of running this meeting. He will give chance to all of them, but they will have to give chance to one another.

Professor Chaman Lal said that first of all this special meeting have been called on such a serious issue of financial crisis. He (Vice Chancellor) has taken one and half hour to explain detail, which he did appreciate. The explanation had made the people to understand the seriousness of the issue. But, at the same time, the time which they have kept is just one hour for discussion.

The Vice Chancellor said that has he asked one hour?

Professor Chaman Lal said that no, because he (Vice Chancellor) has put 1'0 clock lunch and 3'0 clock there is a lecture. So, if there it's a free time, at least enough time, then he would speak one by one point, which are very serious points.

The Vice Chancellor said that then he can have a limited time.

Professor Chaman Lal said that he would try to be as brief as possible. Number one, this University is facing crisis, Shri Chadha has rightly pointed out, not because of that but some how it has become like that. It's an Inter-state University made in 1966, inter-state word has been added in 1966, which is perhaps the only University out of 700 total Universities and 250 States Universities and around 40 Central Universities. Let him tell his colleagues in the Senate that there are not only Inter-State, there are Inter-Country Universities which are running very well all over the world, which can be run very well if there is proper reasonable approach. He had worked one year in the University of West Indies in the country of Trinidad. That University has three Inter-countries campuses in West India, their main campus is in Jamaica.

The Vice Chancellor said they know that story is not relevant, please focus on Panjab University.

Professor Chaman Lal said that he (Vice Chancellor) had taken so much time.

The Vice Chancellor said that is okay, he had spoken relevantly. He had spoken about the University. Try to limit it, please. Respect others time. Time is limited.

Professor Chaman Lal said that he sould have also respected others time.

The Vice Chancellor said that he had respected others time. How he (Professor Chaman Lal) is saying that he is not respecting others time.

Professor Chaman Lal said that he will take 5-7 minutes.

The Vice Chancellor said that is okay, but try to remain focused on their University, don't travel to West Indies.

Professor Chaman Lal said that, he is focussing to their University, but he was focusing on UGC, which is the main source of the problem. Actually, that is not only UGC, but MHRD, Government of India who is responsible for this. Let him speak out frankly. Number one that they know, UGC was formed to issue grants to the Universities. UGC was not formed by the Nehru Government first, after post independence to control the University, to dictate the Universities. That is a recent phenomenon and which is, they know, destroying most of the Universities in the country. The recent crisis in JNU admission policy, UGC is trying to force; they know the number of Research Scholars taken by the Teachers, where as JNU has its own Act, JNU has own autonomy. He had been teaching there, he had been supervising 25 students or 30 students. He had been over worked. They don't want teachers and students work at one site. JNU this year had been given the best University award despite all the wrong things thrown on JNU and recently just two days ago, a student had committed suicide because of UGC forcing on them that he had to do that thing. The same thing is happening here.

The Vice Chancellor said that this is not relevant.

Shri Subhash Chander said that he (Professor Chaman Lal) is accusing UGC for the suicide, there is no suicide note, Police is investigating and he is giving false information in that meeting.

The Vice Chancellor said that he (Professor Chaman Lal) should be focusing on the item on the agenda.

Professor Chaman Lal said that okay, he is now focusing. UGC in Supreme Court petition had taken this reason that they are autonomous body and the High Court and Supreme Court has no right to interfere into their functioning. He says, put the same question to UGC that all the Universities are autonomous bodies. They are run by their own terms and statute. Their (UGC) concern is that whatever grant is given to them, they are not misused, they are put to proper use. So, if they want their autonomy, they have to respect University's autonomy. They cannot take Universities as a kind of affiliated colleges.

The Vice Chancellor said that he is again going away. He will give the chance to some other and come back to him later.

Shri Varinder Singh said that he is agreed with what Shri Chadha Saheb had said. The UGC is forcing them to generate funds by generating their own resources. The Government nominee attends the Board of Finance meetings, they force them to generate their own funds, generate their resources, rather they should tell them (Panjab University) from where the resources be generated. Whenever they increase the fees and cut short the staff, finally the message goes that the fees have been increased by the Senate.

The Vice Chancellor said that the Senate has the responsibility of governing this University.

Shri Varinder Singh said that either they should show dissent in the Board of Finance or they should give blueprint of that, so that at least the message goes outside that the fees are increased by the Government of India, not by the Senate. Second thing is that in the University of Delhi, the students are giving less fees and in Chandigarh giving more fees. If they reduce the

staff, students will also have to be reduced. On the one side they are saying to follow the UGC norms, on the other side they are saying to reduce the staff. If the staff is reduced then also reduce the students.

The Vice Chancellor asked what he was trying to convey.

Shri Varinder Singh said that he wanted to convey that they should tell the UGC to give us the blue print as to how to generate the resources. They (Panjab University) should send all the details income and expenditure to the UGC, inform the UGC whatever step for reduction is being proposed and whatever proposal for increasing the revenue. Finally, which step is taken by them, its 99% burden is put on the students. When they try to raise the funds, burden comes on the students. If they reduce the staff, naturally their ratio will reduce; students will have to be reduced. Despite asserting, their voice again and again, this problem is coming for the last two years.

The Vice Chancellor said that this problem is not coming for the last two years. He will explain to him.

Shri Varinder Singh said that this problem is coming for the last two-three years. This problem will be removed after one and half years or two years. After one and half years or two years the problem of budget will be removed. All who are sitting here knows what the politics behind this is. But, a strong message should be given to the public outside that what is being done here is not done by Senate or Syndicate or the Vice Chancellor. At least message should go to them that what all has happened, fees has been increased and they had reduced the staff either it is temporary or whatever, their houses were running by this, what has happened, they (UGC) should give the blue print to do this and increase the fees. Why should they (Panjab University) do, if they have no autonomous status and they cannot take any decision then ask them (UGC) what should they (Panjab University) do.

Shri Deepak Kaushik said that he will talk only to the point directly to him. It is right that the budget of the University is in deficit. UGC is not giving grant. Why it is not giving grant and what is reason behind this, he had not participated in any such meeting to find out the reasons. His first request was that a high powered committee may be formed which may sit with the UGC and MHRD to have a concrete solution. As per his view, to approach the UGC through the court is not a right way. Second thing on which they will also agree that there will be not much difference on the budget or deficit if some number of temporary employees are brought down or are removed. When they think to remove someone, they always start from the down, not from the top. His request is that if they remove the employees from the down, where the quality of University will stand. That is to be seen by us not by the UGC. In today's date, the work of examination is suffering only due to lack of manpower. Today they are saying that the UGC had told to implement the 1:1 ratio and do this and that. But the work which is suffering now and the work of re-evaluation examination which should be done in one month is now taking one and a half months, only due to lack of manpower. What is the data of University, UGC has he was not aware. The data has gone to them regarding 16,000 students. But, he wanted to say that are 200 to 215 colleges affiliated to the University and there are 2,50,000 students in them. There are approximately 60,000 students in University School of Open Learning and 1,25,000 to 1,50,000 students who appear as private candidates in the University every year. As per him in the whole Hindustan, there will be only one University where 1, 50,000 students appear, this is so big University. He thinks there is some conspiracy, which is doing work to spoil its dignity. His request is that those employees who do the work at lower level and give the better quality to the University, they should not think more about removing them. It's all right that budget is in deficit, University should come out from that with some other way. This is not that they should give out some way to come out from this deficit, UGC and MHRD may not give any solution. His request to all is that there will be no difference to remove the lower level employee. Their houses are running due to their jobs, who are working there for more than 8 to 10 years. They are giving the best quality to the Panjab University. They will bring them on the road, if they remove

them and there will be another blot on the University that they have made 500 persons unemployed and homeless. Therefore, his request is that they should look in this direction also.

Dr. Gurmit Singh said that he will not talk even a single thing which could not be related to Panjab University. What Shri Tarlochan Singh Ji had said, what he has the knowledge, he will give the solution. The background of the problem is already in front of them. He said that he will discuss the matter in three stages, he further requested that if there is any clarification in any issue, the same may be clarified afterwards. The first is that what is our long term solution, he opined that he already talked on the same in the month of December and he submitted a resolution and he received a strange reply to seek a reply from Dr. Gurmeet Singh and an explanation and a legal opinion. He submitted the explanation report and he could understand about the legal opinion. When the High Court on 15.03.2017 said that Panjab University be made as Central University then it will be a permanent solution but he cannot understand the reason why there is no consent for the creation of Central University. Every State Government is ready to create Central University, even the States are asking and providing land to create the Central Universities in Bhatinda and other cities. Whenever the new Government comes into existence, that is the right time to convince our stand and place before the new Government where 3-4 MLAs of the University out of these one is the present student of the University, one should try to get the NOC from the Punjab Government which was deferred back in the year 2008, one should get the NOC from the Punjab Government with the same Colleges and Department, the University will be given status of Central University. He said that we should contact the Haryana and Himachal States as the students of these states are also studying in the University and they are also getting burdened due to hike in fee. At least two Chief Minister be involved as their students are suffering as the enrolment fee for Ph.D has been increased from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2000/- and the examination fee of Rs.1250/- has been doubly increased. He stated that Panjab University is a heritage University which has been serving the region and when at this time when the University is in the state of financial crisis, the University be given the status of Central University. When the work will not be done in this direction, then there will be no long term solution. He further said he wants to draw the attention to the SLP of the U.G.C., he had read all the letters of the U.G.C. especially of the Secretary and there is no doubt that the behaviour of U.G.C. towards the University is negative and unreasonable. He further said that the Vice-Chancellor should be cautious of his words. Instead of complying with the orders of the Court dated 19.01.2017 to release Rs.30.5 crores within 4 weeks, they have written the word "preferably" in it whereas the same is written on it. The Vice-Chancellor pointed out and said that he should be concrete in making his statements. Dr. Gurmeet Singh said that he is not standing for the advocacy of U.G.C. He further said that he explained the concrete solution in the month of December that he passed a resolution that keeping in mind the current situation, the University may be declared as heritage or centrally funded or Central University and what is the biggest solution than this. That thing is conveying to the Vice-Chancellor from the year 2008. He want to speak on the issue of SLP, he had brought the points on the SLP. He stated that he will submit his view very short, firstly as told by the Vice-Chancellor that from the last three years the posts have not been filled up is not right as the posts were filled up after the year 2011. In the letter of 14.11., it is written that posts be reduced but it was written that according to the norms of Central University, funding should be done. Thirdly the most important point written in SLIP is that U.G.C. has no control over the Senate/Syndicate. He said there is no harm that we should include a member of the U.G.C. or Secretary/Joint Secretary of MHRD as ex-officio member in the Syndicate or Senate as the same is incorporated in the Board of Finance. The Vice-Chancellor said that we cannot do this. Dr. Gurmeet Singh said that he is concluding as the Vice-Chancellor will not allow to speak and interferes on every point. Dr. Gurmeet Singh said they also came after studying and the Vice-Chancellor told him to speak that is relevant to the University. Dr. Gurmeet Singh that nothing irrelevant to the University is being spoken by him. The Vice-Chancellor said that he is not enlightening anything at all. Dr. Gurmeet Singh said that moreover the budget of the Panjab University is not tabled in the Parliament, that problem has arisen as already told by him in the previous meeting because the letter read and enclosed by the Vice-Chancellor is to be sent to C.C.E.A. but the same has not been sent to C.C.E.A. If the Vice-Chancellor cannot try for Central University then he can try for the same. Dr. Gurmeet Singh finally said that at present without the status of Central University,

there is no other solution for Panjab University . How can the Vice-Chancellor run the University by hiking the fees, in future the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission and other related issues are coming. He felt that he feel so strange that why nobody is taking the name of Central University status for Panjab University when in the year 2008 Teachers Union agitated for the same and now this seems wrong for us. The Concrete and immediate solution is that the matter is between U.G.C. and Panjab University and U.G.C. has made this an ego issue As regards the age criteria of 65 years, it should be done after the creation of Central University and the Punjab Government can also write to the Panjab University that they will release Rs.20 Crore when we stop the re-employment. As you are already aware of the situation prevailing in Punjabi University where the teaching and non-teaching employees come on roads and the Panjab University will not have to face the situation like this. Secondly the University have cut down the expenses on organisations of various functions. He said that as per the data provided by the Vice-Chancellor that expenditure is 12.5% and the income generated is 12.75% He said that he is not taking side of the U.G.C. but we should fight with MHRD, as we all know that the case is with CJI but the U.G.C. have changed the CJI. He said that some news in the paper has appeared that MHRD will take all the financial powers from the U.G.C. and he felt happy from the said news. If this information is right then the University may try to open the budget head in the MHRD, the same thing he conveyed in the year 2008 in the previous meeting that can be seen in the minutes. He said that the letter of 14.11 is only the executive order and anybody can disregard the same. He further said that on the resolution of 2008, he gave an explanatory note with the legal opinion whereas he is not capable of submitting the legal opinion. It is the situation that has come in the University for the first time that the salaries of the teachers is not being paid and now we have reached to the position and the Vice-Chancellor being the leader of the institution, have to face more difficulties in the matter. He said that the solid step to give the status of Central University to Panjab University be raised by contacting the Chief Ministers of the States .

Sh. Prabhjeet Singh said that the efforts made by the Vice-Chancellor is appreciated. But he said he has some serious concerns which he would like to share with the House. On the objection of the High Court, the meeting held on 15.12.2016 to visit Delhi to meet Chairman, U.G.C., Secretary, U.G.C. and MHRD and in the minutes/proceedings of that meeting it is mentioned in the concluding para that Panjab University will not create academic or non-academic post

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out there was no such thing.

Sh. Prabhjeet Singh said that he is speaking on the issue which is signed by Col. Chadha that this thing will not be accepted. He is talking about the teaching and non-teaching with regard to staff reduction of 545 employees within 3 years and shunt out those who were appointed after the year 2011.

The Vice-Chancellor clarified that he is not telling the things right, he had said those persons will retire in the next 5 five years, that is the one number.

Sh. Prabhjeet Singh said that after five year if the Deputy Registrar, then the post of Deputy Registrar will not be abolished, the post of employee at the lowest category is abolished. He further said that how is it possible to retrench 1000 employees of non-teaching category to declare the results of various examinations in time which is not being declared from the last 3 months. He said U.G.C. is blackmailing the University and the University is being blackmailed, they are accepting the demands of U.G.C. to retrench the employees. The posts were created in the Senate on the recommendation of the Board of Finance, the Senate did not recommend to retrench the employees. The posts were created and approved in the Senate, without the consent of the Senate how can the affidavit in the Court is submitted that the University will make retrenchment. He further said that he resolved on behalf of all the members that University will receive the grants, may be it will be received late, but no employees will have to be retrenched. As regards the issue of non-receiving of grant, a person moves to Court when all the negotiations have been done, the Vice-Chancellor should appoint a advocate and fights the case,

the plea of the Vice-Chancellor is absolutely right that when MHRD is giving 15% increase, then why the U.G.C. is not granting that increase. Instead of increasing the grants, the U.G.C. is not granting and even blacklisting the University. He further said that if U.G.C. will say that to remove the SVC and Registrar of the University then the University will follow this. This is very unfortunate

The Vice-Chancellor clarified that University has not moved the Court so it is not correct that the University had filed the case in the Court.

Sh. Prabhjeet Singh said that he is not blaming that the Vice-Chancellor had filed the case in the court, the Court had taken the status of suo-moto and given its verdict. The efforts made by the Vice-Chancellor are right but it is unfortunate that the matter has reached High Court and Supreme Court. He further said that the Vice-Chancellor will get relief from the Court but by making retrenchment of staff, a new agitation will arise that should be kept in mind.

Professor Rajesh Gill said that she had listened all the things very carefully and read all the papers in detail. She wants to submit before the House out of my deep concern the main concern about the current financial situation which the University is facing. She appreciates the fact that this meeting has been convened to put our heads together in an attempt to resolve the crisis. She also endorsed the view that this University must be pulled out of this embarrassing situation from all times to come, there has to be a long lasting solution not a short term solution and each one of us must put in an effort as much as possible. In the above said regard first step that need to have an honest introspection and for that to ensure transparency in the financial status as on today. Before going ahead for remedies she said that she must have first complete statistics about the exact fiscal health of the University. As members of the Supreme governing body before making diagnosis, let her understand the stand where the University is standing and for that it is imperative that House is supplied with complete information about income and expenditure from all the sources and the assets available with the University apart from the expenditure. Long term solutions are required so that in future such situations are not arisen again.

She further requested the authorities specially the Vice-Chancellor to supply which she listed and sent in writing as the diagnosis is not possible without knowing the disease and House has every right to know the place where University stands as to how the deficit is calculated, she failed to understand. The authorities should certify that income from all sources have been included for instance what are different funds in the University, how many FDRs are in the University, what the interest accruing on the FDRs, are these interests are put in the annual income of the University or not and how many stands in the accounts and so on. Similarly she said that what about the financial scams that have been done in the University, she totally agree with the Vice-Chancellor that various allegations are levelled, complaints have been made, the society asks what action has been done on these allegations and complaints. What have been done about those complaints. What corrective measures the Senate as a Governing body has taken in case of these scams for instance the scam by Kulwant Singh who was allowed to leave the country, what happened to that scam, what happened to the pension scam. At this juncture of such an acute financial crisis, the University cannot ignore such things.

She said while referring to Page 219 and 220 of the Agenda item in which Justice Mahesh Grover has referred the statement of the Vice-Chancellor "The Vice-Chancellor has stated that University being in the hands of the Mafia which also cannot be wished away to a lament of an authority ambushed by diverse vested interests working at cross purposes". It too has to be treated with great concern. It is matter of great concern that the Mafia is behind the scene that has ruined the University. This must be taken up on top priority.

She further requested to authorities to expose the Mafia, Who is the Mafia and who are the leaders of this Mafia, this will be a great service to the University. She said another point that she wants to make is that she is giving in writing to Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and F.D.O.

with the expectation that the said information will be supplied to the House, at least to her, before the next Senate so that the House can really try to resolve the crisis. After that Professor Rajesh Gill submitted her representation to the dealing official. One more small point that she want to make is that so far as seeking information through RTI is concerned, it is a problem, why should that be a problem, if our system is transparent and if everything is in order because the teachers are always teaching the students of good governance and propagating the University as University of peoples. If that be so then the first criterion of good governance is complete transparency and we should not be shy of this. In this that case she has faced so much of embarrassment and harassment in getting the video recorded proceedings of the Senate meetings from the authorities. She was asked to personally come to the Registrar's Office to collect those DVDs , not once, but these are not available and she was asked to come again and again. It came as a shocked to her when one of the top officials of the University says that he does not have trust in his subordinate staff if that be so, the staff may be changed. It means there are ample problems in us and the Authorities need to introspect.

Dr. Nisha Bhargava said that first of all the House is grateful to the Vice-Chancellor for his concerted efforts to overcome this financial crisis and now it has become clear that our University is an Inter State body corporate that why we are discriminating against. She thought that on one hand the University should continue with our efforts to get more funds from MHRD on the other hand University should also generate income from some areas which are not yet touched, the University can get more income from consultancy, can go in for more patents. She said that University has a strong alumuni base which can be contacted to give the financial support to the University.

Sh. Tarlochan Singh first of all thanked the Vice-Chancellor for giving him time. According to him, all this debate has two purposes first is that the House stands with the Vice-Chancellor unanimously and the Vice-Chancellor is fighting and taking up the case for the benefit of the University, there is no second opinion on that. He said that he had listened to the statement of the Vice-Chancellor that has worked out very good but the great concern of the House is that it is the first time that this case has gone to Court from University to U.G.C. How to avoid this, this case has been moved from High Court to Supreme Court and it takes long time there, as University is defending and they are accusing, this is washing a dirty linen again which will affect the education system. According to his plea the House should make an approach as the U.G.C. is a constituent of the Ministry, all the directions come from the Ministry. Recently 10 days back in a news item published that the Finance Commission rejected the demand of newly constituted state of Andhra. The Chief Minister met and Rs.700 crore was sanctioned.

He said that MHRD is the final authority and the head of the University is the Chancellor who is always ready to help everyone as this is a unique case and University should approach the Chancellor, he can call the minister and have a meeting w.r.t. of this why should the University and MHRD is fighting in the Court.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the Chancellor does want to do it.

The second suggestion is to meet the Minister In-charge and to meet the newly Chief Minister of the State. According to his (Sh. Tarlochan Singh) plea, he said that we all stand with you which is the crux of this debate as what the Vice-Chancellor done is correct. The next suggestion is that he met the Member of Parliament, Chandigarh and requested to come in the meeting but she submitted her regrets. He further said that she should come to set the things right as the two ministers are fighting on the issue. He further requested to meet the Chief Ministers to go to the Centre Government and avoid this litigation as much as possible. The other issues of retrenchment can be debated and discussed at a later stage. All the members of the Senate are with the Vice-Chancellor but fighting in the court is not a permanent solution, an autonomy is nothing when there are no funds. Without money, autonomy cannot do anything.

Dr. Subhash Sharma endorsed the statement made by Sh. Tarlochan Singh to meet the Ministers and Chief Ministers. He said that Sh. Sanjay Tandon could not come in the meeting

due to ill health of his father. According to his conversation with the HRD Minister; there is a positive look of the Ministry and our Senate Member and Member of Parliament Mrs. Kirron Kher who could not come in the meeting due to her pre-occupations. She personally met with the Ministers and stated that there is no problem at that level, Finance Minister and HRD Minister have positive attitude about the University and they both desired that the requirements of the University are required to be met. The issue to remove the capping, there should be re-assessment and Central Government may release the funds. He said that he thought that the grant for the year 2016-17 has been released. The major issue is how to resolve the previous backlog and future grants. The attitude of both the ministers are positive towards the University. The problem is at the bureaucratic level whether in the U.G.C. or MHRD. There are some things in their mind they can't understand or the University is not able to make them understand. There are some anomalies if any and the University have to set it right, this has to be communicated to the bureaucrats rightly and there is a need to bridge a gap that has been created. He thought that there is ill intention at the level of U.G.C. and these things have to be communicated to the Minister because he is the authority and the University will get relief there definitely. The University can solve the situation amicably by meeting with the officials of U.G.C. and Minister. University should also converse with the State Governments other than Central Government. The capping of Rs.20 Crore of the Punjab Government is very less, so the University should take initiative and move to State Government to remove their capping and increase their share. As regards the issue of Central status to Panjab University, it is an important issue and Punjab is emotionally attached with it as at that stage this will not prove to be beneficial. The University should not move in that direction but should concentrate on the issue to enhance funding from State Government to reach at the permanent solution. Instead of looking help from the Centre and State Governments, the University should increase their internal revenue not only by making increase in fee structure but by studying the various models of higher education which is going on. Consultancy and other allied activities have to be initiated so that the dependency of Panjab University on State and Central Government will reduce. He said that by working on these two or three points, quick solution will be made available to overcome the financial crisis.

Dr. Neeru Malik suggested that her concern is the delay in receiving the grants has put the University in trouble inspite of presentations and fights going on. She said when the door from where the money is required to come is not opening, the main concern is that the retrenchment of staff is not to be done. To retain the employees two strategies are to be kept in mind which can act as a remedial measure. It is mandatory in the Corporate Sector to give some percentage for the development of the society and for conduct of such activities, corporate Sector pay for the same. She suggested to use the infrastructure of Panjab University and Colleges and also to use multipurpose halls or rent out the same for the activities and for that some ratio is to be paid to University. She further agreed with the Vice-Chancellor that the attitude of the U.G.C. is biased as conveyed by him that the U.G.C. conducted the meeting and the things were presented and finalised when the representative of the Panjab University was not present there. She felt that in the phase of crisis, the House should think as a one unit, as the Senate is the Governing body of Panjab University. If our method of thinking, speaking and doing will be same, then we can so aesthetically strike in the mind of the U.G.C. as well as MHRD.

Dr. Parveen Goyal said that there are various departments in the University which can generate funds but this is not done in the Panjab University for example, Dental Department, University Institute of Engineering & Technology and in various departments with various type of equipments, sources can be generated. The next is that when the University increases the fees of students, the latest example is that Regional Centre, Kauni where by mistake the information was sent from the Account Office that fees of students will be Rs. 12000/- instead of Rs.6000/-.. The effect of fee hike in Regional Centre, Kauni was that no admissions were made there, due to hike in the fees of students. Therefore, University should give concern over the issue that when the fees are increased, the students will take admission or not. He further suggested that as per the norms of Panjab University Calendar, we should approach the Centre Government directly. As in the year 1966, the Punjab was reorganised under the Punjab Reorganisation Act the ratio

of Punjab and Haryana was 60:40. If Haryana withdraws 60 % share, then it is the responsibility of the Centre Government and we should approach the Centre Government, that is the only solution for this. The issue of financial crunch is matter of concern in the newly appointed faculty of Associate Professors.

Dr. Dalip Singh said that as told by Sh. I.S. Chadha and Dr. Gurmeet Singh, a resolution may be passed today by making consensus. As told by Dr. Subhash Sharma, there is nothing at the level of Ministry but the delay is at the official level that has also been observed by him in the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February that both the U.G.C. and MHRD is not positive. He said that the major change that has come in Delhi that Sh. K.K. Sharma has taken over as Secretary from 1<sup>st</sup> March, Sh. K.K. Sharma has attachment with Chandigarh as he stayed in Chandigarh for the 4 years. Therefore, University have to make effort in that direction also. The University should take action by contacting the newly elected Chief Minister of Punjab and also with the newly elected MPs who were the aluminous of this University for making the provision of Punjab Government and Centre Government. He said that in the recent past, meetings of Campus Senates were held over the issue, he felt that the outsider Senators will have equal responsibility and attachment with the Panjab University as that of Campus Senators. He requested to the Vice-Chancellor to inform the Outside Senators, in future, if such meetings are required to be held. This is first ever Special Senate to discuss the financial crisis, the effort should be done in right direction. He further said that the 1.5 hour of presentation of the Vice-Chancellor is very effective which can also create more impact if the officer at least upto the level of Under Secretary will attend.

The Vice-Chancellor clarified that it is the meeting of the Senate, the representative of only DPI (Colleges), Punjab and DP (Colleges) U.T. can attend the same.

Dr. Dalip Kumar said that the members of the U.G.C. be influenced to attend the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he had written to U.G.C. and passed resolution but the U.G.C. does not want to attend the meeting, spending a whole day in Panjab University.

Dr. Dalip Kumar further stated that with regard to issue of status of Central University, the Panjab University ought to be declared as the institute of national importance, where Punjab Government would have no dissent and we should make efforts in that direction as well.

Professor Navdeep Goyal said that while considering the letters from the U.G.C. on the issues on which Panjab University is talking about, we can make an effort to enhance the income. If we look at the data that is projected on the screen and look at the enhancement in income during the last 3 years, that comes to 22%, all that is possible because we have loaded the students and beyond this the load cannot be done in form of (exam) fee hike as that will lead to some other complication. He said that we need to take help from the people like M.P. Mrs. Kirron Kher. As far as efforts of University are concerned, University is making efforts that can be observed from the date showing 22% increase. While looking at the data projected, probably no state funded University in India could have increased their income by such a huge percentage. Income of Delhi University is Rs.100 Crores whereas income of Panjab University is nearing Rs.300 crore. The second thing he would like to share that what the Punjab Government is trying to say in their affidavit which reads as under :-

It is registered that Punjab Government is already releasing Rs.20 Crore annually to the University and is not in a position to enhance the grant due to the critical financial position of the State. The Punjab Government requested to enhance the grant of Panjab University by Rs. 20 Crore to the Centre Government in their letter written to MHRD and also to bear the share of state of Punjab.

The Punjab Government is telling that Centre Government should bear the whole burden of Panjab University that also amounts to saying that make it a centrally funded University. If

that is the attitude then we should consider the same and request the Centre Government to further solution. Ultimately the solution comes when the Panjab University is treated as Centrally funded University and we are funded on the same pattern as Central Government is funding other Centrally funded institutions. If we look at the enhancement of funding that is required, the enhancement in expenditure that is required, that is less than probably other centrally funded Universities. He further suggested to make the effort in that direction and the second thing is that all of us should work as one unit whether the Governing body, teachers or non-teaching staff.

The second part which is also being taken up by other colleagues, the University should not think about the retrenchment because that will lead to other unnecessary hurdles and we would be looking on other problems rather than this particular problem.

Dr. Jagdish Chander Mehta while deliberating on the issue said that there are two major aspects that are involved is MHRD and U.G.C. and the second thing which he is observing from the last 10 years when the Chairman or Ministers of HRD comes and they focus on the concern that all the higher education institutions should generate their own resources as earlier told by Mrs. Nisha Bhargava and other Senate member to generate the resources. Whenever the University wishes to generate resources, the first thing that is kept in mind is to enhance the fees of the students and put burden on all the students who come from different backgrounds and social regions. In this regard he stated to give a small suggestion as observed from neighbouring institutions, as this is the time of globalisation and as compared to South Asian Countries, the quality of our education is better than South Asian Countries. The education in our University is much cheaper than the education in developed countries. The House should make an effort to reach our University at an international level and status so that the University can fetch more and more international students. He further said that he observed that in neighbouring institutions there are 2000 international students from African and South Asian countries. If the University moves in the direction to attract more international students, then the income will go on higher side by admission fees or hostel fees from the international students and revenue will be generated on this aspect, according to him. This aspect has not been given more attention prior to this. This aspect will help in coping up with financial crisis and more and more students will attract and the standard of Panjab University will also be internationally renowned.

Dr. Neeru Malik endorsed the view point of Dr. Jagdish Chander Mehta.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa said first of all, as informed by all other sources that bureaucracy is a big hurdle. In a democratic set up, the bureaucracy is not acceptable at all. This is the lack of political will due to which the University is suffering. It is made clear from that our local two Members of Parliament who are absent in the meeting is a message on this ground. The third thing which he had said earlier and presently endorsed that as told by Dr. Jagdish Chander Mehta that our University is at the international level, why encouragement to students of South African and Middle East countries are not given. He said to initiate drive to encourage international students and to strengthen the office of Dean International Studies. He further said students of poor community will not study in the University if fees are enhanced at a higher rate.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out please explain what he is trying to state clearly within the statute of this thing.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa said that what the Vice Chancellor is thinking on the issue of re-employment which has been raised by him, earlier many times, maximum of funds are draining out on re-employment by depriving employment to young generation.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed that if re-employment is not allowed, the posts of Professors will fall vacant which will further affect the ratio of teachers and students.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhwa said that the statement made by the Vice Chancellor shows that vacancy will not arise till the re-employment.

The Vice-Chancellor further clarified that if the scheme of re-employment will be closed then the vacancies will arise and vacancies cannot be filled up then the teacher student will be less or more. The vice-Chancellor pointed out to Dr. Randhawa to give a suggestion to address the issue.

Sh. Varinder Singh pointed that issue of fund generating has been discussed many times. He said that how many times this issue will be discussed, it was also discussed in the meetings of the Syndicate and Senate. He further said a resolution be passed by the Vice Chancellor and the House to tell the U.G.C. and MHRD to give the measures to the University to raise the finances.

The Vice Chancellor said that the U.G.C. suggested that development charge be levied to the institution or Colleges affiliated to Panjab University. The U.G.C. further ordered that those institutions/Colleges which are affiliated to Panjab University be asked to give Rs.1 Lac.

Sh. Varinder Singh said that the poor/rural students of these Colleges will not study in Panjab University due to hike in fees. He said that this is not possible to levy development fund.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa endorsed the statement made by Sh. Varinder Singh that these are all political ideologies that will be set right after the term of the Vice Chancellor.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa further pointed that students fees have been increased by doing emergency meetings, he asked F.D.O. Sir to tell with regard to the minimum rent that is being charged from the smallest to largest category of houses in the Campus, what is the rent that is being charged for the shops in the Campus. Dr. Randhawa asked the Vice Chancellor to step out of the campus to inquire about the market rent of the shops.

Dr. Keshav Malhotra objected to the issue raised by Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa.

Dr. D.S. Randhawa asked Dr. Keshav Malhotra not to interfere in the speech and opposed him.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa pointed out that whenever there is a matter to increase the fees, everybody stands and endorsed the same but whenever the contribution of teachers is required to be made, everyone in the House opposes the same because the House consists of majority of teachers. Therefore, he said that this suggestion may be included in the list of suggestions to address the issue of financial crisis by raising the house rent and rent of the shops.

Dr. Ravinder Nath Sharma said that this is the first special meeting of the Senate in which issue of financial crisis is being discussed as that the financial emergency has broken down the Panjab University. He felt astonished as from the year 1992 he is in Panjab University, this situation is never being faced. The real thing as stated by Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa is that there is requirement of political will and at the political will, there is no bureaucracy as the IAS officers are under the control of Chief Ministers of the State. He felt that after the year 2014 no Minister from Central Government had visited the Panjab University. These ministers have to be invited to Convocations or other University functions to discuss the issue. Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal and Sh. Satya Pal Jain always contributed from the MPLAD fund to the Panjab University. He further stated that this issue has been made political with regard to the issue of receiving grant of Rs.140 Crores. The Political leaders may raise the issue in the Parliament and meet the MPs in Punjab, MHRD and Finance Minister to maintain the history and glory of this University as was done by Dr. Manmohan Singh and other alumni. He felt that to maintain the Shano-Shaukat, all should together and fight in a united way to resolve the issue. He said that the statement made by Sh. Varinder Singh that U.G.C. is under the control of MHRD and it is the

political will, but how can the U.G.C. file the SLP in the court, is not apt. He said that the Vice Chancellor is doing the work in the right direction and it is very much applauded the efforts made by Vice Chancellor at all levels to resolve the issue. The main concern is that at present those people who have political links with the Government should meet the officials at MHRD to solve the financial crunch as the conditions which they are going to impose, have never been implemented in University. He said that the resolution of Professor I.S. Chadha and the whole House be passed and as regards giving the status of Central University to Panjab University, there is nothing doubtful in it, we should think over it as those Universities which were created after independence has been given the status of Central University. He agreed with the President of Union that retrenchment of C Class employees cannot solve the problem and this retrenchment should not be done. He said that in the meeting of Senate on 26.03.2017 by increasing the fees, the burden on middle class and poor class will be raised but this should be avoided.

The Vice Chancellor further pointed that U.G.C. has made a plea that that expenses per student is more because the University is not charging any kind of tuition fee as is being charged by Punjabi University, Patiala.

The members of the House pointed that the Vice Chancellor is not supposed to increase the fees.

The Vice Chancellor said that he is not increasing the fees, the fees are increased by the Senate, the Governing body of the University. He said that his job of running the University from today is passed on to the Senate. He is just 1+ 93, please understand this it is not 93 and 1, he further said that his role is one upon 93 or 94. He is just making the House conscious what the U.G.C. has written, this is what they have given to Supreme Court that Panjab University expense per student is more because they are not charging adequate fee.

Sh. Varinder Singh said that due to this small thing of politics, rural and poor people will be deprived of studying in University.

The Vice Chancellor said that he is not a political person, he is not a legal person, the Senate is the Government of the University please accept your responsibility to govern the University.

Sh. Varinder Singh said that some members would have to meet the U.G.C. people.

The Vice Chancellor asked them to go and meet the U.G.C.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa said that the members will meet the U.G.C. under the delegation of Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor said that U.G.C. Chairman had been invited, he agreed to visit the Panjab University on 21<sup>st</sup> of March. This is not a game, he agreed to come on 21<sup>st</sup> of March. As soon as the SLP gets filed the Vice Chancellor received an SMS that due to his pre-occupation, he will not be able to visit the Panjab University. He said that if the members of the Senate want to meet the U.G.C. Chairman, pass the resolution in the Senate, the resolution will be passed on to the U.G.C. and let him give an appointment, Vice Chancellor will go to meet him. He said that this is what the U.G.C. Chairman said not the Vice Chancellor of Panjab University. U.G.C. Secretary and previous MHRD Secretary told the Vice Chancellor.

The members of the House asked the Vice Chancellor to pass the resolution in the House to meet the U.G.C. Chairman along with delegation of PUTA and Non-Teaching Federation.

Dr. Ravinder Nath Sharma said that why the Vice Chancellor has said that if the students of Punjabi University, Patiala and GNDU, Amritsar can afford the fee structure, why not the

Panjab University students because in these universities there are no elected bodies. Since Panjab University is having a democratic set-up, they deliberate on each and every issue. After seeing the pros and cons they take decisions. In those Universities whatever is proposed by the DPI/Secretary the same is approved without any debate. The HRD Minister had asked the University of Delhi to fill up the 378 posts whereas they are asking the PU TO reduce/retrrench the staff. He could not understand that what is the attitude of the present Government towards Panjab University?

Principal Gurdeep Kumar Sharma said that they could form two committees of Senators, one of those members having proximity with the Centre to meet the HRD Minister and the other of those having proximity with the Punjab Government to meet the new Chief Minister of Punjab.

Dr. Jagdeep Kumar said that on the observation of these issues, some ideological matters are coming as already said by Dr. Subhash and Sh. Varinder Singh all the ministers in HRD are very positive and the current problem of financial crisis is after the politics of the year 2014 which is known to everyone. He said that he felt that the good offices of other members should be used and as regard to the retrenchment of employees in Panjab University he thought that there is shortage of employees. In Rajiv Gandhi College Bhawan and University Guest Houses where the employees are working said that if anybody is absent then they have to face problems. The work is done in shift system there. As regard the suggestion about international students, for the same new courses are to be introduced and infrastructure have to be provided and all the teaching and non-teaching posts have to be filled up. Therefore, the House should make concern in this direction and not on the side of retrenchment. There are very low wages which is being paid to the daily wage employees whereas a Carpenter gets Rs. 600/- per day and the University should not think of the retrenchment of these employees. He further suggested that all the officers who have good links in the Government and U.G.C. be directed to meet the higher-ups to cope up with the current situation.

Dr. K.K. Sharma said that in the affiliated Colleges only academic courses run and there is shortage of professional courses due to which the strength in the Colleges are declining. If the B.A/B.Sc. courses made private then every student will prefer to be private student rather than regular student in affiliated Colleges. He said that that it is the glory of the University to provide quality education to the students and employees should not be retrenched. He said in Delhi University under the Medical stream, the fee of Rs.1845/- is being charged from the students and in Panjab University the fees for B.Com is Rs.27000/- per year. In Delhi University, Maulana Azad and other institutions, the quality education is provided at subsidised rates and the Government is generating the resources. Education is only provided by grant, by resources not by hiking the fees.

Prof. Shelly Walia said that the current situation is very grave and there is no more time to discuss the academic matters. As the Vice-Chancellor said that after the repeated meetings with U.G.C. and MHRD and sending number of delegations but finally the said particular of the Vice-Chancellor dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, there is a sentence which says that Rs.21 Crore has been released also is subject to the outcome of the special leave petition which he think that is to be underscored, i.e., "Subject to Special Leave Petition" that this money is going to be released which means according to him is that the road map would be that once the SLP is accepted and a positive decision is arrived at, the University lose the case completely, then there is no going back and the University would have to generate the resources at its own level. He said that his suggestion is that one should try with utmost effort which has already been done by the Vice-Chancellor and there are various allegations levelled against the Panjab University such as bungling and about not being given the seats in Syndicate and Senate. The primary concern of the House should be immediately to see to it that the Special Leave Petition will do stand up and counter their allegations which can be done as already decided in the Senate when few Senators met the Vice-Chancellor in his office to get hold of very able lawyer who goes there and presents the case of the University.

Point No. 2 of the letter which says in the last paragraph about the flow of funds in the Panjab University which is to be decided in consultation with the letter of 15.12.2016. He further wants to be clarified about the letter on 15.12.2016, is this positive or in favour of the University or not.

The Vice-Chancellor said that retrenchment is to be made, the ratio is to be made for 1:1 and the budget of Panjab University will be frozen next year if retrenchment will not be done.

Prof. Shelly Walia said that the sub text of this letter is clear that MHRD have a positive approach and this can be seen that they are not in a mood to give anything inspite of pressure put on to them.

The Vice-Chancellor said that is the reason the meeting has been convened with the four Vice-Chancellors living in Chandigarh and other members of the Senate staying in Chandigarh to meet the Governor.

Prof. Shelly Walia said that this is a very creditable thing done by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the same was done as the salaries of the teachers were stopped, he could not call all the Senators by two hours notice, therefore, the Campus Senators whose salaries were not being paid were called in the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor further read what the MHRD wrote in a letter in 2010 that Panjab University is a unique institution. This is the report of the task force and not a public document. He said that this is not his document. He read out, "Panjab University is a unique institution, the alumni of this University get emotional when they visit Panjab University. It was informed by the Deans/Directors of the University that old students of the Campus touched the grounds with their heads on asking they say these buildings are not merely made with bricks and mortar, they are bones of their ribs. It is not known as to how many Universities command this kind of respect from its past students. Does this uniqueness of this University should be guarded, respected and appreciated," this is what MHRD Task force said. "It should be accepted, recognized and institutionalized if necessary through an amendment of Panjab University Act, this should be done to remove misperception and misapprehensions. Secondly the way this University has been created in decades that migrants to India from erstwhile Pakistan did not establish a new University rather they re-established Panjab University for them. This is uncommon but it shows their deep love and affection for their institution. Thirdly the distinguishing feature of the University is that it did not owe its origin only to the State patronage but was the product of initiating efforts of the people of an undivided Punjab. It might be the only University which has been first built by the people and recognised by the State later. Fourth the national character of this University within its expansive arms, everybody is welcome. The students' profile, the profile of the teaching and non-teaching is as has been mentioned in para 6 above vouches for the truth. Lastly it is unique being in an interstate body corporate". What more can be told to the political leaders of this country.

Professor Shelley Walia said that as again quoted by the MHRD, the University should prepare for the situation of crisis while keeping the pressure on the MHRD. But at the moment, he thought University should think of Rs.176 Crores and generating the funds. As regards the generation of funds beyond Rs.176 crores by implementing the taxation model where rich people pay and pay extensively more and not only paying Rs.100/-, Rs.300/- or Rs.500/-, parking of Audi SUV should be Rs.5000/-. There are many ways by which income can be generated.

Professor Mukesh Arora said it is his only request that it is our right to take grant and to get that grant the University should not bend and no statement in the Court should be given to reduce the manpower i.e., reduction in teachers and non-teachers, as it will cause more harm and affect the efficiency of the work.

S. Tarlochan Singh said that he felt that the officials of the U.G.C. are creating problem. He felt that our Senior Senators like Prof. Bambah, Dr. Subhash, Chadha Ji and other senior members should meet the ministers of MHRD after taking prior appointment. As regards the decision regarding fee hike, it is felt that funds cannot be raised by making increase in fees as it will cause problems to the poorer sections of students.

Principal Hardiljit Singh Gosal said that with regard to the agenda of today's meeting to discuss the SLP, is the University discussing on hiring an Advocate for the same. This is the first issue and all the members of the House authorized the Vice-Chancellor to hire the Advocate according to his choice. He said that in the next year also the University will get the grant after fighting in the Court. This is not a permanent solution. The University Officers should meet the State and Centre Ministers, to meet Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal Ji, Sh. Satya Pal Jain Ji and Subhash Ji, then this matter will be solved rather than solving in the Courts.

Prof. Promila Pathak said that this is the right time when the House should pass a resolution that MHRD and U.G.C. will regularize PU grants in time. U.G.C. should create a separate sub head as already instructed by the MHRD and she thought that it will bring the solution to the problem and University should be treated as institution of national importance or centrally funded University. As far as retrenchment of employees, she is not in favour of that and she would also like to apprise that PUTA jointly with the Panjab University Non-Teaching Federation joined hands and doing efforts and already constituted a Joint Action Committee and many students organisations also joined the same. PUTA has also become party to the Court case so that their interests will not be harmed.

Prof. Rajat Sandhir said that firstly he want to thank to the Vice-Chancellor for his efforts to cope up the situation which has happened in a last couple of months. But as quoted by the Vice-Chancellor in the 2010 letter, that this is a game of political leaders, and the Vice-Chancellor should meet the political leaders.

The Vice-Chancellor said he had already met with the Home Minister, Finance Minister twice and HRD Minister thrice, previous HRD Minister, etc. He also met Minister for State for External Affairs Mr. V.K. Singh, Chaudhary Virender Singh who had visited the Panjab University. It is not correct that Central Ministers had not visited the Panjab University for the last three years. So many Central Ministers are visiting the Panjab University except the HRD Minister, every other Minister has visited PU.

Prof. Rajat Sandhar said one should also focus on centrally funded pattern and he felt that Dr. Randhawa should not say on the issue of re-employment, benefits of housing what the teachers are getting because this is the policy of Government of India, re-employment facility is everywhere, housing is everywhere.

On the point of order, Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa intervened and said that he wish to say on the statement made by Prof. Rajat Sandhir.

The Vice-Chancellor did not permit Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa to speak on the issue.

Prof. D.V.S. Jain said that this issue is being discussed for a long time and the Vice-Chancellor very ably summarised the whole issue. He said that this is the time to take practical steps. One is as suggested by Prof Shelly Walia, the University should have best legal expert and for that the House authorised the Vice-Chancellor to get the best legal aid to fight in the Supreme Court or in the High Court. The Second as also the suggestion by Principal Sharma, the Vice-Chancellor should constitute two Committees to meet the HRD Minister and the Chief Minister of Punjab so that they can help and finally the House should pass a resolution that has been drafted. These are the four practical suggestions and after that the discussion should be closed.

Prof. B.S. Ghuman said that education is for the public and merit, being public and merit, it is the responsibility of the Government for the funding of the education and he thought that piece meal approach should not be made and a very comprehensive approach will have to be kept in mind as this item has consumed maximum of the time of the all the members. One most important suggestion he wants to make is that the manpower reduction is not a solution because it is a publically funded University. The only suggestion if the House allows is the differential fee structure rather than charging uniform fee structure from all, it can be linked with the paying capacity of the parents so that differential fee structure can be adopted.

The Vice-Chancellor further permitted Prof. Chaman Lal to speak again on the issue but he instructed him to be brief and cut it short.

Prof. Chaman Lal said that his main concern is that this matter has gone to Court but it is a fact that Panjab University had not gone to Court. The Punjab and Haryana High Court on its own has taken up the case as a public interest case on seeing the financial situation of the Panjab University. It is the U.G.C. who has challenged the Punjab and Haryana High Court not Panjab University. Panjab University has been made the party by proxy or by direct or indirect way and the allegations which have been put by the U.G.C. are ably abutted by the Vice-Chancellor. He said that the Vice-Chancellor has very good will in the House and the only thing is that he should be little tolerant and let the people express their opinion. There are some technical points such as 1:1 ratio – this is absolutely anti education policy of the U.G.C. for all Universities not only for Panjab University. He said that he knows as he had gone to Indra Gandhi National University where full Professors are given one Assistant and in all the Universities abroad as told by Prof. Shelly Walia the same is more than that. Even Professors/Scholars are given a Personal Assistant on the pattern of 1:1. He said that in University Department without the Peon/Clerk, how can you imagine the work of the Department will function, that is the very non-sense proposal of U.G.C. which all Universities should resist very strongly. The next thing is that shunting out the employees from low category. Why the employees from the top category are not firstly considered for shunting out. Then all the work is done through mouse and there is no need of Deans, Registrar and the Vice-Chancellor. He said that to provide the quality education, the University should have a very rational proactive decision. So he fully supports the resolution moved by Prof. I.S. Chadha, the language may be improvised or better. But all the members of the House as one should stand with Panjab University if the Panjab University is on the third or fourth rank on international ranking from Indian Universities. The important thing is that in the record of U.G.C. or SLP, the Panjab University is established in the year 1947 which is the most prejudiced attitude of the U.G.C. because Panjab University has been established in 1882 when we all cried and said that it is the heritage University. He said that the University is established in the Indian part which has also been explained by the Vice-Chancellor. As per the U.G.C. and as mentioned in SLP this University is established in 1947, this is the subject where the U.G.C. is absolutely prejudiced. He said that all members of the House should stand together despite the differences on various issues. As in Punjabi University, Patiala and GNDU, Amritsar, in the absence of governing bodies, the Vice-Chancellor raised the fees on the instructions of the Punjab Government, he acts as a mouse of the Punjab Government.

Professor Keshav Malhotra said that the way the Vice-Chancellor dealt with the case is highly appreciable. But the said matter is delayed. If the same exercise to meet the political leaders will be done at an early stage, then such a situation will not arise and the Vice-Chancellor will have to face this. In all the meetings of the Senate, all these things were discussed that the problems of the University would increase day by day. The fees of the students can be increased to a level of saturation; the examination fees cannot be increased. He further said that retrenchment should not be done. He said that as per the agreement of the University with U.G.C. and MHRD to meet the deficit balance in the year 2010, on this issue the House should pass a resolution that deficit balance since the year 2011 be met with by the U.G.C. which is the only solution to solve the matter.

The Vice-Chancellor responded while summarizing nearly 1.5 hours of discussion firstly he started with the report and Prof. I.S. Chadha proposed a resolution. There is no disagreement on that resolution. He further said that what does this resolution pre-supposes? This resolution pre-supposes what he read off that in the year 2011 there is a direction given by MHRD that University has its income, Punjab contributes some share and the rest they would meet. When the University has its income it is the assessment that this University always had this income and that income has continuously grown, it is not that the income has ever been tapped. When the new courses were started in this University at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and income of the University has gradually been generated. The society can pay the way the society's income are rising. What is the rate of inflation that is the minimum that a University has to match in generating its income? The Government of India allows a certain annualized rate of increase in the non-plan budget. Non-plan budgets are typically used for paying salaries. So a reasonable rate of increase of University's income has to be maintained and all have to accept the responsibility as a part of governance to continuously generating the income not quantumly but having some uniformly accepted rate. So the kind of projections that were made was in line with the same. While we do that there is a near unanimity that what the MHRD has envisaged is to freeze this much of posts. No more conditions should be levied on the University. What was there at that time (i.e., 2011), it should remain frozen at that number, it should not be enhanced. There is a near rejection of this diktat of the Centre that the ratio of teaching to non-teaching staff is to be 1: 1.1. That assessment had been done already in 2010 and MHRD must adhere to it. After that re-assessment was done for teaching positions which was 1510 at that time and it stands decreased to 1385 now, but no decrease up to that level. And this condition should also be not imposed on the University that the University has to ask for filling up of every teacher. The present number of teachers currently available in the University should not be decreased and the University should be permitted to fill up positions falling vacant. If a re-employed teacher is retired, then one has to fill up the post with the new incumbent, if it is not done then the ratio of teachers and students will further. Right now there are 44 re-employed teachers who have retired in the last three years, at least PU should be permitted to fill these 44 posts. In addition, PU should be permitted to fill up the all the reserve category posts of Professors and Associate Professors, where PU is not meeting the statutory requirement. Right now the University has too much of pressure from the Department of SC/ST to complete the reserve category posts at all levels. There are 33 SC positions of Associate Professors and 17 positions of ST Associate Professors which are lying vacant. At the level of Professors (SC category), there are 19 positions which are lying vacant and there are 9 ST positions in the category of Associate Professors which are lying vacant. At least the Centre Government should accept the responsibility of filling up these vacant posts of SC/ST Category and to bear the additional expenditure involve in the same, as this is the statutory requirement. If a given Vice-Chancellor does not do the same, the SC/ST Commission will take action against the University why these posts are not filled up. The Panjab University should appeal to the Central Government for the same.

Professor Keshav Malhotra pointed out that the Vice-Chancellor has written to the U.G.C. that the vacant posts will not be filled up. This is the contradictory statement of the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor clarified that the same was written to the U.G.C. but the said matter is referred to the Senate and Senate is the Supreme body they can reject it.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa interrupted on the statement of Sh. Keshav Malhotra that when the University is filling up the seats after the re-employment then it is Ok, when he said that reemployment scheme should be abolished then he opposes the same.

The Vice-Chancellor clarified that he is not in favour of abolition of re-employment scheme. There was no mention any where that re-employment scheme should be discontinued. Re-employment scheme stood implemented in the year 2011, when the team of MHRD came to the University. The Vice-Chancellor said it never enhances the financial burden. He further said

those posts will be filled which are falling vacant after the retirement, after 60 or 65 years as the case may be.

The Vice-Chancellor further endorsed the resolution which reads as under:-

It is the statutory obligation that he received a letter from the SC/ST Commission why the SC/ST positions are not being filled up. They are not being filled up because they are directing not to fill any thing. He put this proposal to the next meeting of the Board of Finance seeking opinion of the Board of Finance that they should permit to fill these posts. This should be sent to MHRD and the Central Government should decide that they are not permitting Panjab University to fill up this statutory obligation. That's why he is concerned as due to the enhancement in number of teachers, the quality of education will improve and it will also improve the student/teacher ratio. He further informed about the latest rankings given by Times of Education that only in top ten institutions in India other than the Calcutta University, all other Universities have a teacher/student ratio of superior to Panjab University. At the moment on the Campus there is a ratio of teacher/student is 23, in Calcutta it is 30, Delhi is at 15 and all other institutions in India which are in the same bracket have superior teacher/student ratio than Panjab University.

The Vice-Chancellor offered to the data by e.mail compiled by the IQAC Cell for distribution and that can be seen that amongst the top other institutions of India other than Calcutta University, the PU has very inferior student/teacher ratio. He also proposed that the Home Ministry must clarify our status as regards the University. Home Ministry must take an initiative to see that the U.G.C. has representatives, they can issue the directives, one line resolution asking that U.G.C. representative will be the ex-officio member out of the total ex-officios members there. The U.G.C. should put their representative as the ex-officio member in the Senate and Syndicate. Then he also requested that all the regulations that this August body has passed and sent to the MHRD on which no decision has been taken for the last 4-6 years be looked at. The U.G.C. and MHRD must take a call in an expeditious manner certainly before the arrival of the recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission. Those regulations which have implications in the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission, they must be first attended to before going to 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission. And last of all the House must express anguish what the U.G.C. has done or said about Panjab University in the SLP. The University is not bungling and there is no financial mismanagement in PU.

Dr. Gurmeet Singh said he is fully agreed with the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor but on the last point he felt that when any point is referred in the SLP. He was further interrupted by the Vice-Chancellor to only speak on the relevant matter. He said that now the resolution proposed by Prof. I.S. Chadha has been considered by changing the language of the resolution then why the resolution proposed by him in the year 2008 could not be accepted.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that this is the decision of the High Court. The court has ordained the MHRD, U.G.C. and Panjab University would sit together and come out with some number for the future. If they don't come out with number for the future, then there will be no budget.

Dr. D.P.S. Randhawa said that the University should send a request to the MHRD to direct the U.G.C. to withdraw the case and the same will be withdrawn from University's side on the consent of both the parties. Before that MHRD should intervene and there should be a meeting between the U.G.C. and Senate and MHRD be pressurized for the same.

The Vice-Chancellor said that pressurization will be done by the Committees to be constituted for the same.

Sh. Prabhjeet Singh said that the resolution proposed by the Vice-Chancellor is accepted except on the last point to fill the posts of SC/ST category. The posts of SC/ST category should be filled up but the posts on General Category should also be filled for those persons who are retired from PU service and there should be no retrenchment of non-teaching staff.

The Vice-Chancellor further clarified that he is also saying to fill all those posts where retirements have been done. He further said that no retrenchment will be done from the figure prevalent in the year 2011.

Professor Keshav Malhotra said that at this present situation the University should think wisely on all the issues relating to filling up of posts.

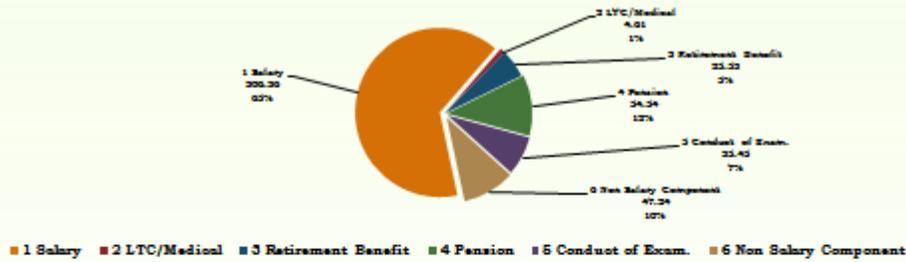
Dr. Amit Joshi said that the University should not be selective on the issue of filling up of posts only of SC/ST category rather the same should be considered with General category also.

The Vice-Chancellor clarified him by saying that the above resolution is completely clear that posts of both the SC/ST and General Category be filled up. He said that with regard to the formation of Committees, those members who wish to go in for this Committee and want to become a volunteer for the same send the SMS to the Vice-Chancellor or an e.mail then he will form the Committee.

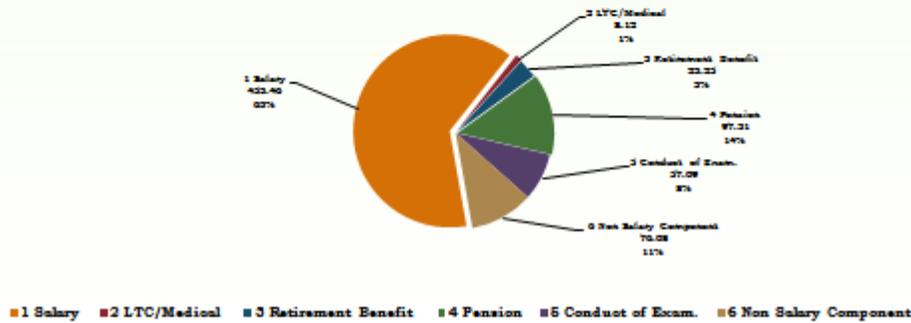
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NEXT FIVE FINANCIAL YEARS (2017-18 TO 2021-22)**

		(Rs. In Crores)					
Sr. No	Heads of Expenditure	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Salary						
	Teaching	120.12	133.42	148.58	165.09	184.00	204.42
	Non-Teaching (Regular)	157.40	171.03	182.51	194.84	207.27	221.81
	Non-Teaching (Temp/Contract)	15.85	15.41	13.82	14.12	15.53	17.09
	Non-Teaching (Outsourcing)	12.98	10.34	7.62	8.38	9.22	10.14
	<b>Total (Non-Teaching)</b>	<b>186.24</b>	<b>196.78</b>	<b>203.95</b>	<b>217.34</b>	<b>232.02</b>	<b>249.04</b>
	<b>Total (Salary)</b>	<b>306.36</b>	<b>330.21</b>	<b>352.53</b>	<b>382.43</b>	<b>416.03</b>	<b>453.46</b>
2	LTC/Medical Assistance	4.61	5.16	5.78	6.48	7.25	8.12
3	Retirement Benefit (Gratuity/Leave Encashment)	25.53	20.53	18.95	24.75	24.16	23.25
4	Pension	54.54	68.76	74.60	82.28	89.21	97.31
5	Conduct of Examination excluding Salary	35.45	39.00	42.89	47.18	51.90	57.09
6	Non Salary Component (Research Journal & Book, Electricity, Water, Repair & Maintenance, Public Health & Sports activities & Misc. Essential Charges etc.)	47.24	51.96	57.16	62.88	69.16	76.08
7	<b>Total</b>	<b>473.73</b>	<b>515.62</b>	<b>551.92</b>	<b>606.00</b>	<b>657.72</b>	<b>715.32</b>
8	<b>Less Internal revenue</b>	<b>256.00</b>	<b>271.33</b>	<b>298.47</b>	<b>328.31</b>	<b>361.15</b>	<b>397.26</b>
9	<b>Estimated deficit (7-8)</b>	<b>217.73</b>	<b>244.29</b>	<b>253.45</b>	<b>277.69</b>	<b>296.57</b>	<b>318.06</b>
10	Contribution of Govt of Punjab	20.00	22.50	25.31	28.48	32.04	36.04
11	<b>Netrequirement (9-10)</b>	<b>197.73</b>	<b>221.79</b>	<b>228.14</b>	<b>249.21</b>	<b>264.54</b>	<b>282.02</b>

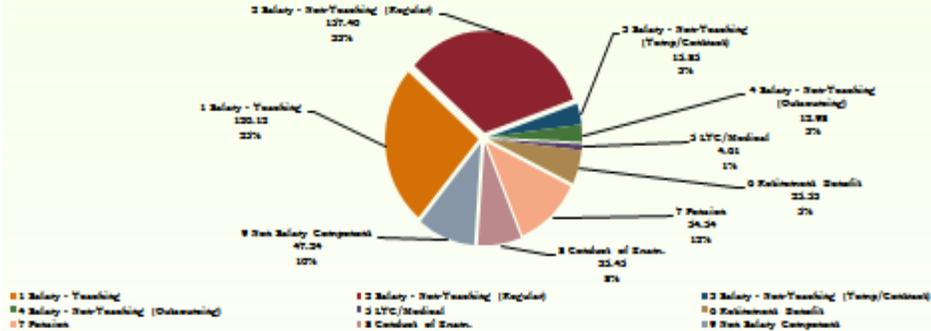
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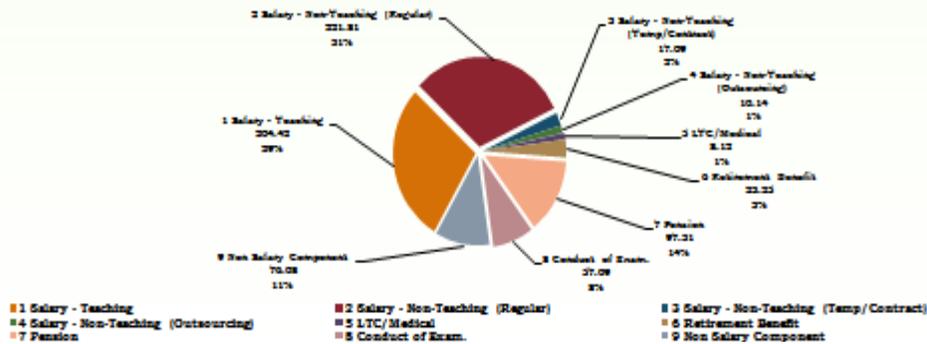
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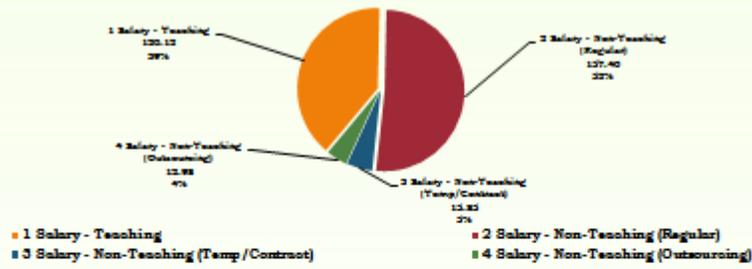
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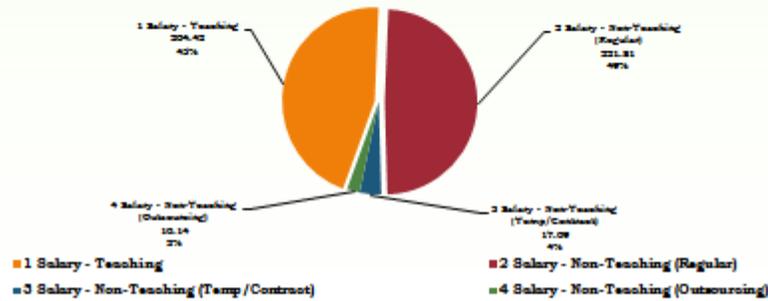
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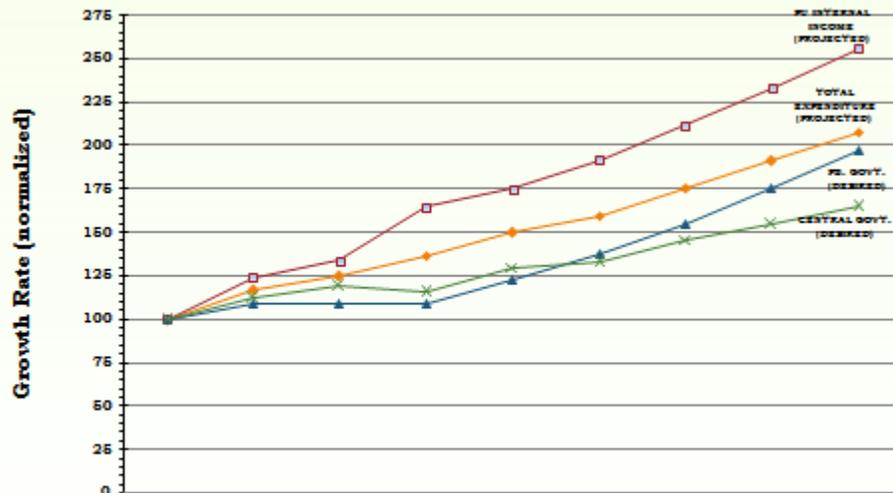
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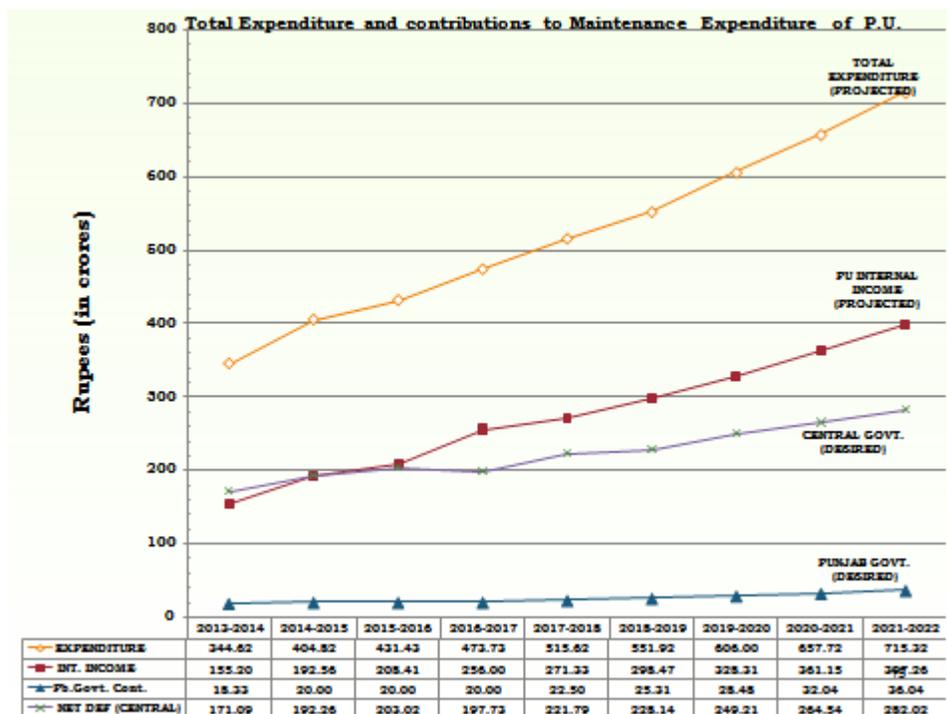
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**Yearwise growth of Expenditure and different Contributions to it ; normalized to 2013-2014**



	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
EXPENDITURE	100	117	126	137	160	160	176	191	208
INT. INCOME	100	124	134	166	175	192	212	233	266
P.b. Govt. Cont.	100	109	109	109	123	138	166	176	197
NET DEF (Central)	100	112	119	116	130	133	146	166	166

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**RESOLVED:** That the resolution proposed by Ambassador I.S. Chadha was unanimously accepted by the House as under:

**The Senate:-**

- expresses its serious concern at the unprecedented financial crisis facing Panjab University caused by the inordinate delay in the release of required resources and the resulting hardship that members of staff have had to undergo due to non-payment of salaries on time;
- draws attention of the Central Government of its statutory obligation arising out of:
  - the Panjab University Act VII of 1947 read with Para 5.2(c)(i) of the Regulations relating to Finance, which lists government Grant as one of the sources of income; and
  - Section 72(4) of the Panjab Re-organisation Act, 1956, which casts the responsibility on the Central Government to determine the pattern of funding of Panjab University;
- reaffirms the understanding that in pursuance of the above-mentioned statutory provisions the Central Government has the obligation to ensure that adequate resources are provided to the University to meet the budgeted expenditure after taking into account the budgeted income from all other sources and the grant from the Punjab Government; and
- urges the Central Government to arrange for the immediate and unconditional release of Rs.68.03 crores, being the outstanding amount calculated in accordance with the above understanding; as per details given below:’

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount due (in Rs. Crores)</b>
2014-15	16.26
2015-16	30.04
2016-17	21.73
	<b>68.03</b>

- requests the Central Government to take necessary steps to ensure timely release of funds in future so that the University does not have to face similar crises again.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Senate:-

- requests the MHRD/UGC to allow Panjab University to fill up vacancies arising out of completion of re-employment of 44 teachers during last three years and also fill up vacant positions in the SC and ST Categories at the level of Associate Professors (33+17), and Professors (19+9), as mandated by SC/ST Commission.
- approves that two Committees of Senators to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor to meet Hon'ble, Chief Minister of Punjab and Hon'ble, Union Human Resource and Development Minister. Members shall volunteer for these Committees.
- urges Union Home Ministry to clarify the status of the University, as the University is being discriminated against while disbursing grants to State and Central Universities. Panjab University designated as an Inter-State Body Corporate, gets deprived for benefits of grants exclusively meant for State and Central Universities. Union Ministry is also requested to give representation to UGC nominees in Panjab University Senate and Syndicate and Board of Finance under Section 72 of the Punjab Reorganization Act 1966.
- requests the MHRD/UGC that Regulations lying with MHRD/UGC be evaluated for approval. These have been lying with Central Authorities for long.
- requests the MHRD/UGC for Development grant to Panjab University on the lines of Central Universities.
- requests the MHRD/UGC that the spirit enshrined in the report of the Task Force appointed by Union Government and which deliberated in detail on all aspects in 2010/11 be adhered to.

(G.S. Chadha )  
Registrar

Confirmed

( Arun Kumar Grover )  
Vice-Chancellor