

BM 81.45.2 The Board approved the proposed amendment declaring Research Council as an authority of the University and directed that the proposal be submitted to the Visitor for his assent.

ITEM NO. 46 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BM 81.46.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the recommendations of the Academic Council made at its 32nd Meeting held on 13-11-2004 to the amendment in the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes (Ordinance 13) and approved the amendments to the Ordinance as per details in the **Appendix – 15**.

ITEM NO. 47 TO APPRAISE ABOUT ABNORMAL CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR OF PROF. P.R. RAMANUJAM, DIRECTOR, STRIDE IN DEFYING THE DIRECTIONS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY AND IN DEALING WITH THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF STRIDE, WHICH ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING

BM 81.47.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that for quite some time Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Director, STRIDE has been showing utter disregard to the decisions of the Board of Management and the orders of the Vice Chancellor and the Pro-Vice Chancellor. Prof. Ramanujam has been thus violating the provisions of his own service conditions as a Director as prescribed under the Ordinances / Statutes of the University which clearly lay down that every Director shall perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be assigned / delegated to him by the

Vice-Chancellor and / or the Board of Management. Prof. Garg enumerated several instances of inconsistencies noticed in the working of Prof. Ramanujam as Director of STRIDE, his behaviour with STRIDE faculty and the authorities of the University, which is not conducive to work.

BM 81.47.2

The Board discussed the matter in detail. The Board noted the behaviour of Prof. Ramanujam with grave concern and decided that various aspects be looked into by a committee comprising:

- (i) Shri Pawan Chopra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Member, BOM.
- (ii) Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Former Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Open University, Member, BOM.

The Board directed that the committee should submit its recommendations before the next meeting of the Board of Management for a decision.

ITEM NO. 48

TO CONSIDER THE INQUIRY REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE INQUIRY OFFICER IN THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED AGAINST SHRI S. VENKATESH, LECTURER (SR. SCALE) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

BM 81.48.1

The item was taken up for consideration. It was explained that a departmental inquiry was initiated against Shri S. Venkatesh, Lecturer (Senior Scale) as per the orders of the disciplinary authority, viz., the Vice-Chancellor and Shri A.M. Tewari, former Director, Cabinet Secretariat, was appointed as Inquiry Officer for conducting the inquiry. During the course of inquiry, the Charged Officer had been afforded full opportunity to represent to the Board of

Management, cross examine the witnesses or to take legal recourse if he so desired. The Charged Officer and the Defense Assistant, however, chose to resort to all sorts of indiscipline and insubordination rendering it difficult for the Inquiry Officer to hold the proceedings as per the rules. The Presenting Officer on the direction of the Inquiry Officer brought the management witnesses thrice, but the Defense Assistant was not willing to cross examine them and instead, insisted on issues not relevant to the case. In the circumstances, the Inquiry Officer has submitted that it was not reasonably practicable for him to continue the proceedings anymore, and the Board may now consider further action as provided under Rule 19(ii) of the CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 read with Clause (b) of Second Proviso to Article 311 (2) of the Constitution of India.

BM 81.48.2

The matter was discussed in detail. The Board of Management took note of the facts submitted by the Inquiry Officer. The Board directed that in case CO and DA decide not to cooperate, and if IO is convinced, he should complete the process as per provision of CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 and submit his report as per evidence available.

ITEM NO. 49 ANY OTHER ITEM

BM 81.49.1

With the permission of Chair, one of the members expressed deep concern on the maintenance of various services and working of CMD, non-adherence to schedules for various projects, pathetic situation of roads and very poor response of the Division to the furnishing of the Academic Complex.

BM 81.49.2

The item was taken up for discussion and the Board desired to know the possible options for excellent upkeep of various facilities. Prof. A.S. Narang, Secretary, BOM pointed out that in the initial stages of the growth of the University, a Campus

Development Committee with members drawn from different agencies like School of Planning, Delhi Administration, JNU etc. was constituted. At that time the main thrust was on developing boundary walls, bore-well, temporary structure, peripheral development like road, water, sewer etc. The objects were achieved with reasonable success and it paved way for establishing a Construction and Maintenance Division, which was also assigned the responsibility of development. As a result of increased activity, the Division had to accommodate and respond to both these aspects. Over a period of time, it has been felt that increased responsibilities led to compromises in time schedules which invariably led to enhanced costs in project execution. At times, focussed attention could not be paid to the quality of construction. Therefore, it was decided to experiment with greening of the Campus by taking this responsibility out of CMD. The responsibility was assigned to a committee. The excellent work done by the Committee led to the creation of Horticulture Cell. Today we have vast variety of plants on our campus. The green campus and the blooming flowers are joy for everyone. Similarly, Guest House Development Committee has been able to operationalise it fully in a short time. These experiences have been so rewarding and the Board may consider constituting a High Power Campus Development Unit to supervise the Campus activities relating to Development, Security and Cleanliness.

BM 81.49.3

The Board approved the proposal and the guidelines for functioning of the CDU:

Responsibilities:

1. Campus Development
(This includes the on-going construction work of the permanent structure.)
2. Construction of Roads, Management of Water

Supply bodies, STP etc.

3. Security arrangement: Security Officer and the agency.

The Campus Development Unit will monitor and oversee the following activities:

- work of the Horticulture Cell, CMD, Guest House, Security etc.
- maintenance and cleanliness of the buildings and the campus.
- drawing road map for Development of the Campus as per Master Plan.
- work of House Keeping Agencies.

The Board authorised the Vice Chancellor to constitute Campus Development Unit which should be headed by a Senior Professor. The Unit may be empowered with adequate administrative and financial provisions to initiate and process proposals for approval of competent authority as per Financial Code.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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(H.P. DIKSHIT)
Chairman