

## محکمہ اعلیٰ تعلیم صوبہ خیبر پختونخواہ

سوال نمبر: 2433

منجانب: محترمہ نگہت یاسمین اور کرنزی صاحبہ رکن صوبائی اسمبلی

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(الف)	آیا یہ درست ہے کہ صوبائی حکومت نے ڈاکٹر افتخار کو ایبٹ آباد یونیورسٹی آف سائنس اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کا وائس چانسلر تعینات کیا تھا؟	(الف)	ہاں یہ درست ہے کہ حکومت خیبر پختونخواہ نے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر افتخار احمد کو وائس چانسلر ایبٹ آباد یونیورسٹی آف سائنس اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی تعینات کیا۔
(ب)	آیا یہ بھی درست ہے کہ مذکورہ وائس چانسلر پر غیر قانونی بھرتیوں اور کرپشن کے الزامات ہیں؟	(ب)	نہیں یہ درست نہیں ہے۔
(ج)	آیا یہ بھی درست ہے کہ پراجیکٹ نمبر 16/462/1400 پر سابقہ پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر غفور بیگ نے یونیورسٹی بلاک کیلئے 23 کروڑ روپے کی لاگت کی منظوری دی تھی جبکہ مذکورہ وائس چانسلر نے بغیر کسی بجٹ اور اپروول کے لاگت بڑھا کر 33 کروڑ روپے کر دی؟	(ج)	پراجیکٹ "Strengthening of havelian Campus of Hazara University" پی ڈی ڈی ڈیو پی کی 14 اپریل 2015 کو ہونے والی میٹنگ میں منظور ہوا تھا جس کی لاگت 230 ملین روپے تھی (Admin approval Annexed A)۔ یاد رہے کہ یہ منصوبہ ہزارہ یونیورسٹی نے حویلیاں کیمپس ایبٹ آباد کیلئے منظور کروایا تھا۔ اور اس کیمپس کو جون 2015 میں ایبٹ آباد یونیورسٹی آف سائنس اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کا درجہ دیا گیا تھا اور اس منصوبے کو ہزارہ یونیورسٹی سے ایبٹ آباد یونیورسٹی آف سائنس اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی منتقل کیا گیا۔ حکومت خیبر پختونخواہ نے جون 2015ء میں جناب عبدالغفور بیگ کو پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر تعینات کیا۔ منصوبے کی پہلی قسط 23 جولائی 2015 کو جاری ہوئی۔ پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر نے 15 اکتوبر 2015 کو MS Progressive Consultant Services کو بھرتی کیا۔ کنسلٹنٹ کی بھرتی کے بعد MRS (first quarter) 2016 کے مطابق Academic and Admin Block کیلئے نئے Estimates بنائے گئے جس کی مالیت 234.88 ملین روپے تھی۔ مئی 2016 میں اخبار کے ذریعے ٹینڈر دیا گیا۔ 24 جون 2016 کو معاہدہ جناب راجہ عدالت خان اینڈ کمپنی کو دیا گیا جو کہ پی سی ون کے تخمینہ سے 27 فیصد زیادہ تھا۔ جبکہ Official Consultant کی منظوری اور جگہ کی ضرورت کے مطابق منصوبے کا تخمینہ 261.738 ملین روپے تک پہنچ گیا (Technical Sanction Annexed B)۔ 27 جولائی 2016 کو یونیورسٹی کے بانی وائس چانسلر نے چارج سنبھالا اور رکے ہوئے منصوبے پر تیزی سے کام شروع کیا۔ منصوبے میں تاخیر اور زیادہ تخمینہ کی وجوہات کی بنا







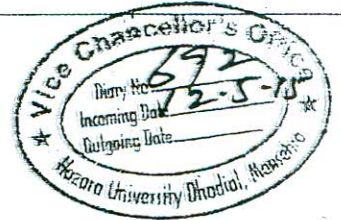
GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA  
HIGHER EDUCATION, ARCHIVES  
& LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

NO. CPO (HE)/SO /A.A/2014-15

DATED PESHAWAR THE 05<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

To

✓ The Vice Chancellor  
Hazar University



Subject: **ADP SCHEME "STRENGTHENING OF HAVELIAN CAMPUS OF HAZARA UNIVERSITY" ADP NO. 462/140016 (2014-15)**

In exercise of the power delegated vide S. No.6 of Appendix-II of Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Department Delegation of Power under the Financial Rules of Re-appropriation Rules as amended in 2001; Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is pleased to accord Administrative approval to the scheme, **"STRENGTHENING OF HAVELIAN CAMPUS OF HAZARA UNIVERSITY" ADP NO. 462/140016 (2014-15)** at a total cost of **Rs. 230.000 Million** (twenty-three crore only) on the basis of approval accorded in the Provincial Development Working Party meeting held on 14-04-2015 (copy of minutes is enclosed).

The expenditure involved is debatable to the function-cum object classification 09-Education Affairs & Services 093-Tertiary Education Affairs Services 0931- Tertiary Education Affairs Services 093101-General University/Colleges/Institute under NC22061(053) & NC12061(053) of the demands for grants Developmental expenditure, Vol-III (Part-I).

Note: **The amount will be Utilized according to the contents of approved PC-I.**

Please acknowledge the receipt.

Sd/-

Secretary to Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
Higher Education, Archives  
& Libraries Department

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1. Accountant General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
2. Secretary to the Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Department.
3. District Account Officer, District Manshera.
4. Section Officer (Dev:I), Finance Department.
5. In-charge Computer Section, (P & D) Department.
6. PS to Secretary Higher Education Department.
7. PA to Chief Planning Officer Higher Education Department.
8. Concerned file.

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*P. Nawaz*

(Muhammad Nawaz)  
Statistical Officer (HED)



# ABBOTTABAD UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORATE OF WORKS

Ph -0992-811742, Fax No. 0992-402127

No. AUST/Works/2017/63

Date: 24 / 01 / 2017

### TECHNICAL SANCTION

The technical sanction is for project titled "Strengthening of Havalian Campus of Hazara University" The detailed engineering cost estimate was prepared on MRS 2016 (first quarter) which is amounting to **Rs 234.88** Million for Academic and Admin blocks (Annexed). The contractor quoted rates are also annexed which is amounting to **227.624** Million. Actual cost of the two buildings i.e Academic and Administration blocks is also annexed. which is amounting to **Rs. 261.738** Million.

The technical sanction is hereby granted for additional cost of work to complete the project as per design.

**Engr. Asim Khan**  
**Directorate of Works**





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Ref: PCL-H&BCEI/AUST/AM -07

Date 25 NOV, 2016

TO:

Deputy Director

AUST

Subject: MASTER PLANNING OF ABBOTTABAD UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (ABOUT 1134 KANANLS), DETAILED DESIGNING, DOCUMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF ONE ADMINISTRATION BLOCK AND TWO ACADEMIC BLOCKS, ABBOTTABAD UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (HAVELIAN).

Sub Subject (Technical Sanction)

Sir,

Ref, your Letter No AUST/WORKS/2016/30 dated Nov 03, 2016. Please find here attached the Technical sanction documents for your review /perusal and further necessary action please.

Thanks & regards

Resident Engineer  
Amir Mohammad  
JV Progressive Consultant (Pvt) Ltd &  
H&B Consulting Engineers International

CC:

Team Leader  
File

ABBOTTABAD UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (AUST)  
ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATION BLOCK

SUMMARY OF COST

	Engineer Estimate	Bid Cost	T.S Cost
A Academic Block	= Rs 184,486,738.33	168,274,308.20	195,944,037.20
B Administration Block	= Rs 50,401,010.34	59,350,167.20	65,794,466.20
Total for Both Buildings (A + B):	= Rs 234,887,748.67	227,624,475.40	261,738,503.40



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**HIGHER EDUCATION, ARCHIVES & LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT.**

NO. CPO/DCPO/U-23/S&T

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Dated Peshawar the 10-04-2017

To,

The Additional Director(P&D),  
Abbotabad University of Science & Technology, Haveliah Abbotabad.

**Subject: COST OVER-RUN IN THE PROJECT TITLED "STRENGTHENING OF  
HAVELLIAN CAMPUS OF HAZARA UNIVERSITY".**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. AUST/P&D/2017, dated 08.02.2017 on the subject noted above and to inform that the scheme has not been reflected the ADP 2016-17, because the approved amount has already been provided to the university, therefore, at this stage the stated case cannot be processed and honored. Moreover it is recommended that the university authorities may complete the civil works component through re-appropriation within the project estimates of the subject project.

Your faithfully,

Dy. Chief Planning Officer, (HE)

Copy forwarded to:

1. PS to Secretary, Higher Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2. PA to Chief Planning Officer, Higher Education Department.

Dy. Chief Planning Officer, (HE)





ABBOTTABAD UNIVERSITY OF  
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REGISTRAR OFFICE

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F.No. Reg/AUST/2018/

Date: - -2018

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE**

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Syndicate, Abbottabad University of Science & Technology was held on Sep 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Committee Room of the University. The Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting and the following members of the Syndicate attended the meeting:

**Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad**  
Vice Chancellor, AUST  
Chairperson, Syndicate AUST

**Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sarwar**  
Vice Chancellor Gomal University Nominee of  
Chairman HEC/Member, Syndicate

**Mr. Syed Muhammad Sohail**  
Additional Secretary/Nominee of Secretary  
HED/Member, Syndicate

**Mr. Attaur Rehman Lodhi**  
Member Syndicate  
Nominee of the Governor  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

**Mrs. Shaheen Zaman**  
Principal GGDC, Havelian  
Member, Syndicate

**Mr. Paimda Khan**  
Assistant Professor, AUST/Elected Member  
Syndicate

**Mr. Ghulam Ali**  
Acting Treasurer/ Member, Syndicate

**Justice (R) Abdul Latif Khan**  
Member, Syndicate  
Nominee of Chief Justice, Peshawar  
High Court

**Mr. Ali Qadar Safi**  
Additional Secretary Establishment  
Nominee of Secretary Establishment/  
Member, Syndicate

**Mr. Khursheed Alam**  
Dy. Secretary/Nominee of Secretary  
Finance/Member, Syndicate

**Mrs. Shaheen Gul**  
Principal, GGPGC No.1 Abbottabad/  
Member, Syndicate

**Mr. Shah-e-Rome**  
Elected Member, Syndicate

**Dr. Saifullah Khan**  
Acting-Registrar/Secretary Syndicate

**Mr. Ajmal Khan**  
Lecturer, AUST/Elected Member  
Syndicate

The meeting started with the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran by the Vice Chancellor. Dr. Azhar Muhammad Sherkhani was present in the meeting room but after thorough discussion of the members w.r.t. Estacode: "A Government servant committed to prison either for debt or on a criminal charge should be considered as under suspension from the date of his arrest and until the termination of the proceedings against him i.e his suspension is automatic from the date of arrest till termination of proceedings against

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The house unanimously nominated Mr. Atta ur Rehman Lodhi (Member Syndicate) as member of the Affiliation Committee of Abbottabad University of Science and Technology under Section 11 (1) (ii) of Abbottabad University of Science and Technology Constitution, Functions and Powers of Authorities of the University Statutes, 2016.

**ITEM # 9: DAMAGE REPORT OF BURNING OF ESTABLISHMENT OFFICE, FINANCE OFFICE AND ONE PHARMACY LAB**

**Decision:**

The house endorsed the damage reports and approved the fact finding inquiry committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor. Syed Muhammad Sohail (Dy. Secretary HED), nominee of the Secretary HED said the university should enhance the security of the university to avoid such incident in future. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sarwar, nominee of Chairman HEC said the university should get police force for the Vice Chancellor and university to avoid such incident in the future. The house further directed that the university should write once again to HEC and provincial government for security related funds and buy high quality weapons and full fledged latest security system. The university should also make its security policy and also get security audit by police. In addition to notification (F.No. Reg/AUST/2018/3732 dated Sept 05, 2018 the university should also hire a counsel to pursue the ongoing case at all forums. The house also directed with reference to the scrutiny record to call all the applicants as per record to provide their credentials for the reconstruction of their respective files and also float advertisement for the same in the news paper to avoid litigation.

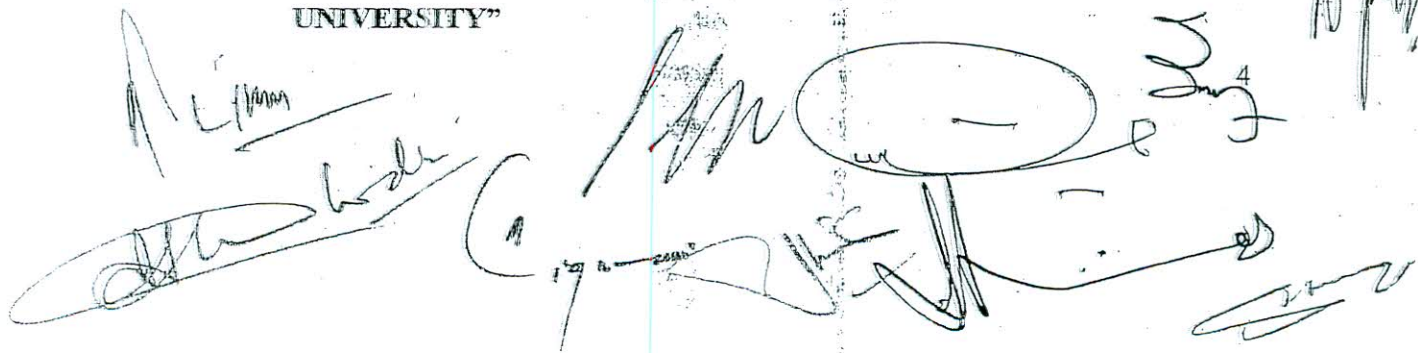
**ITEM # 10: DECISION OF HONORABLE HIGH COURT IN WRIT PETITION 1216-A/2016.**

**Decision:**

The petitioner appeared before the house. The house discussed the matter in detail and endorsed the decision of the Vice Chancellor and the first meeting of the Syndicate. However, Mr. Ajmal Khan told the house that he has filed case against the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Syndicate in high court and hence his dissent was noted on the issue.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA**

**ITEM #1 ADDITIONAL COST OF THE ONGOING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING OF HAVELIAN CAMPUS OF HAZARA UNIVERSITY"**

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**Decision:**

The house after detailed discussion on the different aspects and possibilities of the project and severe need of classrooms, laboratories, library, offices etc. of the university: reached to the conclusion that the University should submit the revised PC-1 to the Government and meanwhile continue the construction work from the university fund.

**ITEM # 2 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT OF THE DBF ACCOUNTS OF PHARMACY ABBOTTABAD UST.**

**Decision:**

The house unanimously referred back the matter to the already constituted committee for submission of detailed report with recommendations.

**TABLE AGENDA**


**Item # 1 VIDEO CLIP/SPEECH OF DR. AZHAR MUHAMMAD SHERKHELI IN THE CAMPUS AFTER GETTING BAIL IN THE POLICE CASE**



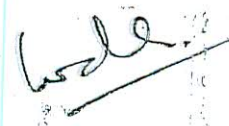



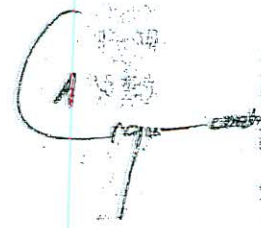
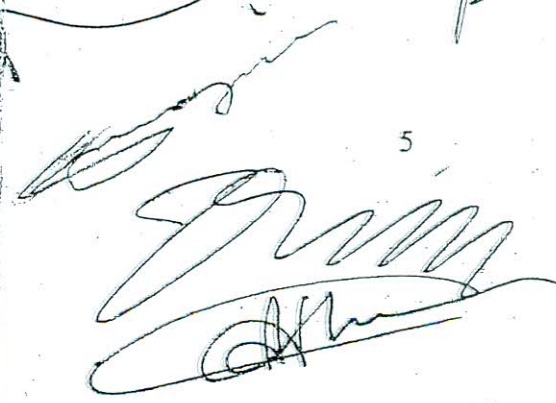
The police had arrested Dr. Azhar Sherkheli in the case of burning of establishment, finance sections and one pharmacy lab. After getting bail in the case he came to the university and gave abusive speech to students. The video of the speech of Dr. Sherkheli was presented to the Syndicate. Mr. Sohail Ahmad (Naib Qasid) and Mr. Azeem (Mali) were also present with him and chanting slogans against the university administration.

**Decision:**

The house unanimously condemned his action and directed Vice Chancellor to immediately issue a show cause notice on the behalf of the Syndicate to Dr. Azhar Muhammad Sherkheli for his subversive activities. The house also directed the Vice Chancellor to take strict disciplinary action against Sohail Ahmad (Naib Qasid), Azeem Khan (Mali) and students etc involved in the aforementioned activity. The house further agreed that all such videos should also be shared with the police department/relevant forum etc.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the chair.

  
**REGISTRAR**  
Secretary Syndicate  
Abbottabad UST

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GOVERNOR'S INSPECTION TEAM

FACT FINDING INQUIRY INTO THE AFFAIRS OF  
ABBOTTABAD UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (AUST),  
AT HAVELIAN

Introduction:

1. Pro-Chancellor, Abbottabad University of Science & Technology (AUST) submitted a complaint to the Chancellor/Governor KP containing allegations regarding unlawful practices being committed by the university administration, which allegedly are in violation of the University Act and the Statutes (Annex: A). The Governor's Secretariat in the first place has obtained views of the University Administration (Annex: B). The complainant has presented a very gloomy picture of the present status of the university, particularly targeting the sitting Vice Chancellor for violation of laws and rules, whereas the viewpoint of the University Administration is portraying a totally different picture. On perusal of the same, the Chancellor/Governor KP has ordered the GIT to inquire into the matter and submit a fact finding report for his perusal (Annex: C).

Allegations:

2. Eight pages complaint of Dr. Azhar Sherkheli, Pro-VC of the university is a long and exhaustive narration of the administrative issues of the university with no mention of any financial corruption/misappropriation or embezzlement. Main crux of the complaint is as under:-

- a. Definition of Section 12-A, sub-section-2 of Universities Act-2016 (Functions of Pro-VC).
  - b. Absence of proper/legal constitution of University Authorities like Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council and Statutory Bodies like Selection Board, Advance Studies & Research Board (ASRB), Affiliation Committee, Discipline Committee etc.
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- c. Non-conduction of elections under relevant sections of the Universities Act 2016 for representation of various academic and administrative cadres in university authorities.
  - d. Illegally filling-in positions of Registrar, Treasurer and Controller by teaching faculty.
  - e. Graduate programs (M.Phil/Ph.D) are orphan Programmes. The HEC has not accorded any recognition. Instead of strengthening these programmes, the VC is forcing the existing Ph.D Faculty to run away.
  - f. HEC granted conditional and provisional NOC for various undergraduate Programmes at AUST with categorical bar on opening of new departments. VC in violation opened new department of physics. Besides, a special seat of Associate Professor of Islamiyat got created in the department of Pak Studies just to promote a family-friend.
  - g. The VC did nothing to get M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes of the university, recognized by HEC and made no efforts for legalizing Geology/Earth Sciences Departments. The Psychology department is still headed by a visiting lecturer.
  - h. The VC also promotes a culture of fake research conferences in the university. The department of Psychology and Geology even do not have basics of research programme but he projected a couple of lectures as huge National conference with claims of setting new trends etc.
  - i. None of the academic departments other than Pharmaceutical Sciences has any research culture or functional research lab. Instead of supporting this department, the VC has actively been targeting this department.

#### Proceedings:

3. On receipt of the aforesaid orders of the Chancellor/Governor, the team proceeded to AUST at Havelian on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2017 and carried out a thorough scrutiny of all the relevant record/files. A meeting was also held with the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, acting Registrar/Deputy Registrars and other university officials in-detail, besides obtaining their views/comments in the instant case, which has been discussed in the succeeding pages.



**Findings:**

4. After thorough scrutiny of the record/files pertaining to the alleged procedural/ administrative loopholes and discussions with concerned officials, the team found that :-

- i. The present university (at Havelian) was the Sub-Campus of Hazara University. It was declared as Abbottabad University of Science & Technology (AUST) in June 2015. Initially, it was given the status of a project and was being managed by a Project Director. It's still in its nascent stage with a skeletal administrative and teaching staff. In 2016, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) recognized the University with posting of a full-time Vice Chancellor on 28-7-2016 by the KP Govt. Since then the University is functioning under the relevant Act and Statutes applicable to all the Universities in the Province. Record reveals that the University was at the verge of financial collapse (Annex: D) and no funds were available even to pay the salaries of the staff, for which funds amounting to Rs.50 million were borrowed from developmental projects. It was noted that the improvement made in a short span of one year is due to the bold steps taken by the University Administration and particularly the Vice Chancellor.
- ii. As per discussion with the Pro-VC, it was found that the Pro-VC misinterprets section-12 (2) of the Universities act and which is the main bone of contention between the VC and the Pro-VC. One example among many of such misinterpretation by Pro-VC is a letter issued to all employees in the capacity of officiating VC, when the VC went to Islamabad to attend a meeting (Annex: E). He is still adamant and of the firm opinion that if VC is on one day leave or even if he goes out in mid-day and his chair is empty, he will be officiating VC as per clause-12(2) of the Act. This needs clarification, which ultimately would resolve many of the problems. Section 12 (2) of the Act states that "the Pro-VC shall be deemed to be the officiating VC to look after the office of VC only when the regular VC is on leave for an academic visit abroad or any other purpose, duly granted by the Chancellor or when the post is vacant due to any reason which does not require appointment of regular VC".

iii. It was found that the Pro-VC is a habitual complaint lodger and a problem creator. He has always remained a constant source of annoyance throughout his career. Before appointment of the incumbent VC, the University was in a project mode, managed through a Project Director. He also lodged a series of baseless complaints against the Project Director too (Annex: F). His whole tenure is full of tussle either with his own colleagues or with the lower staff. The language of the complaint speaks volume of his personality, where facts are twisted and the university officials are blamed and in some cases, indirectly blamed for corruption without proof. A bunch of complaints/ explanations/warnings and FIRs were found in his personal file, which can be perused (Annex: G). According to university administration the case for appointment of Pro-VC was not properly recommended by the university authority but forwarded by the project director unlawfully against which the administration filed a case in the court of law on 30-7-2016 (Annex: H), but later on the case was withdrawn by the incumbent VC to avoid confrontation within the campus and the HED (Annex: I) with anticipation that HED would rectify it, but the HED never bothered to look at it again. This anomaly needs a thorough probe.

iv. As pointed out earlier that the University was initially in a project mode, duly managed by a Project Director. It switched over to a full time University with the appointment of a full time VC on 28-07-2016 and grant of NOC by HED on 23-09-2016 (Annex: K). Astonishingly the same Project Director, Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Baig is still holding office of the Project Director and working parallel with the VC. It is interesting to note that he is also working as Special Secretary HED (Annex: KI). The post of Project Director needs to be abolished, immediately.

v. Clause-13 of Chapter-IV of the Act provides for establishment of authorities of the University, which are the Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council. Authorities to be established by the Statutes are Selection Board, Affiliation Committee, Board of Faculties, Board of Studies, Advance Studies & Research Board, Finance & Planning Committee, Discipline Committee for Students and such other authorities as may be prescribed by Statutes. Senate



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- c. The recruitment issue can be resolved if the Chancellor may allow the university to undertake recruitment in anticipation of approval of amended Statutes.
- d. The position of Project Director should immediately be abolished as it is now redundant and is an extra burden on the exchequer of the University.
- e. An advisory note needs to be addressed to the Pro-VC to abstain from interfering into the powers of VC unnecessarily and to make him understand that Section 12(2) of the University Act does not empower him as officiating VC merely on temporary absence of VC from his office.
- f. Governor's Secretariat may probe into the irregular appointment of the Pro-VC which was done by HED without consultation of the University Administration.

  
( Imtiaz Altaf )  
Chairman, GIT

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Project "Conversion of Havelian to a Full-fledged University", funded by HEC, amounting Rs. 59.20 million, approved in July 2017 (Annex: X). As a matter of fact, consultant would be required to prepare the actual designs and detail estimation of the civil work for which fund was allocated. Work on the project will be started once recruitment of project execution staff is completed, as fund to the tune of Rs. 150 million for the current year has been allocated.

### Conclusion:

Analysis of record and interviewing the concerned officials reveal that most of the operations appear to be top, biased, biased and based on personal conflicts among the university officials. Prima-facie, professional jealousy is a main factor behind the issue. The university is divided into groups with everyone pursuing their own vested interests and creating complications for the Administration, which ultimately would lead the university towards disaster. Reportedly, environment of the university earlier was not so good, however, on posting of the incumbent Vice Chancellor, the overall situation of the university improved gradually.

C. The university is still in embryonic stage, instead of supporting the vested interest groups, the HED needs to find out way and means for overall improvement in the status of the university. To start an institute from scratch and that too with meager resources and a handful staff is a difficult task. Obviously the administration would resort to appointment on adhoc/contract or acting charge basis, which should not be taken as irregular or unlawful.

### Recommendations:

7. In view of above, it is recommended that :-

- a. The HED should be addressed to finalize nomination of members of the Senate. This issue has been lingering on since long for no apparent reasons.
- b. The Chancellor may convene a meeting of the Senate on its existing strength i.e. 14 members which is 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total members.



Ph.D. programme in English as the department was not fulfilling the basic Ph.D. entry requirements and did not advertise advertisements in winter semester 2014-15. compliance (Annex: T), whereas senior Ph.D. faculty positions have been filled in various departments accordingly (at Annex: O). These programmes have been legalized through the relevant statutory bodies i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Academic Council (at Annex: S) and 1<sup>st</sup> Syndicate meeting held on 22-11-2016 (Annex: U), as these programmes were started before the incumbent. The positions of Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers in Psychology Department have already been advertised (at Annex: O). All the steps taken were in the better interest of the University and no clue of any wrong doing was found. As far as Physics department is concerned, the very name shows it is a Science & Technology University and physics department is important to be created. The department of physics was necessary, therefore HEC accorded approval of faculty members on Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.D. Program (IPFP), giving them salaries and later on award them for the projects. Besides, status of any department is the prerogative of Academic Council and Syndicate. Physics, chemistry, zoology and botany departments have been formally created through Academic Council and Syndicate (at Annex: S & U) and the university is planning to open these soon. The four physics faculty members have no financial burden on the university as they are fresh Ph.D (some from abroad and some from Pakistan) and are on the payroll of HEC under IPFP program, as discussed.

As far as delay in the developmental projects is concerned, a project titled "Strengthening of Havelian Campus of Hazara University", funded by KP Govt, was approved on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 (ADP No.402 - 2014-15). Administrative approval was issued on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 with a total cost of Rs.230 million (Annex: V), fund of the project was transferred to the University on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015. Thus, no delay has occurred on part of present administration, as the incumbent VC was posted on 26-7-2016 and after his arrival, the administration actively mobilized the consultant/contractor and commenced work on the long awaited project on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2016 with expected date of completion i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (Annex: W). Besides, the university administration secured another project namely "Up gradation of University of

Lecturers etc and the statutory bodies constituted for the sole purpose of obtaining NOC from HEC and which they resultantly got on 23-09-2016 (at Annex: K). In spite of all the hurdles, the University announced election schedule for the vacant seats (Annex: N), which is under process, so this allegation is also frivolous and carries no weight.

- viii. The allegation regarding assigning the duties of Registrar, Controller and Treasurer to the teaching faculty is also not logical keeping in view the ground realities. The University has already advertised the faculty and other positions (Annex: O), but the HED has directed the University to wait for completion of statutory bodies and then proceed accordingly with the recruitments (Annex: P). Not only this, the University has submitted a case for amendments in the model statutes on 18-1-2017 (Annex: Q) addressed to all members including HED and the recruitments will be made as per amendments proposed in the model statutes, subject to approval by the Senate but the case is also lying in the cold storage of HED. Contrary to all the efforts made by the university administration, the HED is using delaying tactics to slow down the process of constitution of Senate. In such sort of situation, there is no option left for VC but to utilize the services of the teaching faculty, which is in the best interest of the University. So the allegation to this effect is superfluous. Moreover, it was observed that due to financial crisis, the faculty members were given additional responsibilities without any financial benefits instead of appointing officials on deputation/contract basis and such arrangements were made only to run the administrative affairs smoothly.
- ix. With reference to allegation regarding M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes, it was found that the complainant himself was Director Academics of the University for almost one year and it was his responsibility to manage the affairs of these Programmes. He did nothing and instead is blaming the VC for all this. The VC, however, played his role as per HEC checklist (Annex: R) and approved all M.Phil/Ph.D switched over Programmes from Hazara University from academic council in its meeting held on 07-09-2016 (Annex: S). Besides, fulfillment of other HEC requirements, the VC succeeded in getting NOC from HEC on 23-09-2016 (at Annex: K). The administration, however, stopped



comprises of 21 members, amongst which 07 members are to be nominated by the Chancellor/Governor. The University has already taken up the case with Higher Education Department (HED) on 28-4-2017 (Annex: L) to nominate these members and the HED was required to submit the case to the Governor, but the HED is reluctant to submit the case to the Chancellor in spite of repeated reminders issued from Governor's Secretariat (Annex: M), hence the constitution of the Senate is lying pending with the HED, which in no way is fault of the University or the Vice Chancellor. In absence of Senate, there are many issues pending decision, for which the university administration (VC) cannot be blamed. Rest of the authorities except Senate are already constituted and the complainant Dr. Shuktheli is also member of these committees and who also regularly attends meetings of these committees.

vi. The authorities mentioned above were constituted in August, 2016 as per provisions in the Act, whereas the model statutes were received by the university on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2016. These authorities were constituted in pursuance of letter of Director Finance (at Annex: D), who had informed the VC that the University is at the verge of financial collapse. The first step to bring the university back on track was to get NOC from HEC. So the VC constituted these authorities in good faith and with bonafide intentions and no clue of any fraud or corruption was found. In view of the situation, it can be concluded that the authorities constituted and the steps taken to this effect were in the best interest of the University and were necessary, so the allegation of the complainant to this effect does not hold ground.

vii. The allegation regarding not holding of elections for representation of various academic & administrative cadres in University Authorities is also not an issue of grave concern, the way it has been highlighted and magnified. Elections will be possible when all the sanctioned staff is available and the recruitments are made. At the moment there is no Professor, no Dean of faculty, one Associate Professor (the complainant), 11 Assistant Professors and 36 Lecturers. Since the University is in its infancy, so expectations of conducting elections on the pattern of a fully established University would be unfair. Whatever has been done was with the consent of the available lot i.e. Assistant Professors and