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✓ **The Registrar**
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda
Educational and Research Institute,
Belur Math,
Howrah (West Bengal).

Subject: **Inclusion in the list of Deemed to be Universities under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956.**

Sir,

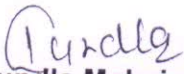
This has reference to the visit of the UGC's inspection Committee to the University on 30-31st May, 2016 (compliance verification visit on 07-08th March, 2017) to consider 12-B status and subsequent compliance submitted by the University in respect of the observations/suggestions given by the UGC's inspection Committee. The report of the inspection Committee, report of the compliance verification committee along with the compliance submitted by the University was placed before Committee of UGC members for consideration. The Committee recommended as under:-

"The Committee considered the report of the UGC's inspection Committee, UGCs Compliance verification Committee along with the compliance submitted by the Deemed to be University.

The Committee decided to recommend approval of 12 B status to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal) subject to the condition that the financial assistance under all UGC schemes shall be limited to those relating to teachers and students only."

The above recommendations of the Committee along with the Report of the UGC inspection Committee were placed before the Commission in its 522nd {Item No. 2.10} held on 28th March, 2017. The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee and the Deemed to be University is included in the list of Deemed to be Universities under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956 subject to the condition that the financial assistance under all UGC schemes shall be limited to those relating to teachers and students only.

Yours faithfully,


(Kundla Mahajan)
Under Secretary



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

MEETING: XIV

DATED: March, 2017

ITEM NO. : I

TITLE OF THE ISSUE: To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal) to verify the compliance submitted by the Deemed to be University in respect of the suggestions given by the earlier UGC Expert Committee to consider the proposal received for recognition under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 to become eligible to receive central assistance. (Date of earlier visit – 30-31st May, 2016, Compliance verification visit – 07-08th March, 2017)

BACKGROUND:

Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 provides as under:-

"No grant shall be given by the Central Government, the Commission, or any other organization receiving any funds from the Central Government, to a University which is established after the commencement of the University Grants Commission (Amendment) Act, 1972, unless the Commission has, after satisfying itself as to such matters as may be prescribed, declared such University to be fit for receiving such grant."

The proposal received from **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal)** was examined by the UGC as per the provisions of UGC (Fitness of Certain Universities for Grants) Rules, 1974 and the following Expert Committee was constituted to consider the proposal:

- (1) Prof Rajbir Singh (Chairman of the Committee)
Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi
- (2) Prof Pema Ram (Member)
Retd Professor of History, Banasthali Vidyapith,
Residential Address: 67, Mahaveer Nagar II,
Maharani Farm, Durgapura, Jaipur 18.

- (3) Prof J.N. Mishra (Member)
Department of Commerce
Allahabad University, Allahabad

The Expert Committee visited the deemed to be university on 30-31st May, 2016 and gave some suggestions. A copy of the report was sent to the Deemed to be University to submit compliance in respect of these suggestions. The compliance report was placed before the standing committee in its IXth & Xth meeting held on 09th August, 2016 and 18th August, 2016. The Committee recommended as under:-

“The Committee considered the report of the UGC’s inspection Committee along with the compliance report submitted by the Deemed to be University in respect of the observations/suggestions given by the Committee.

The Committee observed that the UGC’s Inspection Committee has given suggestions with regard to appointment of permanent/ regular and qualified faculty, appointment of supporting staff (including technical staff for labs), addition and upgradation of labs, strengthening of library, strengthening of research infrastructure, etc. The Deemed to be University has informed that it has taken corrective measures with regard to the observations/suggestions made by the UGC’s inspection Committee.

The Committee is of the view that a small Compliance Verification Expert Committee may be constituted to visit the Deemed to be University to verify the compliance submitted by the University. The report of the Compliance Verification Committee may be placed before this Committee for consideration.”

Accordingly, the following Expert Committee was constituted to verify the compliance:-

1. Prof. Rajbir Singh, Chairman
2. Prof.C.L.Khetrapal, Member

Dr. Mrigank Sekhar Sarma, Education Officer, UGC coordinated the visit. The Expert Committee visited the deemed to be university on 07-08th March, 2017. The report of the UGC Expert Committee is at **Appendix-I**.

The compliance submitted by the Deemed to be University and observations of the visiting committee are as under:-

Sl. No.	Suggestions by the previous Expert Committee for 12B inclusion	Compliance Report by the University	Remarks / Comments by the Compliance Verification Committee
1	<p>The University should appoint permanent/regular qualified faculty for various programmes as per the norms of the UGC.</p>	<p>As has been shown in the University's initial application to UGC for 12B status and verified/checked by the Expert Committee, permanent/regular qualified faculty have been appointed for the Departments rather conventional nature like Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, etc. Since the University aims at strengthening research and motivating students right from the MSc level to go for research, the insistence is on faculty who have not only acquired PhD degree from a reputed Institute/University in India or abroad, but also have at least two stints of post-doctoral research of two years each, of which one shall be from a reputed research Institute/University abroad which is justly famous in the particular research area of the faculty.</p> <p>In the case of emerging, innovative and rather non-conventional subjects scarcely addressed usually by other conventional Indian Universities, like 'Disability Management and Special Education', 'Adapted Physical Education and Yoga', 'Integrated Rural Development and Management', 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management', it has not been easy to procure faculty at Professor's level and so we have appointed faculty who have returned from abroad and serving voluntarily inspired by Swami Vivekananda's ideology of selfless service as well as superannuated faculty from various reputed research Institutes/Universities as Emeritus Professors, Adjunct Professors etc. It may be noted that UGC norms provide for such appointments. We are constantly on the lookout for qualified faculty in these new areas and have come a long way in filling up the posts.</p> <p>The University assures UGC that provision for appointments of regular, qualified faculty as per UGC norms has been made and filling up of the post is constantly in progress. In fact, the inception of this University in the first place owes it to the dearth of qualified faculty in areas like 'Disability Management and Special Education' and the University started off with a sort of mandate to 'create' such faculty which we have successfully done over a decade.</p> <p>As a matter of fact, in the meeting of the Board of Management of the University dated 19 September 2016, the sanctioning of teaching posts in the various Departments of the University was discussed and the BoM resolved that the required teaching posts be created at the earliest and efforts should be made to fill up those posts by competent incumbents.</p>	<p>The Committee has its satisfaction over the progress made by the University in compliance with regard to the appointment of the faculty.</p>

The text of the resolution is mentioned below:

Resolution No. 16(2) of the Meeting of the Board of Management held at Belur Main Campus of the University on 19 September 2016

Sanctioning of teaching posts in the various Departments / Faculties of the University with immediate effect:

As per UGC requirements, the pattern of teaching posts (faculty positions) in the various Departments / Faculties is as follows:

1 Professor + 2 Associate Professors + 4 Asst. Professors in each Department / Faculty.

Unfortunately, some of the Departments / Faculties of the University do not strictly conform to the above UGC requirement particularly because in unconventional areas like Disability Management and Special Education, Integrated Rural Development and Management, Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management, Classical Sanskrit (wherein Sanskrit is taught fully in Sanskrit medium), it is difficult to get senior level faculty – in fact, our University is creating a pool of faculty members in these areas which was one important reason why UGC in the first place advised MHRD to allow our University to be started as a *de novo* Deemed University. However, we are making all out efforts to recruit and retain faculty members to meet the above UGC requirements. After detailed discussion, the Board of Management **RESOLVED THAT** the teaching posts on the above UGC pattern conforming to UGC requirement be created and these sanctioned posts be filled up as soon as incumbents to these posts satisfying UGC criteria become available and that this may be given top priority.

Although we are trying our best to appoint the best faculty at all levels, we do not always find it easy to get faculty at higher levels like Professor in our focus areas in which it difficult to get faculty at higher levels. We assure that we would progressively recruit more and more faculty in compliance with the earlier recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee and in strict conformity with the UGC rules and norms. The following are the recruitments made after the visit of the earlier Committee.

Recent Recruitments:

- ✓ Prof. TapashDasgupta has been appointed as a full time Professor in the Faculty of Integrated Rural Development and

		<p>Management at our Narendrapur faculty center. He will be joining in the first week of April 2017. Advertisement has been put in the university's website for the recruitment of 2 more Assistant Professors, in response to which applications have been received and the recruitment process is on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At the Belur campus, Dr. Shamik Gupta has joined as a full time Asst. Professor in the Department of Physics with effect from 5 September 2016. ✓ Prof. Sukumar Adhikari who has been appointed as a full time Professor in the Department of Mathematics will be joining from the next academic session beginning July 2017. ✓ Dr. Ali Zinna has joined as a full time Asst. Professor in the Department of Mathematics, with effect from 19 January 2017, under the INSPIRE scheme. ✓ Prof. Soumya Bhattacharya, has been appointed as a full time Assistant Professor on a contractual basis in the Department of Mathematics. He will be joining on 1 April 2017. ✓ Dr. Sagnik Sen has been appointed as a full time Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science and he joined on 1 March 2017. 	
2	<p>The University should also appoint supporting staff, especially technical staff for labs, as per the requirement of the various courses offered.</p>	<p>Supporting staff, non-teaching staff, have been appointed, for various works and technically qualified staff for managing accounts, audit etc. are in place. As far as the technical staff members for the laboratories are concerned, we have explained to the Expert Committee (which however did not have any science expert) that the concept of having supportive technical staff has undergone a sea change over the years. Most of the items of equipment in Physics laboratory are 'black box' type electronic equipment. Further, we showed the Expert Committee our unique setup of 'Fabrication</p>	<p>The Committee also expressed its satisfaction over the progress made by the University in appointment of the staff.</p>

and Design Laboratory', popularly called 'FabLab' wherein the students are encouraged to freely design, fabricate and innovate rather than take measurements on 'black box' type equipment in a stereo-typed manner. All these labs are managed, monitored and maintained by the teaching faculty with the assistance of PhD scholars who render great support. Hence the minimal dependence on the so-called 'technical staff', which is now the trend in the laboratories in reputed Institutes abroad and India.

We showed the Expert Committee how **all our computers (nearly 35) have been fully assembled and fabricated by our own MSc and PhD students** under the guidance of our teaching faculty. They therefore feel comfortable in the repair and maintenance of these items of equipment.

However, we have noted the Expert Committee's suggestion in this regard with the care it deserves and wherever required would certainly appoint such supporting staff as may be felt necessary.

In Physics department of the Belur campus, 1 lab technician has been appointed.

For our Narendrapur faculty center, advertisement has been put in the website for the recruitment of 1 field assistant. Applications have been received and the recruitment process is on.

In our Central library at the Belur campus, 2 support staff have been appointed.

<p>The University needs to add more labs and upgrade the facilities by adding more instruments in existing labs in some of the courses, such as Physics, Computer Science, Agriculture and Biotechnology.</p>	<p>While thanking the Committee for this suggestion, may we state without much exaggeration that we have one of the finest laboratories in the Departments of Physics and Computer Science at the Belur Main Campus, in the Departments of Agriculture & Rural Development and Agricultural Biotechnology at Narendrapur Campus and in the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development at Ranchi Campus. Apart from this, we have excellent laboratory facilities, which are the state-of-the-art in the State of Tamil Nadu and perhaps in the whole country in the Faculties of:</p> <p>(i) Disability Management and Special Education and (ii) General & Adapted Physical Education and Yoga at Coimbatore Campus.</p> <p>We are developing huge facilities for Sports Science and Yoga at the upcoming 'Sports Science, Yoga and Fitness Centre' being constructed with UGC grant. As mentioned earlier under Item 2 above, our FabLab (Fabrication and Design Laboratory) is unique in nature, hardly found in most of the Indian Universities/Institutes barring some IITs, wherein the students get the feel of experimenting with instruments on their own, feel the joy of innovation and executing mini research projects. As mentioned under Item 2 above, all our computers (nearly 35) in Physics Laboratory and Physics Department have been fully assembled and fabricated by our own MSc and PhD students under the guidance of our teaching faculty. They have been trained right from the stage of purchasing the electronic chips and other equipment required for such assemblage up to installing of the machine with the required software and making it functional. Further, the two telescopes granted under WB-DST-FIST Scheme, installed at the top of our Physics Department are meant for</p> <p>(i) cosmology research and teaching and (ii) outreach programmes for school, college and University students.</p> <p>There is no University in West Bengal that could boast of such a facility. In the Computer Science Department, we have two well-equipped laboratories, one fully air-conditioned with 25 PCs and another non-air-conditioned with 15 PCs, coming to a total of 40 PCs. The number of students studying various courses (MSc in Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science, Integrated 5-year MA in Sanskrit) is 159, so that the number of PCs : number of students ratio comes to about 4:1. The PhD scholars have computer facilities of their own with internet exclusively for their research. Further, the individual Departments in the Belur Campus, like Physics, Sanskrit etc., have their own PCs for the faculty and the PhD scholars and all of them (nearly 100 computers at Belur main campus) enjoy the facility of Campus Area Network indigenously done by our Computer Science Department faculty over a vast area extending to two huge building complexes covering the entire area. Detailed</p>	<p>The Committee is satisfied with the compliance of the University.</p>
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description of this complex Campus Area Network, prepared by Swami Sarvottamananda, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of the Computer Science Department, one of the brightest products of IIT Kanpur, is given in Annexure 1 appended hereto. In fact, the visiting Expert Committee was appreciative of the research facilities saying that such facilities as ours are rare in Universities.

Upgraded facilities installed and maintained by Dept. of Computer Science

1.Vijnan Maharaj Computing Lab: Our 25 seater **air conditioned lab** in Medha Bhavan is setup for the university students at large. In the month of December 2016 this facility has been **thoroughly renovated** with latest equipments. This lab earlier supported only 100Mbps bandwidth. Now it can support **1Gbps bandwidth**. The computers are equipped with resources which we understand will serve general purpose computing needs for the **next five to seven years**. This facility is available for all the students during daylight i.e. from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

2.Sashi Maharaj Computing Lab: This was earlier a **10 seater non A/c lab** and now it is an **18 seater** one. This facility is open from 6:00am in the morning to 11:00pm at night. This computing facility supports **100 mbps bandwidth** communication. In our phased approach to upgrading systems we have planned to renovate this facility within the next four months, to convert this to another 25 seater lab with Gigabit networking, and overhead LCD projection.

Newly created facilities: Installed and maintained by Dept. of Computer Science

3.Bhaskara Computing Lab: The newly launched Postgraduate degree programme on Big Data Analytics needs a powerful computing facility to run algorithms having high data traffic. We have created a spacious **42 seater** computing facility, in **1200 sq. ft. area**, equipped with **Gigabit networking, overhead LCD projection, and ceramic green board**. The systems have been cost effectively configured and yet not sacrificing the performance to bear the computational load in running projects in Big Data. We are currently in the process of setting up the Distributed computing software framework for doing Big Data Computing in these equipments. With additional grants anticipated in the next four months we have plans to setup **Intel powered HP blade servers** as a facility for hi-performance computing.

A picture of the lab is given below:

In a nutshell, the following are the laboratory facilities available

for our students, which includes the one already mentioned in our initial application for 12B status and inspected by the Expert Committee concerning Computer Science Department, as well as the Upgraded and newly created facilities installed and maintained by the same Department :

- ✓ Common computer facility with an AC lab having 25 computers
- ✓ Laboratory specific to Computer Science Department with 10 computers
- ✓ The installation, maintenance etc., of both the labs are done by the faculty members of the Computer Science Department
- ✓ One specialty of these labs that is unique among the various Universities/Institutes is that all the computers have Linux based state of the art open source tools
- ✓ Apart from the above labs, the Departments of Physics and Mathematics have their own separate labs
- ✓ All the students are made to learn the use of open source tools. The students of Sanskrit are given training in C language programming, image/photo editing, document preparation, spreadsheets, presentations and introductory web programming as a part of their 3-year long computer education and training
- ✓ The Computer Science Department students use the lab for programming tasks in their course work, like database implementation, Android programming, Computer Graphics, Network programming, etc.

At Narendrapur and Ranchi continual upgradation of the laboratories is being made with a separate building constructed for Tissue Culture Laboratory and a separate floor for Bio-Control Laboratory. Presently, the Narendrapur Centre has the following laboratory facilities:

Narendrapur Centre

Details of Laboratories in the Department of Agricultural Biotechnology along with brief description on the kind of work done therein.

y	Kind of works done
ting	Estimation of N, P, K, Organic C, EC, pH
	High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatography, High-Performance Liquid Chromatography, Gas Chromatography, Atomic Spectrophotometer

		Works: analysis of heavy metal contamination in various samples.	
Molecular Biology laboratory		ELISA Plate, Thermal cycler, Horizontal Gel Electrophoresis Apparatus, Vertical Gel Electrophoresis Apparatus, Gel Doc, BOD incubator, Ice machine, Cooling centrifuge, 4°C refrigerator (2 Nos), -20°C freezer (2 Nos), Laminar air flow (2 Nos), Hot air oven (2 Nos), Autoclave (2 Nos), Weighing balance (3 Nos), UV-VIS Spectrophotometer (3 Nos), Incubator, Hot plate & stirrer, Microwave, Centrifuge, Mini centrifuge (Table top), Vortexer, UV-trans eliminator, Liquid nitrogen tank (2 Nos), Trans blot apparatus. Works: DNA and RNA extraction, estimation, PCR reaction, Cloning, Protein extraction and SDS-PAGE	
Plant Tissue Culture laboratory		Thermal cycler, Cooling centrifuge, Gel doc, Gel electrophoresis, Laminar air flow hood (3 Nos), Microtome, Phase Contrast microscope, Stereo microscope, pH meter (2 Nos), Vortexer, Water distillation unit, 4°C Freezer (2 Nos), Incubator cum shaker (2 Nos), Binocular microscope, Mini centrifuge (Table top), Weighing balance (3 Nos), Rotary shaker, Magnetic stirrer (2 Nos), Hot air oven (2 Nos), Autoclave (5 Nos), Culture racks (15 Nos). Works: Meristem culture, shoot tip culture, another culture, callus culture, embryo rescue (banana, bramhi, bamboo etc.)	
Microbiology & Biocontrol laboratory		Laminar flow hood (5 in number), hot air oven, incubator shaker, -80°C freezer, pH meter, EC meter, Microwave oven, Spectrophotometer, Centrifuge, Hot water bath with shaker, 4°C refrigerator (3 Nos), -20°C freezer, Monocular microscope (2 Nos) and Binocular microscope (2 Nos). Works: Bio-fertilizer, Bio-pesticide and Bio-fungicide preparation; Isolation and characterization of soil microbes (bacteria, fungi)	
Computer Laboratory		Hands on practical on software use (statistical and bioinformatics), seminar preparation etc.	
Entomology Laboratory		Stereo Zoom Binocular Microscopes with necessary attachments, Research Microscope, Work: Taxonomy and Ecology of Insects & Spiders of Economic Importance.	
		<u>Newly started Data Science Department:</u> We are presently adding one more computer laboratory with facilities for 35 students for the newly started Data Science Department that is going to offer MSc in 'Big Data Analytics'—	

this is the in-thing now in the world of computer science with huge placement opportunities. Our University has signed an MoU with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) which has promised to support us for four initial years with a grant of Rs.30 lakh per annum. All these documents and infrastructure were shown to the Expert Committee during their visit.

We have appended hereto is a brief write-up of the laboratory facilities in the Physics Department with its unique FabLab and Telescope setup as well as other details like post-MSc placement etc., and marked as Annexure 2. Another write-up on the laboratory facilities and other details like research projects from DST and other Governmental agencies at our Narendrapur 'off-campus' Centre housing the Faculty of 'Integrated Rural Development & Management' is appended hereto and marked as Annexure 3.

However, we have noted the Expert Committee's suggestion in this regard with the care it deserves, keep up and continue our efforts to strengthen and upgrade our laboratory to state-of-the-art standards.

We are progressively enhancing the facilities of the various laboratories.

Sl. No.	Suggestions by the previous Expert Committee for 12B inclusion	Compliance Report by the University	Remarks / Comments by the Compliance Verification Committee
5	The University needs to strengthen its research infrastructure and research activities.	<p>The research infrastructure and facilities at Belur main campus and Narendrapur 'off-campus' centre were inspected by the Expert Committee which appeared pleased with the facilities. Whereas the theoretical research in Physics is the strongest UPS (Unique Selling Point) of our University with some of the renowned professors from reputed research institutes who have joined here conducting and guiding research in high energy particle physics, quantum field theory, cosmology and general relativity, etc., experimental physics research is yet to take of particularly in the field of condensed matter physics where we are in the process of setting up a research laboratory which however requires huge funding. At the Narendrapur Centre, we have already set up state-of-the-art Agri-bio-technology laboratory at the research level that is being extensively used. Both Belur and Narendrapur faculty is involved in several research projects under various Schemes of Department of Science and Technology (DST). Details of these projects are given in the Annexures 2 and 3 appended hereto.</p> <p>Organic Farming is a special area of research in our University and during the last three years the Ranchi 'off-campus' Centre of the University has the following research output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Different low cost organic inputs have been formulated and their performances over the yield and quality of different crops have also been standardized ✓ Performance of different important crops of Jharkhand has been evaluated under organic growing environments through low cost production technologies ✓ Different organic plant protection homemade formulations and their performances have been evaluated through 	The Committee observed that the University has added more facilities and is making satisfactory progress to promote research.

		<p>different project and dissertation work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All positive outputs of the experiment on organic farming have been replicated through participatory mode of research in selected farmer's field <p>As far as the strengthening of the research infrastructure of the Physics is concerned, the following are the Department's plans that are being presently executed by phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Department is building a high performance computing cluster, assembled within the Department from scratch components. The cluster is in the process of expansion as per the computing requirements of the Department. ✓ The Department is in the process of negotiating subscription of various research journals. The department is also planning to extend the journal access to interested researchers from other fund deprived institutions. ✓ Some computing software are in the process of being procured. The Department is also implementing some open-source computing resources. <p>Being a new institution, there are certain constraints and limitations which we are trying to overcome, like getting senior level faculty to guide and supervise research as mentioned under Item 1 above. We are progressively trying to improve the research facilities despite the constraints.</p>	
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6	<p>The University should put in place a language laboratory and a well-structured Placement Cell to assist the students for their soft skill development and better placement.</p>	<p>Since we do not have any language teaching Department except Sanskrit, (Bengali is presently only at the PhD level), we have not so far thought of setting up a Language Laboratory. Further, unlike English Language Teaching (ELT) that has reached high levels of sophistication, Sanskrit Language Teaching (SLT) is yet to reach such levels. We are contemplating strengthening SLT along the same lines as ELT through language laboratories which would also take up the area of comparative linguistics focussing on Sanskrit, Bengali and English. The Expert Committee's suggestion in this regard is a welcome booster to our efforts.</p> <p>As far as Placement Cell is concerned, we have well organized Placement Cells in our Narendrapur, Ranchi and Coimbatore Campuses and most of our students get placed almost immediately on passing out, through campus interviews. At our Belur Campus, the students of Computer Science are helped in placement, while almost all the students of Sanskrit, Physics and Mathematics go for further research in various reputed Institutes in India and even abroad. Most of them qualify for UGC-NET-JRF and go further for MPhil/PhD programmes. The sample from the Physics Department as found in Annexure 2 will give an idea in this respect.</p>	<p>The University has complied.</p>
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7	<p>The University needs to provide hostel facilities both for girls and boys at its Narendrapur Campus and it</p>	<p>Providing hostel facilities separately for boys and girls has been a priority item on our 'to do' list, but we have not so far been able to execute this project for two reasons:</p> <p>Locating the right type of land keeping in mind the</p>	<p>Efforts of the University in this direction are being made. Currently, they</p>
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	<p>should add more hostels and other facilities for the inmates at the main campus.</p>	<p>safety/security aspect of the girl students and their easy accessibility to, the University campus has been our primary concern. We have been able to identify the necessary land at Narendrapur Campus for the girls' hostel and it may take some time to put up the hostel buildings. We assure that this will be taken up on priority. However, right now, the facilities made available cater to the existing students.</p> <p>As far as the Belur main campus is concerned, we have two fairly big hostels for boys with a total capacity of 150. These hostels were inspected by the Expert Committee. We may think of expansion of the hostel capacities depending on the need in future.</p>	<p>have made suitable arrangements for housing of the girl students.</p>
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<p>8</p>	<p>Arrangements may be made to make the access to the buildings in the main campus and Narendrapur campus easier for the physically challenged by adding ramps, lifts, etc.</p>	<p>Since the building construction rules by the Municipal Corporations have made the provision for ramps, lifts etc., for facilitating the physically challenged mandatory, we have, since the very beginning, incorporated and executed these provisions in the various buildings. The two huge building complexes in Belur main campus, which the Expert Committee inspected, have adequate provisions for ramps and lifts. Some photographs are attached to show the existing ramps, as the Expert Committee has commented upon it, which the Expert Committee however seems to have overlooked. At the Narendrapur campus, while provision for ramps exists, lifts are being installed now as it was initially a three-storeyed building and vertical expansion by adding two more floors has been made only recently. The lift installation will be completed within a month or so.</p> <p>Some pictures of the friendly ramps for the physically challenged in the buildings at Belur main campus are given below:</p>	<p>Needful steps have been taken up by the University to comply with the requirement.</p>
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9	<p>The University needs to provide proper playgrounds and sports facilities, both outdoor and indoor, for the overall development of the students and the faculty.</p>	<p>While the Narendrapur and the Coimbatore campuses have huge sports facilities with several playgrounds and other facilities, (particularly thanks to the reputed Maruti College of Physical Education at Coimbatore who share their facilities with our University), the Belur main campus has, a playground for football and cricket, that it shares with the sister institution called 'Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira', an autonomous college just adjacent to it. Further, the Belur main campus has a multi-gym, indoor sports (table tennis, caroms), yoga halls for practice of yogasanas with trained yoga teacher, meditation halls as part of yoga practice, karate with a trained karate teacher, volley-ball courts.</p> <p>The following facilities are now being created and it is expected that they will be in place within three months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Some more volley-ball courts ✓ Tracks for sprinting (free run) ✓ Some more table tennis boards ✓ Some more carom boards ✓ Some more fitness instruments in the existing multigym <p>Further, new basketball courts are also being planned and will be set up subject to space availability. In time to come we assure that we would add more facilities to meet the growing needs of the students. UGC has granted us some funds for the construction of the building and infrastructure for 'Sports Science, Yoga and Fitness Centre' and we have already begun the construction.</p>	<p>The Committee is satisfied with the progressive compliance.</p>
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10	The	A five-storeyed building called "Faculty and Scholars"	Faculty and
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<p>University should also provide residential facilities for its permanent faculty and other staff.</p>	<p>House”, constructed from the grant by West Bengal State Government, has been completed and is functional now. This building is exclusively for the faculty who need residential accommodation as well as for short periods of stay by visiting faculty, visiting scholars etc. We will be adding more facilities in future for the teaching and non-teaching staff. Some pictures of the five-storeyed building called “Faculty and Scholars’ House” are given below:</p>	<p>Scholars House has been completed and more housing facilities are being created.</p>
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Recommendation of the Committee

Considering the progress with respect to the suggestions made by the earlier Expert Committee, the Committee recommends that the University may be granted 12B status under the UGC Act.

POINTS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- I. The Commission at its 479th meeting held on 8th July, 2011 (Item No. 5.02) decided that financial assistance be provided to Institutions Deemed to be Universities, State Private Universities and Self-Financing Colleges, which have been granted 12-B status, under all UGC schemes relating to teachers and students. It was further decided that the grants would be subject to the condition that fees charged by such institutions are in accordance with the State/University Fee Regulations or as laid down by any law in force.
- II. **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal)** has been placed in **Category A** by the Expert Review Committee constituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- III. The UGC compliance verification committee has informed that the Deemed to be University has implemented all the suggestions given by the earlier committee.
- IV. The UGC Expert Committee has recommended for inclusion of the **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal)** in the list of Universities under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956.

PREVIOUS DECISION OF THE COMMISSION:

The Commission at its 479th meeting held on 8th July, 2011 (Item No. 5.02) decided that financial assistance be provided to Institutions Deemed to be Universities, State Private Universities and Self-Financing Colleges, which have been granted 12-B status, under all UGC schemes relating to teachers and students.

The matter is placed before the Committee for consideration.

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