

**Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of University of  
Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga held on 11-08-2017  
at Meeting Hall of the Vice Chancellor, UAHS, Shivamogga.**

**Members Present**

1.	Dr. P. Narayanaswamy, Vice Chancellor, UAHS, Shivamogga	Chairman
2.	The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Agriculture, GoK	Member
3.	The Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, GoK	Member
4.	Dr. M. Manjunatha, Dean (Agri.), COA, Shivamogga	Member
5.	Sri. Kimmane Rathnakar	Member
6.	Prof. Dr. V. Veerabhadraiah	Member
7.	Mrs. Neethu Y. Patil	Member
8.	Dr. P. Narayanaswamy, Registrar, UAHS, Shivamogga	Member Secretary

**Members Absent**

1.	Dr. S. Bhaskar, Assistant Director General (AFF and CC), New Delhi	Member
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At the outset, Dr. P. Narayanswamy, Chairman and Member Secretary of the Board, UAHS, Shivamogga extended a warm welcome to all the Members to the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Board of Management and conducted the meeting.

**PART – 'A'**

Action taken Report on the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management, UAHS, Shivamogga held on 25-03-2017, at Office of the Secretary to Government, Dept. of Agriculture, Karnataka.

**Items**

**Item No.3**

**Implementation of Employee Provident Fund Facility to Contract Workers at University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga.**

The Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka has issued instructions vide ref No. LD16 LWA 2016 dated:08-12-2016 regarding extension of Social Security Benefit under EPF and MF Act, 1952 to the Construction and Contract Work employees engaged by them or through contactor by the State Government Departments and undertaking Municipalities are required to be covered under the Provision of EPF Act. Earlier this Scheme has been implemented to the regular employees only. Now, the Government is stressing to implement the EPF Scheme to all the Contractual Workers, working in the respective institutions. As per the directions of the Government, this University has to deduct 12 % of the amount from the every Contractual Worker from his salary every month. Similarly, equal portion of contribution (12%) has to be paid by the University. Hence, as per the direction of the Government the University is wishing to extend this benefit to around 362 persons who are working in the University as contractual workers. The proposal is put up with necessary documents for kind consideration and approval from the Board of Management to implement the EPF Facility to Contractual Workers in the University.

As per the directions of the Government, the University has to extend the benefits of EPF Schemes to all the Contractual workers by deducting 12% of amount from their salary and adding equal share of contribution (12%) from the University to the every worker



## Workers

The item was discussed thoroughly by the Board and felt that EPF facility must be extended. It was suggested to bring the item to the next Board after taking a legal opinion on the issue (Decision of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Management meetings).

The Board approved the item. It advised to prepare a list of existing contractual workers with qualifications and experience along with the procedure adopted while engaging. Further, suggested to develop a proper system to engage retired persons for contractual purpose.

(Action: Registrar)

Action Taken on the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga held on 19-06-2017 at Office of the Secretary to Government, Dept. of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka.

## Items

### **Item No. 2: Enhancement of emoluments for contract workers in UAHS, Shivamogga**

Presently, 285 contract workers in 'C' and 'D' Groups are working in the UAHS, Shivamogga and getting less than the basic salary. Now, the contract workers of UAHS, Shivamogga are requesting for 100% of basic pay. The basic pay and present emoluments for contract workers in various cadres in UAHS, Shivamogga are as follows.

Sl. No	Cadre wise	No. of contract workers	Actual Basic pay	Existing Emoluments	Proposed Emoluments (95% of Basic Pay)
1	Junior Engineer	15	20,000/-	17,500/-	19000/-
2	Assistants	85	16,000/-	14,000/-	15200/-
3	Field Assistant/ Lab Assistant	65	16,000/-	14,000/-	15200/-
4	Typist	15	14,550/-	12,730/-	13823/-
5	Tractor Drivers	20	14,550/-	12,730/-	13823/-
6	Shelf Assistant	05	12,500/-	10,940/-	11875/-
7	Junior Technician	10	11,600/-	10,150/-	11020/-
8	TV Drivers/ Cook cum care taker	30	11,600/-	10,150/-	11020/-
10	Messenger/ Watchman/ Gardner/ Plumber/ Helper	40	9,600/-	8,400/-	9120/-

This item was placed before Board of Management to increase the wages due to the enhanced cost of living. There will be an additional financial involvement of Rs. 3,09,030 per month.

The Board after detailed discussion deferred the item and suggested the University to represent to the government to get the clarification for fixing the minimum wages for the non-skilled, skilled and highly skilled workers according to the labour act (Decision of 20th Board of Management meeting).

The item was approved after the detailed discussion and as per the legal notification the minimum wages of Messenger/ Watchman/Gardner/ Plumber/ Helper are to be fixed at Rs. 10000=00 per month.



**Item No. 4**

**Proposal for extending the benefit of Advance increments / Incentives to Scientists possessing Ph.D. / M. Phil. upon implementation of 2006 UGC / ICAR revised pay scale to Teachers / Librarians and other equivalent cadres in UAHS, Shivamogga.**

The 2006 UGC / ICAR guidelines for extension of the benefits of advanced increments / Incentives for possessing Ph.D. / M.Phil. has been finalised. It is clearly stated that for direct recruitment to Associate Professor, Ph.D. is a minimum requirement and hence the candidates not eligible for getting 3 non compoundable increments. However, under CAS an Assistant Professor candidate with 12 years of experience is eligible for promotion as Associate Professors without Ph.D. Now, as per the UAS, Bengaluru order the candidates after selection as Associate Professors obtained their Ph. D/ M.Phil. degrees are eligible for 3 Non Compoundable increments. The issue needs clarification and hence the proposal.

**The Board discussed about the issue in detail and deferred the item temporarily. The Board also suggested to the Hon'ble Secretary (Agri.) to have discussion with all the Universities to finalize for uniform implementation of the benefit to all eligible teachers of all the Farm Universities (Decision of 20th Board of Management meeting).**

**After discussing the issue in detail, the Secretary to the Government agreed to notify uniform criteria to implement the Ph. D. increments for CAS promoted teachers of all the Farm Universities in common.**

**Item No. 7**

**Continuation / relief of services of Mr. Gopikrishna, Executive Engineer, who is on deputation from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru to UAHS, Shivamogga**

The Services of Mr. Gopi Krishna, Executive Engineer, Estate Branch, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, was spared to our newly formed University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, on deputation, as there was severe dearth of experienced Executive Engineer to establish the Estate Branch.

Accordingly, the services of Mr. Gopi Krishna, was spared to University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga on deputation for the period from 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to 27-06-2017, from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru. The University has made a request for the UAS, Bengaluru for continuing the services of Mr. Gopikrishna until March, 2018, in view of the construction of new campus and completion of ongoing civil structures. Now, the UAS, Bengaluru sent a letter (dated: 19-05-2017) to the University by recalling him to report back to the duty.

Under these circumstances, further extension of deputation period of Sri. Gopi Krishna has become inevitable. Hence, it is requested to extend the deputation period upto March, 2018. Hence, the proposal.

**The Board supported the view to continue the services of Mr. Gopi Krishna, Executive Engineer and also suggested the University to write a letter to the Government to get an official order for retaining his services until March, 2018. (Decision of 20th Board of Management meeting).**

**The Board asked the University to verify the documents related to continue/relief of Mr. Gopikrishna and to present in the next meeting.**

**(Action: Registrar)**



Item No. 8

**Release of First instalment to KHB for the development of civil structures at Iruvakkki - the New Campus.**

The Government has accorded sanction for Rs. 155.3377 crore (ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕೃಜ/07/ಕೃಪಿ/2015, ಒಸಾಂಕ: 27-05-2017) and the Karnataka Housing Board has accepted to take up the project immediately. In this regard, KHB has requested the University to release the 50% of the total amount (Rs. 155.3377 crores) i.e., Rs.77.67 Crores, (vide Ref:ನಂ.ಕಗೃಪಂ / ಮು.ಅ / ಯು.ಎ.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್ / ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ / 433 / 2015-16 / 523, ಒಸಾಂಕ: 13-06-2017). However, the Government of Karnataka has released Rs. 20 Crores to the University. The same will be released to the KHB. Further, the proposal will be submitted for the release of another Rs. 60 Crores immediately.

The Board approved the item and also advised to get the environmental clearance for construction of buildings and development of lands. Also suggested to have the barbed wire fence followed by a trench and transplanting of trees on both sides of the peripheral road. In addition, the efforts may be made to shift the big trees which are available to the convenient site. The planted and transplanted plants may be given good care. These works may be executed in association with state Department of Forest.

**(Action: Director of Research and CSO)**

#### **TABLE AGENDA**

Item No. 1

**Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant with 30 KLD capacity for Diploma College and Boys Hostel Block at ZAHRS, Brahmavara.**

The Construction of the Boys Hostel and College building for Diploma College is nearing completion. It is very much necessary to have a sewage treatment plant for safe disposal of the sanitary waste of the Hostel and College.

The estimate is prepared for the construction of STP Plant for 30 KLD amounting to Rs. 50.00 lakhs is based on the SR of Mangalore Circle. M/s Brooke Field Technologies Private Limited has estimated Rs. 23.00 lakhs for the Mechanical Equipments which is also included under the project outlay. Further, the treated water will be utilized for the gardening of the campus.

The Board suggested to estimate the value of power consumed in sewage water treatment l. fixing a meter and also to find out the mechanisms for best utilization of sludge.

**(Action : Estate Officer)**



## PART- 'B'

Agenda items for 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Board of Management were presented by the Registrar and Member Secretary, and the following decisions were arrived at.

### **Items**

#### **Item No. 1**

#### **Composition of Selection Committee for direct recruitment of Officers Posts in University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga.**

After formation of the UAHS, Shivamogga, this University has adopted qualifications and Score Card of Officers Posts on par with parent University UAS, Bengaluru for filling up of the Officers Posts. Accordingly, this University has advertised Officers Posts to fill up by direct recruitment. Now, the His Excellency the Governor has given permission to fill up the officers posts vide letter No. ಕೃಇ 13 ಕೃವಿಶಿ 2016, dated 30-06-2017 and this University has to start further process. Further, UAS, Bengaluru has issued a notification for constitution of Selection Committee for direct recruitment vide No.AO/RT/Selection Committee/2002-03, dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2003. The Composition of Selection Committee is as follows.

1. Chairperson of the Board of Management.
2. One member of the Board of Management to be nominated by the Chairperson.
3. Two nominees of the Vice Chancellor, out of whom one should be an expert.
4. Three experts consisting of the Dean of a College a Professor and an accomplished educationist not below the rank of Professor (to be nominated by the Board of Management out of a panel of experts approved by the Vice Chancellor). At least Four Members, including two experts should constitute the quorum.

**The Board approved the item.**

**(Action: Registrar )**

#### **Item No. 2**

#### **Establishment of Main Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station at Iruvakki, Shivamogga**

The Government of Karnataka has allotted 777.07 acres of land to UAHS, Shivamogga for establishing Main campus at Iruvakki. Subsequently, the Foundation stone for the UAHS main campus was laid on 17.06.2017 by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture. The works related to the establishment of Head Quarters for Education, Research and Extension Directorates, students hostels, staff quarters, hospital, bank, canteen, playground, auditorium, power house, stationery shop, different departments, stadium, class rooms, research farms, library, guest house, etc. are being planned for construction in a phased manner. However, it is going to be the main campus, a research station with facilities for research farm comprising crop production activities for students and staffs, biodiversity block, conservation block, nursery unit for planting material production, seed farm, biofuel park, agro-forestry unit, fodder block, herbal garden, etc. are going to be housed in the Research Station which may be rechristened as "Main Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station", Iruvakki, Shivamogga. Accordingly, the University has approved the re-deployment of staff to the Main campus to undertake the proposed activities.

**The Board approved the item.**

**(Action: Registrar and Director of Research)**



**Item No. 3**

**Providing part time studentship facility for Technical staffs appointed under T4 Series for Higher studies.**

In 182<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Meeting of UAS, GKVK, Bangalore held on 20/08/2016 has taken decision for providing study leave/studentship part time facility for Technical staff appointed under T-4 series for higher education. Technical staffs working under T-4 of UAHIS, Shivamogga also need deputation encouragement for higher studies. In this context, the guidelines are prepared by referring the guidelines of UAS, Bangalore. The proposal has been approved by 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

**The Board after detailed discussion approved the item.**

**(Action: Registrar)**

**Item No. 4**

**Modification of the existing guidelines for sponsoring teachers for attending National and International Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium, etc. within and outside the country.**

There is a need to change the existing guidelines for sponsoring teachers for National Symposium, Summer School, Winter School, etc. The list of the proposed changes by the Committee constituted to look into this matter are enclosed. The proposal was approved by the 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

**The Board after the critical evaluation, approved the item and suggested eligible candidates to book the air ticket by cheapest airline as far as possible.**

**(Action: Registrar)**

**Item No. 5**

**Sponsoring Mr. Nataraj, S.K., Asst. Professor of FLA, COH, Mudigere to attend International Short Course on "Lost harvest and Water food" at Wageningen University, Netherlands from 11/09/2017.**

Mr. Nataraj, S.K., Asst. Professor of FLA, COH, Mudigere has submitted a proposal to attend International Short Course on "Lost harvest and Water food" at Wageningen University, Netherlands from 11/09/2017 and has requested the University to accord sanction for Rs. 4,40,000=00 to meet the expenditure on course fee, travelling, boarding and lodging charges.

**The Board critically discussed in detail on the subject and approved for payment of 50 per cent of the amount requested by the applicant (Rs. 2, 20,000).**

**(Action: Registrar)**

**Item No. 6**

**Admissions to UG and PG degree programmes under NRI quota for the academic year 2017-18 and fixing of institutional infrastructure fees for the admitting candidates – Ratification**

A notification inviting applications for admission to UG and PG degree programmes under NRI quota were issued vide No. UAHS(S)/R/UG/NRI/763/2017-18 dated 21-06-2017 and R/UAHS/NRI quota/913/2017-18 dated 29-06-2017, respectively in four colleges for UG degree (11 seats for CoA, Shivamogga, 6 seats for CoH, Mudigere, 7 seats for CoH, Hiriyur and 6 seats for CoF, Ponnampet), and in five departments for Ph.D. degree programmes and six subjects in M.Sc. (Agri.), six subjects in M.Sc. (Hort.) and two subjects in M.Sc. (Forestry). The qualification prescribed is as per the prevailing regulations of the University. Ten per cent of the seats are reserved over and above the intake of each degree programme of respective college for UG, M.Sc. and Ph.D. degree in Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry programmes on inter-se merit with a maximum of one seat per Department for NRI candidates.

The candidates admitted to UG degree shall have to pay 5,000 US dollars as Institutional Economic Fee per annum along with the regular Semester fee prescribed by the University



8,000 US dollars for Ph.D. degree programmes along with regular Semester fee through DD drawn in favor of the Comptroller, UAHS, Shivamogga. The admission notifications of both UG and PG programmes are enclosed herewith. The proposal was approved by 14<sup>th</sup> Academic council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

**The Board approved the item as put up in the agenda.**

**(Action: Registrar)**

**Item No. 7**

**Honorarium to the teachers and supporting staffs, accommodation and incidental charges for the students during the PG study tour - Ratification**

Study tour has been introduced for students admitted to different PG courses from the academic year 2016-17 as part of the course curriculum during the Semester break. Since the tour had to be conducted urgently, a notification was issued regarding honorarium to the teachers and supporting staff and accommodation and incidental charges to the PG students during the tour vide notification No. UAHS(S)/R/Study tour/PG/2933/2016-17 dated 13-01-2017 by the Registrar. The expenditure is met under the budget provided for the year for PG study tour. The proposal was approved in the 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

**The Board ratified the subject.**

**(Action: Registrar)**

**Item No. 8**

**Proposal on enhancing the honorarium of UG and PG scrutinizers.**

Honorarium to the scrutinizers for cross checking the entry of grades in the registration cards with grade reports, scrutiny of Semester cards, final OGPA of the students and draft result notifications were paid @ Rs. 400/- per scrutinizer per year. The scrutinizers for PG records verification are to be nominated additionally since the existing system was implemented before starting of M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes and now the workload has increased. It is proposed to nominate two scrutinizers for CoA, Shivamogga, one for CoH, Mudigere and one for CoF, Ponnampet where the PG degree programmes are offered. Since the remuneration now paid is very meager, it is necessary to enhance the remuneration to Rs. 1,000/- per scrutinizer for an academic year. Similarly, remuneration for the existing eight UG scrutinizers has to be enhanced from the existing Rs. 400/- to Rs. 1,000/- for each scrutinizer for an academic year. The expenditure on this account may be debited in the budget provided for the constituent Colleges of the University. The proposal was approved by 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

**The Board approved the item as put up in the agenda after a detailed discussion.**

**(Action: Registrar)**

**Item No. 9**

**Enhancement of honorarium to the teachers and supporting staff, and DA/Accommodation and Incidental Charges to the UG Students during Study tour - Ratification**

Enhancement of honorarium to the teachers and supporting staff has to be made for those who accompany the UG students during their 21 days' All India Study tour. DA / Accommodation and Incidental charges for the UG students who proceed for the above tour has also to be enhanced due to the increase in food expenses and incidental charges to be incurred during their tour. Considering the raise of amount in other Agricultural Universities, there is a need to enhance the honorarium for Teachers and supporting staff. DA/Accommodation and Incidental charges for students in this University also. The proposal was approved by 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

**The Board after detailed discussion ratified the action taken by the University.**

**(Action: Registrar)**



**Item No. 10**

**Fixing of Honorarium to the External Experts for University activities –Ratification**

The honorarium of Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand Only) has been paid for the external experts for having scrutinized the recruitment applications of the officers and teachers in the University as sitting charges. Similarly, Rs.2000 as sitting charges is being paid for expert members of Boards of studies and Academic Council. This process will continue in future also. The honorarium / remuneration of Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand Only) has also been paid to the Peer Review Committee and University Review Committee members as sitting fee for accreditation of the University. The proposal was approved in 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 05-08-2017.

The Board after detailed discussion ratified the action taken by the University as indicated in the agenda.

(Action: Registrar)

**Item No. 11**

**Certificate of Merit for externally funded projects**

Extramural research fund is one of the basic ingredients of University Research and Developmental activities. The Universities are always rated for the quality research based on the number of research projects funded by other agencies. There is a need to encourage and motivate the researchers of UAHS for obtaining externally funded research projects by providing some incentives to the concerned scientists. This has been in practice in several of the Farm Universities such as UAS, Bengaluru, UAS, Dharwad and UAS, Raichur of the state. In this connection, the scientists of our University have also represented requesting to consider their appeal for such rewards. Therefore, it is proposed to initiate awarding the Certificate of Merit to the University researchers also by evolving suitable guidelines, score card and application proforma.

The Board approved the item after going through the item critically as per the agenda.

(Action: Director of Research)

**Item No. 12**

**Strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories at AHRS, Kathalagere, KVK, Shivamogga, KVK, Hiriyur and KVK, Mudigere and establishment of Referral Laboratory at ZAHRS, Shivamogga.**

Soil Testing Laboratories at AHRS, Kathalagere, KVK, Shivamogga, KVK, Hiriyur and KVK, Mudigere are having Soil Testing Laboratories with facilities to analyze soil, water and plant / manure samples.

These laboratories require Digital Spectrophotometer for accurate analysis of phosphorus, sulphur, boron and molybdenum status in soils, plants and water which will help these KVK's and research stations in the University to meet the needs of the farmers and State Department of Agriculture. Hence, there is a need to strengthen Soil Testing Laboratories in Davanagere, Shivamogga, Chitradurga and Chikmagalur districts under UAHS, Shivamogga.

Further, the analytical results are to be cross-checked hence high end precise digital spectrophotometer is required for the Referral Laboratory at ZAHRS, Shivamogga.

For this purpose, a grant of Rs.121.25 lakhs has been sanctioned for strengthening of Soil Testing laboratories and establishment of Referral Laboratory at UAHS, Shivamogga under Soil Health Mission programme of NMSA (National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture).

The Board while approving the item observed that the farmers of the area should be benefited by the results of the soil test.

(Action: Comptroller)



**Item No. 13**

**Estimate to Provide HT Power Supply with Metering cubical with HT External and LT internal distribution to AHRS Kathalagere.**

The UAHS Shivamogga has the AHRS, Kathalagere in its jurisdiction. The Station is well developed with Seed Processing plant, Seed Godown, NARP Laboratory, Seminar Hall, Boys and Girls Hostel at Diploma College, Staff Quarters, *etc* in the station. To solve the problems of power for conducting research and teaching, the Station needs the HT Power Supply as per the MESCOM norms.

The Board, after detailed discussion approved the item as put up in the agenda.

(Action: Estate Officer)

**Item No. 14**

**Providing Barbed wire Fencing with RCC poles for newly acquired land Survey No. 65 and 66 (80 acres) II Phase at the main campus Iruvakkki, Anandapura, Sagar Taluk.**

The Government of Karnataka has provided 777.07 acres of New land at Iruvakkki, Sagara Taluk for formation and development of Main campus of the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences Shivamogga. The acquired land has been surveyed and boundary stones have been fixed. Further it is necessary to have clear demarcation of the boundary line for executing the developmental works and to protect the land.

The Board approved requested budget of Rs. 36 lakhs for this purpose. The Board had a discussion on this subject, Sri Kimmane Ratnakar, Hon'ble Member of Board, suggested, instead of RCC poles, the granite poles may be used. For a proper protection a trench of suitable dimensions should be opened outside the barbed wire fencing. Further, a peripheral road has to be constructed inside the barbed wire fencing. A revised estimate may be prepared based on the suggestions made by the Board.

(Action: Estate Officer)

**Item No. 15**

**Modification to the guidelines of Best Researcher Award and Best Farm Superintendent Award at UAHS, Shivamogga**

Since last year the UAHS, Shivamogga has implemented the "Best Researcher Award" and "Best Farm Superintendent Award" to its faculty in order to give recognition and to motivate the other scientists as practiced in other Farm Universities of the state. The same was approved in the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management, UAHS, Shivamogga. Based on the suggestions and comments from the previous Award Committee members and the Teachers Association, it was felt essential to modify the guidelines and the score cards. Accordingly, the modified guidelines and score card for Best Researcher and Best Farm Superintendent Awards are developed and proposed for adopting in UAHS, Shivamogga.

The Board deferred the item and asked to rework on the issue to give more weightage and focus on research rather than the teaching and extension aspects with respect to Best Researcher. Similarly Board observed that more emphasis has to be given to the Farm management and income generation of the farm in the case of Best Farm Superintendent.

(Action: Director of Research)

**Table Agenda Item No. 1**

**Payment of Rental Charges for the Temporary office established at DE's office Hebbal for UAHS Shivamogga.**

Since inception of the UAHS Shivamogga has established a temporary office with oral understanding for a floor space of 800 sqft DE's Office's, Hebbal Bangalore.

The Board after the detailed discussion approved for payment of Rs. 10000=00 per month as the rent for the accommodation



**Table Agenda Item No. 2**

**Construction of Breeding cage at College of Agriculture, Navile, Shivamogga.**

The Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding has requested for the construction of breeding cage of 220 sqm plinth area under RKVY Project for the Study and Research for crop improvement of miscellaneous vegetables like Brinjal and Tomato.

**The Board approved the item as put up in the agenda.**

**(Action: Estate Officer)**

**Table Agenda Item No. 3**

**To facilitate speedy completion of civil / developmental works of research projects at Research Stations / Colleges of UAHS, Shivamogga**

Many of the research projects sanctioned and operated under Research/Extension and Education wings of UAHS, Shivamogga are of infrastructural and developmental types, which have to be completed within a stipulated period for achieving the objectives of the research projects. However, due to lack of manpower in the Estate Branch these works are being delayed inordinately and hence it has become very difficult to achieve the required physical and financial targets of the research projects within time. This point was also brought to the notice of the Chairman and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor during the budget meeting held on 28.07.2017 where in it was decided to permit the respective Station Heads/Farm Superintendents/ Principal Investigators to carry out the essential civil/developmental works upto to ₹ 1.00 lakh by obtaining prior permission and financial sanction of the University Authorities following UAHS procedure. This has been in practice at UAS, Bengaluru since long time particularly for the six items mentioned below.

1. Purchase of fencing materials: laying and fixing
2. Digging and commissioning of borewells
3. Repair to threshing yard
4. Farm pond, water storage, field bunding, land levelling and other irrigation works
5. Clearance of shrubs, field layout, opening of pits for planting and any such works
6. Repairs and maintenance to buildings.

**The Board approved the item up to Rs. One Lakh only as per the KTTP act. The works have to be supervised for the quality under the Local Supervising Committee comprising Head of the Station, Farm Superintendent, Engineer and an Accounts person.**

**(Action: Estate Officer)**

**Other issues discussed**

1. The secretary was requested to get the permission of the Government to complete the recruitment process by the In-charge Vice Chancellor through the committees formulated as provided in the statutes. The Secretary informed the Board that he will look into the matter also would seek legal opinion.
2. Mrs. Neethu Patil, Hon'ble Member of the Board raised the issue of sending back Mr. Gopikrishna, Estate Officer to UAS, Bangalore. The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that Government of Karnataka has permitted to retain the services of Gopikrishna at UAHS, Shivamogga till March, 2018.
3. Mrs. Neethu Patil, Hon'ble Member of the Board, brought to the notice of the Board about a written complaint made against Gopikrishna, Estate Officer. The Board suggested to the Vice Chancellor to look into this as well as any other complaints made against him and to initiate necessary action.