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The Registrar
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January, 2014

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Subject: - Developing Countries Research Centre under Area Study Programme.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to convey that based on the presentation made by the representative of the Centre on the progress made and goals achieved, the UGC Expert Committee has extended the term of the Centre from 01-04-2014 to 31-03-2019.

I am also to convey the approval of the UGC for financial allocation in respect of the above mentioned Centre.

The grant of Rs.51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Only) has been allocated to the centre for five years as per the recommendation of the UGC expert committee.

The allocated fund may be utilized under different heads / items as per the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of the Centre.

The assistance for the above would be available on 100% basis during 01-04-2014 to 31-03-2019

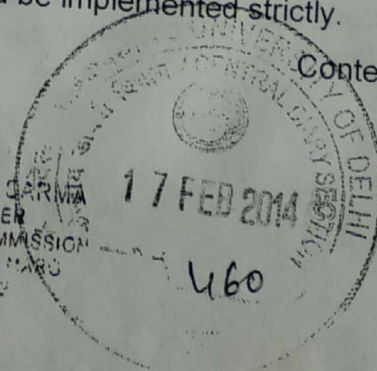
The Review Committee strongly recommends the following norms for all the Centres:

- i) The tenure of the Director as per the guidelines is three years. There are several cases where the same person has remained Director for years together. This has brought anomalies and slowness in the functioning of the Centre. This has also stunted the growth of other faculty members. Therefore three years tenure given to the director should be implemented strictly.

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- ii) The Webpage should be made compulsory for all the Centres.
- iii) There are quite a few Centres in the same University whose names exactly coincide and resemble with the UGC funded Centres related to Area Studies programmes. In order to give a distinct identity to the UGC funded area studies programmes the name of the UGC should be pre-fixed on the entire Centre's name. For instance, "UGC - **Developing Countries Research Centre**."
- iv) Centres which are not performing well should be very emphatically informed about the need to drastically improve their performance in the next five year period. These Centers' Director may be changed immediately to make them functional and effective.
- v) There should be a mid-course review of all these centers when they reach 2-2.5 years of operations under this five year period.
- vi) For the next five years, the focus should be on substantive research i.e. interdisciplinary, field-based and policy-oriented. Collaborative research should be the guiding principle.
- vii) All the Centres must publish their Annual Reports and submit three copies to the UGC. These reports of last fiscal year should reach UGC office every year by 20 August.
- viii) All the Centres should also aim at generating a critical mass of scholars, academics and experts that would promote and carry forward the area studies programme.
- ix) All the Centres must produce the final output terms of published reports etc within nine months of the completion of the field studies.
- x) All the Centres should follow the thrust areas of research as decided by the Committee after due consultations with the Directors of the Centres. These thrust areas are mentioned in the third column of the Review Report of the Committee.

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- xi) Constitution and annual meeting of the Advisory Board with Vice Chancellor as the Chairperson is a must. The proceedings of Advisory Board Meeting should be reported in all the Annual Reports of the Centre.

However, the present staff may continue till the tenure of Centre upto 31-03-2019

The Sanction for building grant will be conveyed on receipt of document as required under development programme.

The general conditions laid down by the Commission for development programme will be applicable in the case of Area Studies Programme also.

Yours faithfully

Manju Singh

(Dr. Manju Singh)
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