F. No. 4-12/2015-Desk (U)
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated 8th September, 2016.

To

The Secretary,

University Grants Commission, 2 Bahadur Shar Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002.

Subject: Audit Report on Audit of Satyawati College, University of Delhi overpayment of interest to GPF/CPF subscribers from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that an Action Taken Note was sent to Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure for providing the vetted comments on Action Taken Note on Report No. 18 of 2015 – Para No. 9.3 – Satyawati College, University Delhi – Ovepayment of interest to GPF/CPF subscribers from 2008-09 to 2010-11.

- 2. Office of DG, Audit observe the following in the matter:-
 - (i) Ministry may initiate steps for fixing the responsibility of officers in the college who have given higher rate of interest on GPF, officers in the UGC/Ministry who have not fulfilled their duty relating to scrutiny of such GPF accounts and sanctioned the proposed amounts without due diligences.
 - (ii) The Ministry has not indicated against point VI (vi) of the ATN format the results of its review of similar cases in other autonomous bodies/institutes under its purview in view of audit findings. It may be furnished in the revised ATN.
- 3. As a regulator of the funds, the UGC is requested to kindly take strict compliance in the matter and also provide the review on similar cases in other autonomous bodies/institutes under the purview of UGC in view of audit findings.

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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The Registrar, Delhi University, Delhi- 110007.



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Delhi, the June 08, 2016

Circular

It has been brought to the notice that some of the Institutions/Colleges of the University are paying interest at a higher rate on the General Provident Fund/ Contributory Provident Fund of the employees over and above prescribed rate as notified by the Government of India and adopted by the University vide E.C. Resolution No.119 dated 28.09.2001.

It shall be noted that for the Institutions whose Provident Fund Rules have been notified under section 8(2) of Provident Fund Act, 1925, it is mandatory for them to follow the rate of interest on Provident Fund as notified by the Government of India for its employees from time to time. Since the University of Delhi has been notified under the said Act, the interest on the Provident Fund of its employees shall not deviate from the rates as notified by the Government of India from time to time.

In this context, the University vide its circular letter Nos.PS/R/2K2/785 dated 28.08.2002 & 12/16.05.2008 intimated to all the Colleges to strictly adhere to the guidelines adopted by the Executive Council on 28.09.2001 in terms of MHRD letter No.F4-28/97-Desk (U) dated 16.02.1999.

As informed by the Deputy Secretary, UGC vide its letter No. F.30-3/2003 (U) dated 27.04.2004, the MHRD in consultation with Ministry of Finance has clarified that it is mandatory to follow the rate of interest notified by Government. Lesser rate of interest can be paid depending upon the financial position of the institution, but higher rate of interest cannot be paid.

Since non-compliance of the instructions issued by the University with regard to rate of interest on Provident Fund is viewed as a serious financial irregularity on the part of concerned Institutions/College(s), kindly ensure strict adherence of the instructions issued by the University from time to time in this regard.

The rate of interest on GPF/CPF accumulations for the Financial Year 2015-16 as notified by the Government of India is @8.7% p.a. and for the Financial Year 2016-17 w.e.f. 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016 is @8.1% p.a.

Finance Officer