



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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Minutes of the Committee of the Commission Members regarding issues pertaining to result of UGC-NET held in June, 2012

The Commission in its meeting held on 22nd October, 2012 decided to set up Committee of four Commission Members to revisit the NET result.

The first meeting of the Committee was held on 23rd October, 2012. The Committee had directed the NET Bureau to produce certain additional inputs for enabling the Committee to arrive at some considered decision(s).

The second meeting of the Committee was held on 26th October, 2012. Certain additional inputs were suggested by the Committee to be placed in its third meeting.

The third and final meeting of the Committee was held on 5th November, 2012.

After looking into all the facts related to the result of NET June, 2012, the Committee recommended as under:

- 1. Grievances related to insufficient information in the advertisement:**
The committee noted that the advertisement clearly stated that securing minimum marks required in each paper do not amount to eligibility for the purpose of NET. In the past, scores in all the three papers were taken into account while preparing the list of selected candidates for the purposes of JRF. At the same time, the Committee felt that in future the announcement should make it very clear that the scores in all the three papers shall be taken into account for NET as well as JRF and that Eligibility for NET shall be determined separately for each subject by taking into account the performance of all the candidates.
- 2. Grievances related to the uniform and high cut-off for UGC-NET across various disciplines:** The Committee examined the pattern of marks secured in different subjects and the proportion of candidates who were eligible for UGC-NET based on the uniform cut-off approved by the moderation committee. It noted that the proportion of students who made it varied hugely across the subjects, from above 30% to as low as less than 1% in many subjects. The Committee felt that this method puts

candidates from several subjects to disadvantage. A fair method must also take into account the performance relative to other candidates. Accordingly, the Committee recommends a correction in the list of candidates eligible for UGC-NET held in June 2012. For this correction, an additional criteria (b below) shall be used and any candidate who meets either of the following two criteria shall be eligible for UGC-NET:

a) Those candidates who had made it to the consideration zone, i.e., those who received a minimum of 40%, 40% & 50% marks in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III respectively for General Category; 35%, 35% & 45% marks in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III respectively for OBC (Non-creamy layer) Category and 35%, 35% & 40% marks in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III respectively for SC/ST/PWD Category and those who secured aggregate percentage (obtained by combining marks of Paper-I, II & III) of 65% for General category, 60% for OBC (Non-creamy layer) and 55% for SC/ST/PWD category candidates (This is the same criterion as decided by the earlier Moderation Committee).

OR

b) Those candidates who figure among top 7% of all the candidates who appeared in NET; this shall be calculated separately for each discipline and for each category (SC/ST/OBC(Non Creamy Layer)/PWD). Accordingly a cut-off will be determined for each subject and each category for this purpose. In case of tie (when several students have same identical aggregate marks) all the candidates appearing at the qualifying marks shall be included. Candidates who do not secure minimum required score in each paper and are therefore not in the consideration zone, will not be included in this list even if they fall among the top 7% within their subject and category.

3. Grievances related to "dropped questions": The Committee noted that in several disciplines one or more questions have been dropped from consideration due to ambiguity etc. The Committee did not approve of the method of excluding these questions and reducing the maximum marks for those subjects (as have been done in the originally declared result). Since the mistake in this instance lies with the UGC and not the candidate, we should follow the standard practice of awarding full marks for each of 'dropped questions' to all the candidates who appeared for the exam. It recommends that the scores be recomputed and new names be added to the list.

4. Grievance related to the exclusion of SC/ST/OBC/PWD candidates from consideration in General category for JRF: The Committee took a very serious view of the method for calculating the number of candidates for JRF in the reserved categories. It is,

therefore, necessary that UGC should make correction in the list of successful JRF candidates in the result of June, 2012. Any SC/ST/OBC/PWD candidates who make into the General list must not be counted against the reserved quota.

5. Additional JRF for this year as a special case: If the change in the NET cut-off and recalculation of reserved quota leads to some candidates who are now declared qualified for JRF and such candidates shall be added to the correct list and overall numbers for JRF may be enhanced for this year as a special case. While doing this care will be taken that those previously qualified will not be excluded.

6. Correction of inaccuracy in computation: The arithmetic inaccuracy that had inadvertently crept in with respect to the calculation of aggregate percentages in the subject of Music and Performing Arts for both JRF and Lectureship may be corrected and a fresh list be prepared. The NET Bureau must ensure that such mistakes are not repeated.

7. Transparency in examination: The Committee noted and appreciated the transparency in making the examination key and cut-offs public. It recommends that this practice must continue in the future.

8. Grievances related to the quality of question paper and the suitability of multiple choice examination for all disciplines: The Committee noted that this complain has come from various quarters, including senior and respected academics across many disciplines. It is not for this committee to pass a judgment on this major policy question. But the UGC must set up a committee to review the quality of NET examination and the suitability of multiple choice questions for examinations beyond December 2012.

Besides the grievances and complains related to this year's results, the Committee also took this occasion to look into the conditions under which the NET Bureau works. The Committee is of the opinion that UGC needs to take a serious view about the pathetic working conditions at the NET Office and recommends that corrective measures should be taken immediately.