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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman, Committee on Public Accounts having been authorised by the Committee to present this Report on their behalf, present the Fifty Seventh Report on Action taken by Government on the Recommendations contained in the Twenty Sixth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2001-2004).

The Committee considered and finalised this Report at the meeting held on 11-3-2008.

Thiruvananthapuram,
17th March, 2008.

ARYADAN MUHAMMED,
Chairman,
Committee on Public Accounts.

REPORT

This report deals with the action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 26th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2001-2004).

The Twenty Sixth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts was presented to the House on 29th January, 2003. The Report contained Twelve recommendations relating to Agriculture Department. Government were addressed on 19th February, 2003 to furnish the statements of action taken on the recommendations contained in the Report and the final replies were received on 17-8-2005.

The Committee examined the statements at its meeting held on 5th October 2005.

The Committee was not satisfied with the statement of action taken by Government on recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 (Para Nos. 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 36 and 37) and decided to pursue them further. The recommendations, their replies and further recommendations of the Committee are included in Chapter I of this Report.

The Committee decided not to pursue further on the remaining recommendations in the light of the replies furnished by Government. Those recommendations and their replies are incorporated in Chapter II of this Report.

CHAPTER I

RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE ACTION TAKEN BY
GOVERNMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY AND WHICH
REQUIRES REITERATION**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT****Recommendation***(Sl. No. 1 Para No. 27)*

1.1 The Committee wish to point out that the main objectives behind establishing the Kerala Agricultural University with 8 campuses and 28 major Research Stations was to develop the educational prospects in different branches of study in Agriculture and allied subjects and to conduct advanced research work and extension activities in Agricultural Development. But the examination of audit paragraph disclosed that the objectives as envisaged has not been achieved fully even after 3 decades of functioning. The Committee feel that the Government/University should take a serious note of the inefficient functioning as narrated in the audit paragraphs and initiate urgent measures to develop the Kerala Agricultural University as a premier institution of learning and research in agriculture and allied subjects.

Action Taken

1.2 The Kerala Agricultural University has informed that they have taken seriously the observations of the Public Accounts Committee and due consideration is being given in improving the functioning of the University and that the Kerala Agricultural University stands first for the last two years at the national level in the standard of education judged from the performance of students in the National JRF examination conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Researches (ICAR). It is a covetable recognition at all India level and is indicative that the efforts taken by the University in improving the academic standards are giving fruit, in spite of the financial constraints experienced by the University.

1.3 The Teachers/Scientists of the University are recipients of various International, National and State Awards, which shows their contributions to various fields and its recognition. Kerala Agricultural University is taking maximum efforts for the development of Agriculture in the State with the help of State Agriculture Department and other agencies. Since 1972 Kerala Agricultural University has released about 178 varieties of various seeds including 54 varieties of rice.

1.4 The University has a network of Research Stations and teaching institutions where there are facilities for postgraduate work. There are better centres of excellence for doing in-depth research. The college campuses are not only teaching institutions but also centres for advanced research. The University is also undertaking various training programmes for the extension functionaries and entrepreneurs. There is considerable improvement in the total number of training programmes conducted by the University. From the above it may be seen that earnest efforts are being made at all levels to improve the functioning of Kerala Agricultural University.

Further Recommendation

1.5 The Committee suggest that the research and inventions of the Agricultural University should be made useful to the public through the Local Self Government Department. The Committee also suggested that there should be a co-ordination between Agricultural University and Agriculture Department.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 2 Para No. 28)

1.6 The Committee understand that the Kerala Agricultural University has at present no proper system to prepare the annual accounts and balance sheet. Only the accounts showing the financial transactions of the University viz., receipts and payments are prepared. The University continued its non-compliance of the statutory provisions and did not make any corrective steps. Unless the accounts were prepared it would not be possible to judge the progress and working results of the institution. The Committee feel that there should be transparent system of accounting in the University for preparing annual account and balance sheet for each year incorporating all assets/liabilities of the University rather than project-wise/ scheme-wise settling of accounts.

Action Taken

1.7 As per Sec. 47(2) of the Kerala Agricultural University (Amendment) Act, 2001 the annual accounts of the University shall be submitted by the Vice Chancellor to Government who shall cause an audit to be carried out by the Accountant General, Kerala or Director of Local Fund Audit as they may appoint in this behalf. The provision for preparation of balance sheet and appointment of Chartered Accountant for audit is deleted in the Act. The relevant extract of Section 47(2) of KAU (Amendment) Act, 2001 is attached as Appendix II.

1.8 In Kerala Agricultural University the annual accounts are prepared in actual receipts and payment system as the University has no accounting system

under double entry. University has not made a valuation of its assets. The expenses are not classified into capital and revenue. Therefore, without any classification of expenditure and valuation of assets, income and expenditure accounts cannot be prepared. The Kerala Agricultural University has reported that at present the actual position of the fixed deposits of funds under PF and other deposits are exhibited in the annual accounts of the University.

Further Recommendation

1.9 The Committee recommend that the Agricultural University should adopt the double entry system in accounting and that the assets of Agricultural University should be identified and valued as per the present market value.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 4, Para No. 30)

1.10 The Committee are displeased to note that though the intake capacity of the undergraduate and postgraduate courses of various faculties in 8 institutions of Kerala Agricultural University increased from 609 in 1992-93 to 770 in 1996-97, the number of students admitted declined from 642 in 1993-94 to 563 in 1996-97. The Committee also notice that there was also no students for M.Sc. (Co-operation and Banking) during 1993-94 and 1996-97 and the number of students for M.F.Sc (Master of Fisheries Science) and Ph.D (Veterinary and Animal Science) was between 12% and 60% only of the intake capacity during 1992-93 to 1996-97. The Committee further understand that number of dropout in the courses offered by KAU were also significant. The Committee are concerned at the lack of interest shown by the University authorities regarding the optimum use of the courses and failure of the Executive Committee of Academic Council to take any corrective measures. The Committee desire that the Agriculture Department/Kerala Agricultural University should look into all these aspects and take effective steps to see that maximum number of students are admitted in these courses and that the vacancies arising due to subsequent dropouts should be filled up in time, by arranging walk-in-interview wherever necessary. The Committee also urge that adequate and proper arrangements should be made to revamp the courses in which the intake of students are very low, to make them more attractive and job oriented.

Action Taken

1.11 The admission to various UG Programme in Kerala Agricultural University is being undertaken by the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations (CEE), Government of Kerala. The conduct of examinations, selection and allotment of students are done by the CEE and as such KAU has no direct

control over the courses. Even though the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations initially select candidates for admission considering the total capacity of each college, the vacancies due to drop outs are not fully substituted due to various reasons. (1) Since the admission is from a common pool of candidates for Medicines, Agriculture, Veterinary and allied courses, the CEE has to undertake the selection process considering the requirements of candidates with regard to their options for various courses. (2) The process of filling up of vacancies cannot be continued indefinitely since the students admitted have to satisfy their attendance requirements of various courses to which they are admitted. (3) When students of Higher Semesters (Second, Third or Fourth year) leave the college by securing admissions to Medicine or similar courses, the arising vacancies cannot be filled up. These in-built problems of the system have caused under utilisation of the potential capacity of various UG courses of the University. However the University is taking keen interest in filling the vacancies in the 1st Semester of the courses by taking up the matter with the CEE.

1.12 It is true that the strength of admission for PG courses offered in different faculties fluctuates. This is mainly due to the variation in the job-opportunities of the outgoing PG students. Taking this into account, the University is now reviewing and finalising the number of seats for various PG courses every year. Moreover, effort is also being taken to introduce demand-driven courses like Bio-Technology especially in the context of globalisation.

Further Recommendation

1.13 The Committee opines that the Agricultural University should conduct only need based courses. A work study on the faculty should also be undertaken and the idling/under utilised faculty should be redeployed to more productive areas.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 5, Para No. 31)

1.14 The Committee also take a serious note of the fact that the Kerala Agricultural University has not yet made any assessment of the extend of un-utilised man power in respect of teaching/non-teaching staff and resultant infructuous expenditure. It was noticed that the non-adoption of ICAR norms of staff strength resulted in excess expenditure of Rs. 3.16 crores during 1992-1997 and award of Higher Pay scale to Assistant Professors by violating ICAR norms resulted in recurring excess expenditure to the tune of Rs. 1.32 crores per annum. The Committee recommend that a comprehensive study in accordance with the norms stipulated by ICAR and as per the guidelines issued

by Government in July 1998 should be conducted to assess the workload and the actual requirements of staff strength and the number of teaching/non teaching staff idling in each institutions of the Kerala Agricultural University. The surplus staff if any should be re-deployed to the post sanctioned in the new college at Padannakkad in Kasargod District. The Committee desire to be furnished with the results of the review undertaken by the University as per guidelines issued by Government in 1998, and the number of teaching and non-teaching staff deployed in the new College at Padannakkad in Kasargod. So also the directive of ICAR to rescind the Government Orders of July 1996 should be examined and appropriate action should be taken early.

Action Taken

1.15 The Finance Inspection Wing appointed by Government had furnished a report on the irregular promotions granted to teachers and non-teaching category. The same was approved by the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee constituted a Sub-Committee to look into the irregularities pointed out by the Finance Inspection Wing. A Special Cell headed by a Joint Secretary of Finance Department was constituted to study the irregularities in the implementation of UGC/ICAR package 1986 in KAU and the cell has submitted the report to Government. A High Level meeting to discuss the irregularities in the faulty implementation of 1986 UGC was held by Chief Minister on 12-11-2004. Government have now issued necessary instructions to the Kerala Agricultural University to rectify the irregularities in the 1986 package within a specified time limit. Regarding the excess staff, the Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University has reported that a proposal for fixing the work norms and work load of teaching staff was placed in the 394th Executive Committee Meeting where in it was decided to constitute a Sub-committee of experts with direction to submit its report. The Sub-Committee submitted the report and the same was placed before the Executive Committee held on 13-1-2005 and got approved.

Further Recommendation

1.16 The Committee want to be furnished with a copy of the report of the sub-committee as approved by the Executive Committee on redeployment of teaching and non-teaching staff of Agricultural University. The action taken to redeploy teaching/non-teaching staff should be intimated to the Committee. Panchayats should also be included as the sales outlets of High Yielding Varieties of Breeder seeds to the farmers by the Department of Agriculture for popularizing High Yielding Varieties released by the University.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 8 Para No. 34)

1.17 The Committee notice that the extension activities like the scheme to supply coconut seedlings to farmers ended in failure with an infructuous expenditure of Rs. 12.57 lakh on account of failure to sell 1.18 lakh seedlings due to overgrowth. During evidence, the witness informed that the Agriculture Department failed to take supply of seedlings even after attaining the growth of three years and a case had been filed for compensation. The Committee are of the view that had proper study been conducted as to the suitability of seedlings produced out of coconuts from islands for cultivation in mainland and the demand for it among cultivators before ordering 3.03 lakh coconuts, the loss of unsold seedlings due to overgrowth for planting could have been avoided. The Committee recommend to enquire into the lapses in this regard and take disciplinary action against the officers responsible for the loss sustained on account of this.

Action Taken

1.18 Kerala Agricultural University launched a massive programme of production of quality coconut seedlings during 1993-94 for distribution in the State as per the decision taken in the meeting held at Government level. As part of the programme, it was decided to procure Lakshadweep ordinary seednuts, since this variety was found resistant to drought conditions and have better yield. The Executive Committee in its meeting held on 7-10-1993 discussed the matter and stressed the need for maximising the nursery production. Accordingly seednuts of Lakshadweep ordinary were procured from Lakshadweep and nursery raised in stations/farms under the University. At the time when the production programme was launched there was a heavy demand for coconut seedlings and all the coconut seedlings produced in the University stations were sold out. At that time the market price of coconut was very attractive and farmers intensified coconut cultivations. But during June 1995 when the seedlings were ready for sale there was a heavy downfall in the market price of coconut which discouraged the farmers in coconut cultivation.

1.19 Sincere efforts were taken by the University for disposal of the seedlings through DRDA. In response, only DRDA Thrissur and Palakkad collected the seedlings. The Kerala Agricultural University reported that the University was forced to cut short the programme of procuring and producing Lakshadweep ordinary seedlings at the end of 1st phase itself.

1.20 The coconut seedlings production programme was organized by the University and entrusted to some of the officers for implementation. The Kerala Agricultural University has reported that the officers entrusted with the work have done it expeditiously.

1.21 A Committee was constituted to enquire into the whole affairs. The KAU has reported that the enquiry report has not been received.

Further Recommendation

1.22 The Committee want to be furnished with an explanation as to why the enquiry report of the Committee instituted to enquire into the whole affairs of production of quality coconut seedlings for distribution in the State has not been received so far.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 10, Para No. 36)

1.23 The Committee also view with serious concern the failure on the part of University in taking strong action against the culprits who had unauthorisedly removed trees valued at least Rs. 58.90 lakh during 1993. Even at this time no action had been taken even to assess the actual extent of loss and to find out the culprits. The Committee find no justification for the inordinate delay in completing the enquiry in this case and therefore urge to refer the case to Vigilance Department. The Committee recommend that responsibility should be fixed for the scant regard to public money by the concerned officers and those responsible should be sternly dealt with.

Action Taken

1.24 The enquiry conducted by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau is in progress.

Further Recommendation

1.25 The Committee want to know the present position of the enquiry being conducted by the Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 11, Para No. 37)

1.26 The Committee noticed that the University had failed miserably in achieving the optimum production targets in respect of agriculture farms, dairy farms and fish farms. When compared to the expenditure incurred and the expected returns, there had been substantial shortfall in production and resultant revenue yield. The University had not conducted any study about this.

The Committee recommend that a detailed analysis/study on the reasons for the wide disparity between the expected and actual production should be conducted and appropriate remedial measures should be taken.

Action Taken

1.27 The main mandate of the University are teaching, research and extension. Being an academic institution primary importance is being given to academic activities. However, income generating programmes are also being taken up recently in research stations/farms giving secondary importance.

1.28 The mismatch between the expenditure and income in research stations/farm is due to various factors like.

(1) Importance is given for research activities.

(2) High cost of labour as well as input cost etc. which are otherwise not essential in commercial farming.

1.29 However, the observations of the Committee are taken into account by the University. Kerala Agricultural University has formulated a Committee for the study on the reasons for wide disparity between the expected and actual production in various University farms. The study group has been requested by the KAU to suggest appropriate remedial measures to be taken by the Kerala Agricultural University in this regard. Final report is awaited.

Further Recommendation

1.30 The Committee recommend to conduct a detailed study on the reasons for the wide disparity between the expected and actual production in various University farms. The Committee also suggest that appropriate remedial measures should be taken in this regard. The final report in this matter should be expedited.

CHAPTER II

RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT DESIRE TO PURSUE IN THE LIGHT OF REPLIES FURNISHED BY GOVERNMENT

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 3 Para No. 29)

2.1 The Committee regret to note that despite the deposition made before the Committee that the entire amount paid in excess due to application of inadmissible rate of HRA had been adjusted against Pay revision arrears, the information regarding the details of recovery/adjustment of the inadmissible

amount from 2558 employees for the period from 1992-1993 to 1996-1997 and copy of the order dated 13-1-1998 have not yet been furnished. The Committee urge that the details of the recovery and the order there of should be furnished to the Committee without delay.

Action Taken

2.2 The recovery of the excess House Rent Allowance has been made in the arrear bills of 1997 Pay revision by the respective drawing and disbursing officers. A copy of the University Order No. BG/A2/44036/93(1) dated, 13-1-1999 is enclosed (Appendix III).

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 6, Para No. 32)

2.3 The Committee deplore the lethargic attitude of the Agricultural University and Agriculture Department in popularizing the 55 High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of pulses, vegetables, oil seeds etc. developed in research stations during the last two decades. Since the Agriculture Department has its roots at Krishi Bhavans, it is their duty to make available the superior breeds for distribution to farmers. The Committee believe that lack of co-ordination between the University and Agriculture Department is the major reason for the HYV seeds not reaching the Farming community. The Committee recommend that the Agriculture Department should show more sense of responsibility in this matter and urgent steps should be taken to popularise all HYVs developed and released by Kerala Agricultural University. The Committee also urge the University to strengthen its existing sales outlets.

Action taken

2.4 The co-ordination between the University and the Department of Agriculture during the last two years has been considerably improved and a series of Research Extension Inter-Phase Programmes are now going on jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the KAU. The University is taking sincere efforts in popularising the High Yielding Varieties released by the University in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture. The observations of the Committee to popularise HYV are well taken and the University has now constituted a Seed Authority with a view to make available sufficient quantities of foundation/breeder seeds to the Department of Agriculture for multiplications and distribution to the farmers.

2.5 As recommended by the Committee, the existing sale outlets of the University have been strengthened. The total turnover of the Sales and Information Centre (ATIC), Mannuthy during the year 2002-03 has exceeded

Rs. 1 crore. This record transaction reflects the sincere efforts taken by the University in making available the planting materials and other products of the University to the farmers through the sales outlets. At present, the University has 28 sales outlets.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 7 Para No. 33)

2.6 It is disheartening to note that a much hoped scheme for preserving Vechoor Cows (local breed) ended in a failure due to the large scale death of cows reportedly due to the intake of toxic pesticide which was present in the green grass supplied by the University. The Committee came to know that the three types of enquiries conducted by various agencies are pending and there has not been any clue to the death of the cattle. The Committee further understand that there has been severe lapses on the part of the officers in safeguarding the University's interest in this matter. The Committee take a serious view of the mode of enquiries and the failure in detecting the culprits in this case. The Committee urge that vigorous steps should be taken to book the culprits as a deterrent measure to prevent such cruelty to animals and to safeguard the interest of the University and the State. Therefore, the Committee recommend that the case should be reopened and referred to investigation by the State Crime Branch. The Committee desire that the action taken and results of the investigation should be intimated to the Committee.

Action Taken

2.7 A scheme "Conservation of native germplasm of Kerala-Vechur Cattle" was sanctioned by ICAR for a period of 3 years from 1992 and then extended for 2 years. As per technical programme a set of good animals was purchased from Vechur and nearby areas. A group of scientists selected these animals, which shows typical characteristics as described in the technical programme. This scheme was launched with the assistance of NBAGR. But during 1994 the unexpected death of a few animals occurred in the project.

2.8 This incidence was given prime consideration and all necessary measures were taken to control it. The fodder grass which was suspected to contain some toxic pesticides was stopped and the animals were fed only with straw. A round the clock watching system and immediate medical aids were arranged to control such situations. Thus the incidence of future mortality was controlled.

2.9 The autopsy reports revealed the presence of some toxic substances in the rumen. This was reported to the higher authorities and a high level committee was appointed to investigate into it. This Committee identified some

organophosphorous materials and submitted the report to the Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. As recommended by the Committee the Home Department was requested to conduct an enquiry through CBCID on the matter and the Home Department informed that investigation of the case in Crime No. 162/98 of Mannuthy Police Station regarding the death of Vechur Cows has been transferred to Crime Branch CID on 28-11-2001. The preliminary investigation report received from the S.P. Crime Branch CID is placed as Appendix IV. Because of the precaution taken and control measures launched, no further incidence of death was reported after 1996.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 9 Para No. 35)

2.10 The Committee are concerned to note that the University has failed to maintain the asset register indicating the extent of land and other properties in its actual possession in its 34 research stations. The Committee urge that a concerted effort should be made to expedite the collection of data on landed property, which was not conducted for the last several years. The Committee view this as gross negligence on the part of the authorities of Kerala Agricultural University. The Committee desire to be furnished with a detailed report of the actual possession of land.

Action Taken

2.11 A register containing the extent of land in possession of the University in its various stations is being maintained. However, fresh details are being collected to update the register. The details of land in possession of the Kerala Agricultural University is attached as Appendix V.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 12 Para No. 38)

2.12 The Committee understand that the excessive engagement of labourers in one farm resulted in avoidable expenditure on Rs. 39.73 lakh. The University had failed to ensure optimum utilization of services of labour force in the farms. The Committee urge that attempts should be made by the University to conduct periodical review of the workload vis-a-vis actual requirement and to re-deploy the surplus labour force to the needed places since all these labourers are salaried and are enjoying pensionery and all other benefits.

Action Taken

2.13 As per the existing practice, transfer of labourers between farms is not being done in the University.

2.14 Coconut Research Station, Balaramapuram and Cropping Research Station are the two farms situated within the transfer Unit of Vellayani farm. There is no additional requirement of labourers in Karamana farm. Though there is requirement of additional labourers in Balaramapuram farm additional labourers cannot be inducted there either by transfer or by fresh recruitment in view of the fact that the Hon'ble High Court has directed that petitioners in O.P. 20371/99 should be engaged as and when requirement arises. The petitioner of the said O.P. are candidates in a select list of Casual labourers published by the University in 1997.

2.15 The executive Committee of the University has decided to conduct an internal study for labour strength re-fixation of KAU farms and a Committee under the Chairmanship of Associate Director, RARS, Kumarakom has been constituted for this purpose. The Comptroller, KAU has reported that the report submitted by the Committee was placed before the Executive Committee held on 18-8-2004 and decided to approve the draft work norms after discussion with the representatives of the registered farm workers union and action is being taken to convene the meeting.

Thiruvananthapuram,
17th March, 2008.

ARYADAN MUHAMMED,
Chairman,
Committee on Public Accounts.

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Para No.</i>	<i>Department Concerned</i>	<i>Conclusions/ Recommendations</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	1.5	Agriculture Department	The Committee suggests that the research and inventions of the Agricultural University should be made useful to the public through the Local Self Government Department. The Committee also suggests that there should be a co-ordination between Agricultural University and Agriculture Department.
2.	1.9	„	The Committee recommends that the Agricultural University should adopt the double entry system in accounting and that the assets of Agricultural University should be identified and valued as per the present market value.
3.	1.13	„	The Committee opines that the Agricultural University should conduct only need based courses. A work study on the faculty should also be undertaken and the idling/under utilised faculty should be redeployed to more productive areas.
4.	1.16	„	The Committee wants to be furnished with a copy of the report of the sub-committee as approved by the Executive Committee on redeployment of teaching and non-teaching staff of Agricultural University. The action taken to redeploy teaching/non-teaching staff should be intimated to the Committee. Panchayats should also be included as the sales outlets of High Yielding Varieties of Breeder seeds to the farmers by the Department of Agriculture for popularizing High Yielding Varieties released by the University.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
5.	1.22	Agriculture Department	The Committee wants to be furnished with an explanation as to why the enquiry report of the Committee instituted to enquire into the whole affairs of production of quality coconut seedlings for distribution in the State has not been received so far.
6.	1.25	”	The Committee wants to know the present position of the enquiry being conducted by the Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau.
7.	1.30	”	The Committee recommends to conduct a detailed study on the reasons for the wide disparity between the expected and actual production in various University farms. The Committee also suggests that appropriate remedial measures should be taken in this regard. The final report in this matter should be expedited.

APPENDIX II

**Relevant Extract of Section 47 (2) of the Kerala Agricultural University
(Amendment) Act, 2001**

The annual accounts of the University shall be submitted by the Vice-Chancellor to the Government who shall cause an audit to be carried out by the Accountant General or the Director of Local Fund Audit as they may appoint in this behalf

APPENDIX III

KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Proceedings

KAU—REVISION OF HRA TO THE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN MAIN CAMPUS AND
BALARAMAPURAM—SANCTIONED—ORDERS ISSUED

FINANCE WING

No. BG/A2/44036/93 (i).

Dated, 13th January, 1999.

- Read :
1. KAU Proceedings No. BG/A1/44036/93. dt. 11-7-1994.
 2. KAU Proceedings No. BG/A1/44036/93 (6) dt. 31-12-1994.
 3. Minutes of the Executive Committee (328th) meeting held on 14-12-1998 (Item No. 121/98).

ORDER

In this office proceedings read as 1st paper above, University has revised the pay scales to its employees on par with that of State Government employees based on the recommendations of the pay Equalisation Committee, except HRA and OSA. In the proceedings read as 2nd paper above, sanction was accorded to revise the HRA to the employees working in the University Stations/Institutions except the stations/offices located in the Vellanikkara, Mannuthy, Kokkkalai, Madakkathara, Kannara and Balaramapuram. The reason for not revising the HRA at these stations is that the Government had requested to review and regulate the payment of higher rate of HRA. The University approached the Government for clearance of the payment of HRA at the rate applicable to B@ cities to the employees working in Vellanikkara, Mannuthy, Balaramapuram, Kokkalai, Madakkathara and Kannara campuses as decided by the Executive Committee meetings held on 13-12-1994 and 19-10-1996. The Government have not considered the request. But the Government have indicated in their letter No. 79071/PUB1/91 dated, 22-6-1994 that rate applicable to adjoining Municipalities is permissible since Vellanikkara, Mannuthy and Balaramapuram stations are treated as annex of Thrissur and Neyyattinkara Municipalities. Pending decision of the Government status quo was maintained and employees were being paid HRA at the rate drawn as on 9-6-1994 without any revision/enhancement, till a decision is taken.

2. Since the Government have not taken a final decision in the matter of sanctioning higher rate of HRA and another revision on pay and allowances has already been announced by the Government, the entire matter was placed before the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 14-12-1998 for taking a final decision as to whether the University should await Government's clearance for the payment of HRA as B2 cities to the employees working in the main campus (Mannuthy, Vellanikkara, Kokkalai, Kannara and Madakkara) and Balaramapuram or HRA be paid at the rate applicable to adjoining Municipalities as suggested by the Government in their letter dated 22-6-1994. The Executive Committee has decided to accept the latter suggestion.

3. In consonance with the decision of the Executive Committee the University is pleased to issue the following orders:

(i) The employees working in the Institution/stations located at the following places will be paid HRA at the revised rate applicable to Thrissur Municipality, a 'C' Class city as classified by the Government.

- (a) Vellanikkara (KAU Headquarters)
- (b) Mannuthy
- (c) Kokkalai
- (d) Kannara
- (e) Madakkathara

(ii) The amount of HRA payable to the employees working in the above station shall be as shown below:

<i>Pay range</i>	<i>Amount of HRA</i>
750-949	60
950-1499	90
1500-2799	150
2800-3599	200
3600-4499	270
4500-6300	330

(iii) In respect of employees working at Balaramapuram station, the HRA will be paid at the rate applicable to Neyyattinkara, a Municipal Town other than

B2 and 'C' Class city and adjoining to Balaramapuram. The Amount of HRA payable shall be as given below:

<i>Pay range</i>	<i>Amount of HRA</i>
750-949	60
950-1499	90
1500-2799	130
2800-3599	150
3600-4499	150
4500-6300	150

(iv) The revision of rate of HRA shall have effect from 1-3-1992.

(v) These orders are applicable to the teachers coming under the purview of UGC/ICAR scales also.

(vi) Excess HRA, if drawn by any employees will be adjusted from the arrears of the pay revision to be effective from 1-3-1997 when implemented.

(vii) Head of stations in the Vellanikkara, Mannuthy, Kokkalai, Kannara, Madakkathara and Balaramapuram Campusus will draw and disburse the arrears on account of this revision to the eligible employees. Separate authorisation is necessary to draw revised rate of HRA by the self drawing officers.

(viii) This Office proceedings read as 1st and 2nd paper stand modified to the above extend.

APPENDIX IV

True copy of the letter from the Dy. Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch CID, Thrissur addressed to the Addl. Director General of Police, Crime Branch CID, Thiruvananthapuram dated 20-2-2002. (through the Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch CID, Ernakulam)

Sir,

Sub:—Case of slaughter of cows at Mannuthy and Palakkad farms of Kerala Agricultural University—Preliminary investigation report—Forwarding—

Ref:— PHQ No. DI 5/86649/01 dt. 28-11-2001

No. D4/30947/Cr/01 dt. 3-1-2002 of CBCID HQ TVPM.

Kind attention is invited to the subject and reference cited above.

The case in brief is that during 1997 the cows of the farms at Mannuthy and Palakkad which were looked after by the Veterinary Department of Kerala Agricultural University headed by the Vice-Chancellor of Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara Thrissur (A1) and the Dean of Veterinary Dept. (A2) had caught with diseases but the accused persons did not give the cows necessary and required treatment and on the other hand ordered their subordinates to slaughter the cows. The petitioner Mr. Joseph 42 years S/o Devassy, Panangadan House, Thiroor, Kolazhy village, Thrissur Dist. filed complaint before Hon. JFCM Court No. III Thrissur and as per Court Orders Mannuthy Police registered Cr. No. 162/98 U/S 428, 429 IPC. After Investigation Mannuthy Police referred the case as Mistake of Fact on 11-11-1990.

Mannuthy Police investigated the case questioning the Heads of Departments of Preventive Medicine, Veterinary Public Health, Meat technology etc. and since the cows were affected with tuberculosis as per report of the Head of Preventive Medicine the cows were slaughtered etc. according to the All India University Recommendation. The case was finally reported as Mistake of Fact on 11-11-1998 before Hon. JFCM No. III Court, Thrissur.

I have submitted report before Hon. JFCM No. III Court, Thrissur for according sanction for re-opening the case for further investigation and the Orders of the Hon. Court is awaited.

This is for favour of kind information

APPENDIX V

Details of Landed Property in Kerala Agricultural University

1.	Vellayani Campus	Garden land	78.2335 ha.
		Kayal land	165 ha.
2.	Cropping Systems Res. Centre, Karamana		2061.200 ha.
3.	Coconut Research Station, Balaramapuram		14.33.60 ha.
4.	Rice Research Station, Kayamkulam	Garden land	2.2080 ha.
		Wet land	9.2310 ha.
5.	Regional Agrl. Res. Station, Kumarakom		44.43 ha.
6.	Rice Research Station, Mancompu		9 ha. 17 ares.
7.	F.S.R.S., Sadanandapuram		8.9671 ha.
8.	Soil Conservation Research Station, Konni		46.931 ha.
9.	Sugarcane Research Station, Thiruvalla		9.354 ha.
10.	Cardamom Research Station, Pampadumpara		46.2879 ha.
11.	Pineapple Research Station, Vazhakulam		6.075 ares.
12.	College of Fisheries, Panangad		28.3621 ha.
			30.6878 ha.
		(actually acquired)	
13.	Rice Research Station, Vyttila		8.6876 ha.
14.	Fisheries Station, Paduveipu		50 acre.
15.	AMPRS, Odakkali		12.5820 ha.
16.	Agronomic Research Station, Chalakkudy		8.9515 ha.
17.	Cattle Breeding Farm, Thumburmuzhy		63 acres
18.	University Vety. Hospital, Kokkalai		1101/10 cents
19.	Banana Research Station, Kannara		17.3 ha.
20.	Livestock Research Station, T' Kunnu		160.9431 ha.
21.	Regional Agrl. Research Station, Pattambi		63.14 ha.
22.	KCAE & T, Tavanur		40.28 ha.
23.	Cashew Research Station, Anakkayam		9.7920 ha.

24. Mannuthy Campus	149.3287 ha.
25. Vellanikkara campus (including CRF Madakkathara) 391.4368 ha.	
26. Regional Agrl. Res. Station, Ambalavayal	103.1015 ha.
27. College of Veterinary & AS, Pookot	100 acres
28. Pepper Research Station, Panniyur	26.0662 ha.
29. Regional Agrl. Res. Station, Pilicode	76.9093 ha.
30. College of Agriculture, Padannakad	66.57 acres
31. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Manjeswar	16.05 acres (on lease)
32. College of Diary Science, Idukki	84 ha.
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Total	1757.7 ha.
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