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## CIRCULAR:

Heads/Directors of the University Departments are hereby informed that as suggested by the University Grants Commission, the UGC provides Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) to the Research Scholars for SC/ST Candidates for pursuing M.Phil./Ph.D.

Place: MUMBAI – 400 032.

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

  
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Dear Registrar,

The UGC provides Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) to the Research Scholars for SC/ST Candidates for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.d.

After satisfactory completion of two years research work, the Rajiv Gandhi National Junior Research Fellowship is upgraded to Rajiv Gandhi National Senior Research Fellowship on positive recommendations of duly constituted Assessment Committee.

The Composition of the Assessment Committee is as under:

1. Outside Subject Expert – other than same Univ./Institute/College
2. Supervisor of Research Scholar
3. Head of the Department

It has been noticed by the UGC that in certain cases the Assessment Committees constituted by the University/College are not in conformity with the prescribed composition of the Assessment Committee.

One member in the constituted Assessment Committees should necessary be an outside expert, who should not be working in the university/institution in which the Research work is being undertaken by the Scholar. This creates technical problem in upgradation of RGNJRF to RGNSRF.

It has been noticed that in certain cases like, RGNJRF in the School of Life Sciences & Department of Politics, the Assessment Committees have been constituted with external expert for the same University (JNU) instead of outside the university.

It is, therefore, desirable that you instruct all the departments/colleges to follow the UGC guidelines in constituting the Assessment Committee with an external subject expert from outside the university.

While filling the Assessment Report, complete details including designation and departmental address of all the members are clearly indicated in the respective columns.

In future, the UGC will not accord its approval to upgrade RGNJRF to RGNSRF, if the composition of the Assessment Committee is not according to the composition prescribed by the UGC and with an external expert from outside the university/institution/college.

This may kindly be brought to the notice of all Deans/Heads of the Departments of your university and colleges under your jurisdiction.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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