

Part-I- (D) Departmental Inspection

Departmental Inspection has been conducted by the Commissioner of Technical Education, for the period upto 2013-14 in December 2014. Departmental audit for the remaining period may be carried out.

Part II: Current Audit

(A) Major Irregularities

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(B) Other Irregularities

Para-1 Excess Payment of Salary in case of Study Leave.

As per Office Order No.GEC/MEMTECH/2016/GH-14/25660 of Commissionerate of Technical Education, Gujarat State, Shri H.N.Chaudhary, Assistant Professor, (Electrical Department) Government Engineering College, Palanpur was on study leave for M.E/M.Tech Programme for the period from August-2016 to July 2018.

During the course of audit, it was observed that Mr. H. N. Chaudhary had drawn an amount of ₹ 11,62,461/- as full pay and allowances from the institution for the period from August-2016 to July 2018. However, As per GCS (Leave) rule 2002, during study leave, a Government employee shall draw leave salary equal to the amount admissible during half pay leave. So, an amount of ₹ 5,80,864/- had to be paid salary as per half pay leave to Shri H. N. Chaudhary. Hence, an amount of ₹ 5,81,597 had to be recovered from him regarding excess payment of salary.

On this being pointed out, it was replied that institute considered the point raised by audit regarding excess payment of salary in case of study leave and the matter would be checked and implemented as per rules and brought to the notice of audit.

Further reply is awaited

Para-2 Improper Utilisation of Grant of ₹ 209908.85/- Under Scheme Rashtriya Uchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

Rashtriya Uchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) launched in 2013 aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions. The central funding (in the ratio of 60:40 for general category states, 90:10 for special category states and 100% for union territories) would be norm based and outcome dependent. The key objectives of RUSA are to improve access, equity and quality in higher education through planned development of higher education at the state level, developing institutions that are self reliant in terms of quality education, professionally managed, and characterized by greater inclination towards research and provide students with education that is relevant to them as well the nation as a whole. There are total 18 components under this RUSA Scheme. Government Engineering College, Palanpur had received

total grant of ₹209908.85/- for the period from 2014-15 to 2016-17 under component No. 9 (Equity Incentives) which is to be used as per norms vide KCG/RUSA/2015-16/3127, dated 24.02.2016.

Main objectives of this (Equity Incentives) schemes mentions as below.

- Setting up equal opportunity cells (EOCS) in selected colleges.
- Conducting remedial classes.
- Holding equity and gender sensitization campaigns.
- Mentoring provision for female students.
- Creation of gender friendly campus

Scrutiny of records shows that Government Engineering College, Palanpur had utilised only ₹ 3350 /- for the above mention main objectives of the scheme. Remaining amount of ₹ 2,05,777/- was used for the purchase of cupboards and educational books for institute's library, which was against the norms of the scheme. It showed failure of achieving main objectives of the schemes.

On this being pointed out, it was replied that the point raised by audit regarding improper utilization of grant would be checked as per scheme guidelines and same would be intimated to the audit.

Further reply is awaited

Para-3 Non availability of regular/full time faculty in Mining Engineering Discipline.

Government Engineering College, Palanpur, runs Mining Engineering course with vision to prepare student to understand safely managed earth and its resources for the future and it emphasize on the application and development of new technology in understanding and safe management of earth and its resources. As per the Approval process handbook 2017-18 of AICTE all engineering/technical institutes had to maintain teaching faculty to student based on approved intake ratio in proportion of 1:15 as per appendix-7.

However, scrutiny of records revealed that total sanctioned post (07) of mining engineering department of Government Engineering College, Palanpur was remained vacant till date of Audit (April 2018) and institute somehow managed the course with service of visiting faculty.

On this being pointed out, it was replied that institute had considered the point raised by audit and would implement it at institute as per norms.

Further reply is awaited.

Para-4 Non-Subscription of e-journal packages and Nation journals.

As per the Approval Process Handbook of AICTE 2017-18, it was essential for all engineering institute conducting Under Graduate courses to subscribe e-journal packages as mentioned in appendix 10. It was also essential to subscribe national journals mentioned in clause 5.3 of approval process handbook.

Scrutiny of the records revealed that Government Engineering College, Palanpur had not subscribed any e-journal packages and national journal in library for the period from January-17 to till the date of Audit (April 2018). It was also noticed that institute had not proposed any grant from state government for the above purpose during this period. Non proposal of grant resulted in deprivation of students of intended benefits of e-Journals and national journals.

On this being pointed out, it was replied that point raised by audit team regarding non-subscription of e-journal packages and national journal was considered and would be implemented at institute level as per norms.

Further reply is awaited.

Part III: Minor Objections

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Compliance to this Inspection Report may be furnished within a month from the date of its receipt.

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