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Minutes

Of the Extraordinary meeting of the *Majlis-i-Muntazimah* (Executive Council) EC-1/2020) held on 15.01.2020 at 4.00 p.m. in the Yasser Arafat Hall, Khayaban-e-Ajmal (Administrative Block), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi 110025

Following were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Najma Akhtar - Chairperson  
Shaikh-ul-Jamia (Vice-Chancellor), JMI
2. Prof. Ilyas Husain - Member  
Pro Vice-Chancellor, JMI
3. Prof. Mohammad Shabbir - Member  
Visitor's Nominee
4. Prof. Rizwanur Rehman - Member  
Visitor's Nominee
5. Prof. N.U. Khan - Member  
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI
6. Prof. Hina Zia - Member  
Dean, Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics, JMI
7. Prof. Seemi Farhat Basir - Member  
Dean Students' Welfare, JMI
8. Prof. S.K. Bhati - Member  
Deptt. of Adult & Continuing Education & Extension, JMI
9. Dr. Sabiha Alam - Member  
MMAJ Academy of International Studies, JMI
10. Mr. A.P. Siddiqui, IPS - Secretary  
Registrar, JMI

The following officers have also attended the meeting as Special Invitee:

1. Prof. Waseem Ahmad Khan  
Chief Proctor, JMI
2. Dr. Nazim Husain Jafri  
Controller of Examinations, JMI
3. Mr. Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi  
Standing Counsel, JMI

Prof. Mazaahir Kidwai (Visitor's Nominee) and Mr. Mohd. Shahid Akhtar (Member) could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

The following officers were also present to assist in the proceedings:

1. Dr Abdul Malik, Joint Registrar, JMI
2. Mr Saqib Aziz, Assistant Registrar (A&C), R.O. JMI

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor welcomed Prof. Ilyas Husain on being appointed as Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr Nazim Hussain Jafri as Controller of Examinations, Jamia Millia Islamia. Both have assumed the office on 1.1.2020.

Thereafter, the following main agenda item was taken up by the Majlis (EC).

**EC-2020(I): Item-1**

**Charter of demands submitted by the students to the Shaikh-ul-Jamia (Vice-Chancellor) on 13.01.2020 particularly regarding registration of an FIR against Delhi Police [u/s 156(3)] CrPC**

**Demand No.1**

**Registration of an FIR on the incident happened on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

It was informed that a number of students met with the Vice-Chancellor on 13.01.2020 and submitted the charter of demands which were placed before the house. The Registrar explained the chronology of events since 15.12.2019. He informed that this is the second extraordinary meeting after 16.12.2019 (when the first extraordinary meeting was held). It was explained that on 13.01.2020, a large number of agitating students met with the Vice Chancellor and insisted on the filing of FIR against the Delhi Police as it has been pending since one month. Status report is being sent by Ministry of HRD regularly. The pivotal point is registration of FIR against the Delhi Police as directed by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 16.12.2019.

- 1) The incident which happened in the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 was reported by the University Administration to the S.H.O., P.S. Jamia Nagar, on the next day i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 by hand for registration of the FIR. The same was refused as the same would have constituted the First Information Report in terms of Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.P.C.). Complaint of 16.12.2019 leading to FIR (not acknowledged by the Jamia Nagar Police Station).
- 2) The same complaint was transmitted by way of an email on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. No acknowledgement of the same was received and the copy was also sent to the Police Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

- 3) Thereafter, the University Administration waited for the acknowledgement or action regarding the said information. However, no response in this regard came from the Police Authorities. Accordingly on 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 a letter was written by the Registrar to the Joint Commissioner of Police indicating that an application for filing an FIR in respect of unlawful entry into the campus without informing the University Authorities and causing physical injury to the students and damaging the University property has been sent on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 by the Chief Proctor but no action has been taken by the SHO, Jamia Nagar Police Station. It was also indicated that a reminder was also sent to all concerned on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 4) It was being orally informed to the University Administration by the SHO, Jamia Nagar Police Station that since the incident took place around Jamia Campus and also in an around Jullena and Mathura Road, the same stands transferred to Crime Branch from the respective Police Stations of New Friends Colony and Jamia Nagar. In view of the same the DCP (Crime Branch), Delhi Police, was requested on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 indicating these facts and again requested that an FIR on behalf of the University be urgently registered.
- 5) In the meanwhile, the University had also sent its complaints by way of Speed Post to the concerned police authorities, acknowledgement of which indicates that the same were being received by the concerned authority. No steps in terms of provisions of CrPC were taken on any of these communications so far.
- 6) A letter was written to the Delhi Police Commissioner by the Registrar requesting therein that direction may be issued to the In-charge, P.S. Jamia Nagar and DCP Crime for registering an FIR from Jamia which is pending since month.

The Majlis (EC) appreciated the efforts taken by the University Administration and put on record that all the steps taken by the Jamia Administration has set an example for other Universities in the country.

Since the heart and soul of the Charter of Demands of the students lie in the fact that the complaint of the University has not been registered in the form of FIR and, therefore, the next legal steps in this regard i.e. to approach the concerned Magistrate under the provisions of CrPC for initiating the process of registration of FIR should be taken up. Since the demand of the students is in accordance with law as it is being provided that in the event the complaint is not being registered by the police such a complainant can approach the magistrate under the provisions of Section 156(3) of CrPC.

The Executive Council unanimously resolved that all the possible legal steps as mentioned above be taken by the University for registration of FIR against the Delhi Police under Section 156(3) of CrPC .

## **Demand No.2**

### **A Press Conference inviting the students on the outcome of the Court Proceedings as to the registration of FIR**

The Executive Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to approach the Court to register an FIR and as per the outcome of the Court proceedings further steps be taken regarding the Press Conference.

## **Demand No. 3**

### **Rescheduling of examinations**

As per the first Schedule of Examinations, the examinations were commenced from 9.1.2020 but which had to be postponed on 13.1.2020 as a group of large number of students protested and demanded for the new Schedule of Examination. It was also mentioned that the Pro-Vice Chancellor has been requested to hold a meeting of all the Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments Directors of Centres and the students for preparing a new Schedule of Examination. The University has instructed the Deans and HoDs to invite the students' request as to the rescheduling of examinations.

It was resolved that a compact schedule of examination be prepared and announced accordingly by Controller of Examinations in consultation with all the stakeholders.

## **Demand No. 4**

### **Safety and Security of the students**

It was mentioned that the university campus has already 3-tier security and all the gates of entry and exit are manned round the clock. However, in view of the apprehension of the students based on the incident which took place on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019, the entire security set-up has been further strengthened. The manpower has been increased. The communication channels streamlined and night patrolling by the Proctorial Team has been activated and University is taking all possible steps for the security and safety of the students residing in the campus which is paramount mandate of the University.

It was reiterated that the University is committed to the safety and security of the students. However, there should be cooperation from the students as well. They should be within the campus and should not indulge in any unlawful activity otherwise the University may not be able to protect them. They should not be part of any mob outside the campus even on the main road, in this case the University will not be in a position to protect them. The University's Counselling Cell, under the Department of Psychology, is already in place and has been strengthened to help the students who were traumatized by the incidents of 15.12.2019.

**Demand No.5**

**Setting of an SIT having the nomination/representation of the students**

The Two Fact Finding Internal Committees have already been constituted which are in the process of collecting all the material evidence as to the unauthorized entry of police and brutality in the campus including damaging to the university property. The Majlis (EC) authorised the Vice Chancellor to set up an SIT having representation/nomination from the students' side which may look into the facts and records so collected and take comprehensive steps to meet the requirement of justice. In order to inspire confidence, it was resolved that the 02 (two) students' nominees shall also be taken on board in the said SIT as proposed by the students.

It was resolved that the first Fact Finding Committee to be headed by a retired High Court Judge.

**Demand No.6**

**All possible legal recourse as to the FIR against the three students:**

The FIR which stands registered and being investigated by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police having the name of three students as accused, the University will take all possible legal steps in accordance with law to safeguard their interest and to see that they are not victimized.

It was resolved that a Legal Aid Clinic which is already in place in the Faculty of Law may be further strengthened. The Legal Aid Clinic will provide all possible legal counseling to all the students of the Jamia as and when needed.

It was reiterated that only those students, who encounter any mishappening while they are inside the University premises, will be provided legal counseling by the Legal Aid Clinic.

**Reporting item for endorsement of the actions taken by the Shaikh-ul-Jamia (Vice-Chancellor) in anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council**

The Majlis (EC) approved appointment of Prof. Ilyas Husain, Department of Educational Studies, JMI as Pro Vice-Chancellor w.e.f. 01.01.2020.

**Any other item with the permission of the chair**

**Student Welfare Fund** It was resolved that a Student Welfare Fund be set up with the funds from Jamia Alumni and other well wishers of the University.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(A.P. Siddiqui), IPS  
Registrar &  
Secretary, *Majlis-i-Muntazimah* (Executive Council)