

JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA NEW DELHI



MINUTES

OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE

MAJLIS-I-MUNTAZIMAH (EXECUTIVE COUNCIL)
EC-III(SPL-II)/2024

Date: 22.10.2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Yasser Arafat Hall (Hybrid Mode)

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
Council & Ordinance Section
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

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A Special Meeting of the *Majlis-i-Muntazimah* (Executive Council) EC-III(SPL-II)/2024 was held on 22.10.2024 at 3:00 p.m. in hybrid mode at Yasser Arafat Hall, JMI.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Mohammad Shakeel
Offg. Vice-Chancellor, JMI | (Chairman) |
| 2. Prof. Seemi Farhat Basir
Dean Students' Welfare, JMI | - Member |
| 3. Dr. Sabina Kidwai
AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, JMI | - Member |
| 4. Mr. Rajesh Bhagwat Jadhao
Department of Applied Sciences & Humanities, JMI | - Member |
| 5. Mr. M. Nasim Haider
Offg. Registrar, JMI | - Secretary |

The following members attended the meeting through online mode:

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| 1. Prof. Sara Begum
Dean, Faculty of Education, JMI | - Member |
| 2. Prof. Amirul Hasan Ansari
Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, JMI | - Member |

Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Prof. S.N.L. Das, Dr. Md. Raihan and Dr. Hemalatha R. (Visitor's Nominees), could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Offg. Vice-Chancellor welcomed Prof. Amirul Hasan Ansari, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies for attending the meeting for the first time as a new member of the Executive Council and also appreciated outgoing member, Prof. Hina Zia, former Dean, Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics for her active participation in the deliberations of the meetings of the Executive Council.

Thereafter, the following matter was discussed and decision taken:

Item – 01

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED VIDE OFFICE ORDER NO. CVO-76/RO/JMI/2024 DATED 13.08.2024, TO EXAMINE THE ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST PROF. M. ALTAF KHAN, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS STUDIES, JMI IN CBI CASE NO. RC-56(A)/2009 (CHENNAI CASE) AND RC EOU-I-2009-005 (LUCKNOW CASE)

DECISION

The House perused and considered the Inquiry Report of the duly constituted Committee submitted on 25.09.2024.

While perusing the Inquiry Report, the House noted that in both the cases vis-à-vis, CBI Case no. RC-56(A)/2009 (hereinafter referred to as Chennai Case) and RC EOU-I-2009-005 (hereinafter referred to as Lucknow Case) the essential documents, including the Committee's recommendations in which Prof. Altaf Khan was a member, were not provided by the Ministry of Education and the CBI as well.

The House further noted that in Lucknow case, a clarification was also sought from Vigilance Section, M/o Education by the University vide its letter dt. 20.12.2022, as to whether Dr. Altaf Khan was charge-sheeted or was a prosecution witness in the said case. Further, in case, he has arrayed as an accused in supplementary charge-sheet, the same may be provided to the University along with requisite documents. The Ministry vide its letter dated 07.06.2023 informed the University that the matter was taken up with CBI, EO-I office, New Delhi. The CBI vide its letter No. RC EOU-1-2009-E-2005/1809 dated 24.05.2023 clarified that ***"in the instant case (Lucknow case), Dr. Altaf Khan, was neither prosecuted by CBI nor any supplementary charge-sheet was filed against him, however, he is a prosecution witness in this case."***

The House also noted that the University made exhaustive efforts to get the requisite documents from the Ministry of Education. In this regard, a meeting was held on 06.10.2023 at the Office of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), New Delhi to discuss the matter with the key participants, including the Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) from the Ministry of Education, the Registrar of Jamia Millia Islamia, the CVO of AICTE, and representatives from the CBI (Anti-Corruption Bureau), Chennai. The meeting was chaired by the Additional Secretary of the CVC. The University apprised the Hon'ble members that without the requisite documents, the inquiry cannot be initiated. The Additional Secretary, CVC requested the Ministry to provide documents to the Jamia, especially the recommendations of the Moderation Committee, in which Dr. Altaf Khan was a member.

The House observed that till date the key documents, i.e. Recommendations of the Moderation Committee in Chennai Case and recommendations of Visiting Expert Committee in Lucknow Case, were not provided despite continuous efforts made by the University.

The House perused the following observations of the Inquiry Committee:

"Observations:

The Inquiry Committee carefully perused the material on record and examined the charges framed against Prof. Altaf Khan, a member of the Moderation Committee in Chennai case and it has been observed that this incident has caused significant damage to the reputation of the University. It has also been observed that Prof. Altaf Khan neglected to maintain proper communication with the other team members, resulting in a lack of clarity on individual roles and responsibilities.

The Committee further observed that both cases against Prof. Altaf Khan are approximately more than 15 years old, and as per the records provided to the Committee, no legal proceedings have been initiated against him till date. Additionally, it was noted that the key documents, i.e. - i) Recommendations of the Moderation Committee in Chennai case and ii) Recommendations of the

Expert Committee in Lucknow case, were also not furnished by either the CBI or the Ministry of Education, limiting further insights into the matter.

Based on the evidence and records available, the Committee concluded that Prof. Altaf Khan neglected to provide accurate recommendations regarding the extension of approval for Shri Padmavathy College of Engineering, Chennai. Additionally, Prof. Altaf Khan did not maintain proper communication with other Committee members, resulting in a lack of clarity regarding individual roles and responsibilities. This ultimately led to a noticeable lack of coordination and professionalism within the team.

After extensive discussion on the matter, the members were unanimous in their view that as the key documents, i.e. Recommendations of the Moderation Committee in Chennai Case and recommendations of Visiting Expert Committee in Lucknow Case, were not provided to the University, therefore, it will not be proper to impose major penalty on Prof. Altaf Khan. Thereafter, House unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the duly constituted Inquiry Committee in toto "that Prof. Altaf Khan may be issued a formal Warning in the form of a 'Censure' for neglecting the accurate recommendations regarding the extension of approval for Shri Padmavathy College of Engineering, Chennai and his failure to maintain proper coordination and professionalism as a member of the Moderation Committee. This measure should serve as a corrective action to address his conduct and ensure adherence to the expected standards in future."

[Action: Assistant Registrar (Establishment-Teaching) Section]

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



(Prof. Mohammad Shakeel)
Offg. Vice-Chancellor
Jamia Millia Islamia



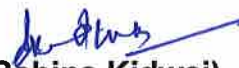
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