



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department

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Subject:- *Calling Attention Notice given by the Dr. Shahnaz Ganai,
Hon'ble MLC.*

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*"To call the attention of the government towards a matter of
urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen
due to slow pace of work at university campuses at Poonch and
at Doda".*

Reply:

At present, there are 11 Off-site Campuses of the University of Jammu, out of which seven campuses at Bhandarwah, Kishtwar, Udhampur, Reasi, Ramnagar, Kathua and Poonch have already been made functional in the makeshift accommodation and the four campuses at Doda, Surankote, Billawar and Kishtwar shall be made functional in a phased manner subject to release of funds by the University Grants Commission.

A. JAMMU UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT POONCH:

The Poonch Campus of the University of Jammu was set- up in the year 2008. The campus is functioning in a portion in Govt. Degree College, Poonch. Presently, Masters in Sericulture is being offered in the campus and the University envisages introducing the following courses in future:

1. *M.Sc. in Food Science*
2. *M.Sc. in Zoology*
3. *Gujjar & Pahari Research centre*
4. *M.A. in Persian*

The land measuring 61.7 kanals identified for establishment of the campus stand transferred to the University on 09.12.2011; however, the possession of transferred land was delayed due to interference of some local people. There is still a dispute regarding the site of boy's hostel and the university has accordingly lodged an FIR at local police station for clearance of the site.

Works:

All the works at Poonch Campus (funded by the UGC) are being monitored by the University Works Department (UWD) of the University of Jammu. After proper tendering and fulfilling all codal formalities, the works have been allotted to following firms by the UWD:

S. No.	Name of Work	Civil Work	Electrical work
1	Academic Block	M/s.Grandco Industries & Construction Ltd Talab Narwal-Bala Jammu	M/s JK Engineers, Hall No 112-B2 Bahu Plaza Jammu
2	Boys Hostel	M/s. R.K.Gupta & co 50/B sector A, Subhash Nagar, Jammu	M/s New Hi-Tech Works 26/27, sarwal colony Jammu
3	Girls Hostel	M/s. R.K.Gupta & co 50/B sector A, Subhash Nagar, Jammu	M/s New Hi-Tech Works 26/27, sarwal colony Jammu
4	Basic Infrastructure	M/s.Grandco Industries & Construction Ltd Talab Narwal-Bala Jammu	NIL

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Civil Works: All the above mentioned civil works were put to tender by University Works Department after seeking proper administrative approval by the competent authority vide University Order No. Fin./2012-13/9840-44, Dated: 19-12-2012.

Electric Works: All the above mentioned Electric Works were put to tender by University works Department after seeking proper administrative approval by the competent authority vide University Order No.: Fin./2013-14/3331-33, Dated: 11-07-2013.

Details of funds released by the UGC/ expenditure incurred:

S. No	Name of the work	No. & Date of Allotment of the work	Estimated cost in lacs	Funds Released by UGC (50 %)	NIT. No & Date	Expenditure
1	Academic Block	NO:UWD/13-14/414-423 Dated 03-05-2013	469.20 Civil & Sanitary 53.25(Electric) Total: Rs 522.45 lacs	Rs. 1,38,46,247 /	NIT NO: UWD/2012-13/3264-77 dated 31-12-2012	Rs. 1,05,71,291/-
2	Boys Hostel	UWD/13-14/192-201 Dated 25-04-2013	564.30 Civil & Sanitary 63.88 (Electric) Total: Rs 628.18 lacs	Rs.2,77,08,472/	NIT No. UWD/201213/3490-3502, dated 7-11-13	Rs.14,,24,160 /
3	Girls Hostel	UWD/13-14/201-211 Dated 25-04-2013	576.16 Civil & Sanitary 64.93 (Electric) Total Rs 641.09 lacs	Rs.2,69,31,080/	NIT No. UWD/201213/3490-3502, dated 7-11-13	Rs.2,57,84,183/
4	Basic Infrastructure	NO:UWD/13-14/414-423 Dated 03-05-2013	(Boundary Wall) Rs 173.53 lacs	Rs.50,00,000/	NIT No. UWD/201213/3264-77, dated 31-12-12	Rs.18,83,200 /-

Physical status of the works:

S. No	Name of the work	Current Physical Status
1	Academic Block	Shuttering of 1 st floor is going on, slab to be laid within few days depending on weather conditions.
2	Boys Hostel	Construction work yet to be started
3	Girls Hostel	Building is G +1, Finishing at 1 st floor is going on.
4	Basic Infrastructure	Boundary wall constructed.

Poonch Campus, being located in the remote area with adverse climatic conditions, it is difficult to carry out construction activity in this campus throughout the year due to bad weather conditions. The state has suffered heavy loss due to floods during the month of September 2014 which has caused extensive damage to the infrastructure in the state. As a consequence of it construction activities remained suspended for almost three months. Moreover, assembly elections have just concluded which has also affected the construction activity due to model code of conduct. Moreover, adverse severe cold climatic condition throughout the state has also hampered the construction activities.

A. JAMMU UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AT DODA:

The Doda campus of the University of Jammu was approved by the University Council in January, 2008 and inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister on June 27th, 2008. The campus is yet to be made functional due to non availability of funds to be sanctioned by the University Grants Commission.

The former Vice-Chancellor of the university visited Doda and had detailed interaction with civil society in the presence of Civil Administration in which concern for land identification and transfer was taken with DDC, Doda, however, no land has been identified for establishment of the Doda campus.

The University of Jammu had also started E-learning course at Doda Campus but due to poor response, course was closed down. The two rooms in the premises of Higher Secondary School is not a ample place to go ahead with any P.G. course.

The university authorities have decided to go slow with non-functional campuses (that include Doda also) till the time the already functional campuses are properly streamlined as the University of Jammu is not in a position to go ahead with campuses which are non-functional.

Infrastructure:

Presently, the campus is located in Boys Hr. Sec. School Doda. Two Classrooms, one office and one computer lab are furnished and computers are in place in the school building renovated by the district administration, Doda.

Academic Courses: No course/ subject has so far been introduced in the campus.

Administrative setup: The campus is administratively headed by the Rector, Bhandarwah Campus who is assisted by:

- Academic Coordinator, Bhandarwah Campus
- Assistant Registrar, Bhandarwah Campus.

Non- Teaching Staff: One orderly on contractual basis.


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