

PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY JALANDHAR



AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TO BE HELD AT 3.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 19, 2001
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF PTU 26, 2001
AT LADOWALI ROAD
JALANDHAR

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Item No. 1 Confirmation of the proceedings of 6th meeting of Board of Governors held on 16.10.1999

The 6th meeting of the Board of Governors, PTU was held on 16.10.1999 at Punjab Bhawan, Chandigarh. The proceedings of the meeting were circulated vide Letter No.01.11.12.188-197 dated 03.11.1999, placed as Annexure I.

As there is no written objection received by the Registrar from any member of the first BOG, on record, the proceedings may be taken as confirmed.

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for confirmation.

Note: For putting the past on record, the proceedings of all the previous meeting held so far alongwith action taken will be presented to the Board of Governors in a regular meeting.

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Inauguration of City Centre Complex of Punjab Technical Item No. 2 University at Ladowali Road. S. Jagdish Singh Garcha, Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education inaugurated the City Centre Complex of Punjab Technical University at Ladowali road at 11.00 AM on Wednesday December 19, 2001. The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for information. Mole d. Chavin om grand bot gave bod grand is to the The brules is to the mental lear 10 years. efor Adirery Bood for PTO
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Item No. 3 To review the construction of University Campus

In absence of the constitution of the Board of Governors over the last one and half year, an adhoc committee of the following for the construction of the PTU was set up by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab.

- 1. Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab.
- 2. Principal Secretary Technical Education.
- Principal Secretary Finance or his nominee.
- 4. Secretary PWD (B&R)
- 5. Chief Architect, Punjab
- 6. Vice Chancellor, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar
- 7. Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab

The above committee was supposed to exercise the powers of clearing all plans regarding the construction of the university campus. The committee in its deliberations set up a sub committee under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor consisting of the following:

- a) Principal Secretary TE & IT or his representative.
- b) The Director-cum-Secretary TE & IT, Punjab.
- c) The Chief Architect, Punjab Government.
- d) Chief Town Planner. Punjab
- e) Chief Engineer, PWD
- f) Chief Engineer, PUDA
- g) Two Architects of repute.
 - i) Shri J R Bhalla
 - ii) Shri Santosh Aulakh, Chief Architect of DDA

The term of reference of the sub committee was as under:

- The advertisement floated by the VC for the selection of the Architects be regularized and the Architect be finalized at the earliest.
- ii) The Architect may be asked to prepare the master plan of the university. The detailed Architectural plans of only those buildings will be taken up which are to come up in Phase I.

The sub-committee short listed three Architects in its-first meeting. In the second meeting the sub-committee identified M/S Sachdev Eggleston Associates. New Delhi

for the preparation of master plan of the university campus. However, the Chief Architect Punjab wanted the work to be allotted to the department of Architecture Government of Punjab. It was felt that if this was so, the exercise of identifying an outside Architect was not required. But as there was a note of dissent by two members, the construction committee proposed that whole process may be reinitiated.

At this stage, the Vice Chancellor had brought to the notice of the construction committee that the university had already allotted the work to M/S Sachdev Eggleston Associates, New Delhi and three meetings had already been held between the Architect and the university representative for the master plan. The construction committee said that whatever work had been done by M/S Sachdev Eggleston Associates, New Delhi be evaluated and paid for. It also said that the foundation stone laying ceremony may be taken care of at the earliest to conform to the proposed programme.

At the instance of the Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education, M/S Sachdev Eggleston Associates, New Delhi brought their work and presented it to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, S. Parkash Singh Badal on December 18, 2001 at his residence. The architect of Punjab and his associates were also present there alongwith the Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education and the Vice Chancellor.

On the presentation of the model of the master plan of the campus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister approved the plan and issued verbal instructions to go ahead with the construction of the PTU campus.

Item No. 4 To consider and approve the Distance Education Programme of the University.

A PREAMBLE

In response to the observations made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab about alarming dropout rates in schools and colleges in the rural areas, a committee (Annexure - II) was setup by the Vice-Chancellor for introduction of non-formal technical education. A formative plan emerged. Otherwise too a large number of middle level executives do not have time and resources to attend full time classes. In order to introduce such a component of educational services, the issue was deliberated upon in the Academic Council wherein, a proposal was mooted to start technical education under distance education mode (Item No. 8.41). After detailed deliberations, one of the areas of consensus was induction of continuing education programme in the field of technical education. It had to be job/ entrepreneurship oriented. It was fully in line with the clause 4(2) of the Punjab Technical University Act, 1996. Under this clause, the powers and duties of the University are:

"Generate and maintain resources through consultancy services, testing services, **continuing education programme**, national and international collaborations and transfer of intellectual property rights."

As such the University is required to take appropriate steps to develop continuing education programmes also. To start with, the Academic Council approved the development of distance education programme in the field of computer applications, Information Technology and Management. In the process of developing various IT programmes, urgency and exigency of the demands of various service sectors which are required for the induction of new technologies in the day to day system led the university to venture on new courses. Broadly these are Fashion Technology, Hotel Management & Catering, Media and Arts, Business and Para-medical & Allied Technologies.

B. THE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMMME

- It would need assistance of experts for effective implementation of the distance education programme. To do so it shall make use of the services of various experts and corporates. However, while seeking such an assistance, the corporate / education sector will not be allowed to interfere in the academic programme of the University.
- To induct distance education technical education, the following system will be generated.
 - (a) The University shall have a committee of experts to overlook the course curriculum which will be reviewed at frequent intervals and be

flexible enough to incorporate the changes which the industrial scenario demands.

- (b) There shall also be a committee to monitor the creation of required infrastructure in terms of physical and staff facilities so that there is no lack of proper standards at any level or at any stage. The committee may further appoint sub-committees to assist in having an effective monitoring.
- (c) There shall be a separate Examination Wing of the distance education programme and it shall be headed by an officer of the rank of Deputy Registrar.
- (d) In addition to this, there shall be another committee for planning and production of the self -explanatory study material to be made available to the students without any extra charge. For that matter the quality of the study material will determine the standards to which the PTU would like to conform in the distance education programme.

C. DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

The distance education programme shall be in the following areas

- 1. IT Courses .
- 2. Non-IT Courses
- 3. Five year Integrated Programmes
- 4. On-line virtual campus

The distance education programme shall be launched within the Country at the first stage followed by programmes abroad. The proposed courses and their duration is given in Annexure – III(a).

D. MODES-OPERANDI OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme shall be managed with the assistance of **Service Providers** regionwise who in turn shall assist the University in establishing PTU study centres. Memorandum of understanding (MoU) shall be signed between the Service Providers and the University to run the programme.

E. FEES TO BE CHARGED

The Service Providers may charge a signup amount (non-refundable) from the selected Study Centres for the Non-IT courses at the following rates out of which the University share will be 30 percent:

The Service Provider shall decide the class of the City/ Town in the Zone allotted. The Service Provider will pay a sum of Rs. One lac as Service Provider fee (non-adjustable) at the time of signing of the MoU. The Service Provider will pay a sum of Rs. four lacs before the completion of the admission process. This money will be adjusted towards the share of the University.

City/ Town Class			charged (Rs. In lacs) Not exceeding)
1.	Cities		riot execeding)
	A Class	AND THE STREET	6.00
	B Class		4.50
	C Class		2.50
2.	Towns		
	A Class	SECTION SECTION	1.50
	B Class		1.00

The Service Providers who will be allotted a full Zone shall be considered in Category A, where as the Service Provider who shall be sharing a Zone shall be considered in Category B. The Category A Service Providers shall pay Rs. 20 Lacs and Category B Rs. 10 Lacs as one time affiliation fee to the University for IT Courses.

The sharing percentage of the fee to be charged from the students shall be as given below:

Sharer	IT Courses Non-IT Courses IT & Non-Courses abroad		
PTU	30	30	30
Service Provider	25	20 7	20
Study Centre	45	50	50

F. OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- PTU will establish and manage all the study centres in the Zone
- The study centres will be under the direct & strict control & monitoring of PTU.
- The PTU will approve the syllabus, courseware & examination process.
- The students will be on the rolls of PTU.
- The prospectus and application form will be provided by PTU on cost basis.
- The PTU will get the course material prepared and upgraded from time to time for all the centres and will provide it to the students of the study centre.
- the PTU will lay down the regulations for conduct of examination, evaluation system and declaration of result.
- PTU will provide I.D. cards to the students of study centres.
- The question papers would be prepared by the PTU.
- Answer sheets duly authenticated would be provided by PTU and would be checked and validated by PTU.
- The results would be prepared by PTU.
- Certificates would be issued by PTU, after the students have successfully completed the course.

 In case any study centre is not able to deliver proper education & closes down then it would be the liability of the PTU to ensure that students do not suffer & their studies are conducted alternatively.

G. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER

- To assist PTU in establishment & management of Study Centres in the Zone.
- To provide infrastructure & staff to bear the fixed & running expenses of the PTU training centre in the Zone for providing training on latest technologies to the staff of all Study Centres in the Zone.
- Providing Infrastructure, & staff for checking the Study Centres, assuring smooth functioning, regularity of course conduct and timely completion of the course.
- Would be responsible for conducting the marketing/ advertisement campaigns & strategies for taking admissions in the courses of PTU.
- The cost of all the advertisements released in the newspapers for the PTU courses of duration one year or more would be borne by the Service Provider.
- The Service Provider will be conducting market research & surveys before and after the launch of the programmes.
- To assist the PTU in the quality control of entire system.
- Provide the infrastructure & staff in designing of presentations, projects, internal assignments, internal exams.
- Provide the infrastructure & staff for conducting seminars from time to time.
- Provide the infrastructure & staff for conducting open house discussions for the students.
- To assist the PTU in document and data control.
- Service Provider will interact with the industry through its experts & analyze the requirements of the industry

H. VENUE FOR CONDUCTING THE COURSES

The courses would be conducted exclusively at the location chosen by the Service Provider or its Study Centres in the Zone as approved by the University

For IT courses to be conducted within the Country, it is divided into six Zones as given below:

Zone A: Districts of Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Gurdaspur & Amritsar.

Zone B: Districts of Hoshiarpur, Nawanshehar, Roopnagar, Patiala &

Chandigarh.

Zone C: Districts of Ludhiana, Sangrur & Fatehgarh Sahib.

Zone D: Districts of Moga, Muktsar, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Mansa &

Bathinda.

Zone E: States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Zone F: Rest of India.



For Non-IT courses to be conducted within the Country, it is divided into fourteen-Zones as given below:

Zone A: States of Delhi & Haryana..

Zone B: Districts of Chandigarh, Nawanshehar, Ropar, Hoshiarpur &

Fatehgarh Sahib

Zone C: States of Maharastra & Goa.

Zone D: Districts of Ludhiana, Moga, Ferozepur & Faridkot.
Zone E: Districts of Patiala, Bathinda, Sangrur, Mansa & Muktsar.

Zone F: States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and

Uttaranchal.

Zone G: Districts of Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Amritsar & Gurdaspur

Zone H: State of Uttar Pradesh

Zone I: States of M.P. & Chhatisgarh

Zone J: States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka

Zone K: States of Bihar & Jharkhand

Zone L: States of Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamilnadu

Zone M: States of West Bengal, Orissa, North Western States

Zone N: States of Rajasthan & Gujrat

I. STUDENTS' TRANSFER

Students who would enroll in a course will be permitted to take transfer to any other venue of Study Centre approved by the University where such course is being offered. Such a transfer cannot take place without the consent of the University.

J FEE COLLECTION AND TRANSFER

All fees from students / study centres shall be collected by the Service Providers in the name of the Registrar, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar. The fee shall be fixed jointly by the Service Provider and the PTU. The fee shall be collected either in lumpsum or in instalments but will have to be paid before the start of the semester. The share of the Service Providers & the Study Centres shall be sent by the University. It shall be the responsibility of the Service Provider to collect the fee and issue receipts. The fee once paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances whatsoever. The fee to be collected for the various courses is given in Annexue - III

K. FACULTY

The Service Provider through its Study Centres shall provide competent and skilled faculty for the conduct of the courses.

L. ADMISSION

The admissions in the courses shall be made twice in a year, during July-August and January-February or as decided by the University from time to time.

M. SYLLABI OF COURSES

The syllabi of various courses to be run through distance education programme are given in **Annexure –III (b)**.

N. On-Line Virtual Campus

The Virtual Campus / On-Line Teaching is its concept that would help the people who would like to take benefits of e-learning. will comprise of courses that would be updated from time to time. The students who get enrolled would take benefits of these courses as the instructions would be imparted through very interactive virtual classrooms, difficulties would be addressed interactively. The performance of the students would be evaluated through on line testing as well as other methods. The students would also be able to interact with their e-teacher through chat server. It is felt that the University should step into developing on-line virtual campus with tools such as content management, personalization, chat server, job server, on-line testing etc. As this is a new concept so University intends to outsource the expertise through some Service Provider who could take care of everything required in this aspect.

The entire cost of the project would be borne by the Service Provider, as such, the University will be free from any sort of expenditure but would be enjoying 16% share percentage. The Service Provider would work under the guidelines of the University and help the University in achievement of its goal for On-Line Virtual Campus. As Service Provider is to invest for this Project so this will be exclusive arrangement for him for whole of the World and the University will not give such Project to any other Agency accept the one selected for the purpose. This Service Provider will be called World Wide Service Provider (WWSP). This WWSP will be responsible for establishing, maintaining, running this Project and the University will extend him all support as & when required. The WWSP is also required to support this Project with Correspondence Mode as well as Study Centre Mode. The VWSP will get registered the University name / brand with such engines etc. for this Project and also provide written material, audio/video discs and devices wherever required. The WWSP will also tie up on behalf of the University with other Universities, Associations, Organisations etc. in the interest of this Project. He should also work with the University for the formulation and development of curriculum and contents and get it upgraded from time to time. The WWSP is to also promote this through promotions and advertisement at his own cost.

Sharing

The sharing percentage from registration and tuition fee would be as follows:

University Share 16% Service Provider Share 84%

Fee

The fee structure and mode of collection will be decided by the University in consultation with WWSP

Courses / Programmes

The University will conduct teaching under On-Line Virtual Campus Education Mode. for various courses leading to degrees, diplomas. PG diplomas. certificates, etc. falling under the domain and/or jurisdiction of Punjab Technical University.

Minimum eligibility norms/criteria for the purpose of admitting students under On-Line Virtual Campus Mode will be the same as already prevalent in the existing PTU system. The equivalency of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees awarded by the foreign Universities/Educational Boards/Accreditation Bodies etc. will be as per equivalency list approved by the Association of Indian Universities or other Universities of India. The remaining if any will be considered by PTU on case to case basis. The system of Dual Degree and/or Simultaneous Degree will also be made applicable. The examination would be conducted under the guidelines to be provided by the University.

The courses and the curriculum under the distance education programme will be referred to the respective Board of Studies for approval. However, in case of absence of a formal Board of Studies in a particular field, a special committee will be set up to formulate the course contents and the curriculum as required, otherwise also, the whole case will be taken to the Academic Council for approval.

For both the systems, a separate Directorate is to be created which will be controlled by a Distance Education Council to be set up by the University under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor

The proposal is placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval.

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The Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education accompanied by Director (Outreach) were on a special trip covering centres in some of the states in the South. During this trip, they had looked into not only extension and monitoring of the development of the Study Centres, but they also interacted with Service Providers, controllers of technical education, vice chancellors and other functionaries in Hyderabad, Chennai, Cochin, Mumbai etc.. Sparing his time from his busy schedule, the trip taken by the Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education is laudable. The Board records its appreciation and gratitude.

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- (i) Over the last five years, a large number of persons to take care of the working of the university had been hired as and when required. Only a few appointments were made by a proper selection system, out of which some persons have already left. In the process, except three persons, majority of the staff were hired on adhoc basis and on adhoc payment of anything from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.3,000/- per month. At the end of first quarter of 2001, reviewing the status, fixed adhoc salary was increased from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.4,500/- for persons serving in different categories, employed largely for the examination work, supporting staff, drivers, etc. No appointment letters were issued earlier.
- (ii) The total number of sanctioned posts for these positions by Finance Committee are as under:

Nature of Post	No. of Post	Pay Scale	Grade of Posts	Revised No. of posts recommended by the Finance Committee
Data Entry Operators	43	Rs. 5000-8100	C	36
Clerks	16	Rs. 3120-5160 with a start of Rs.3220	С	32
Drivers	07	Rs. 3330-6200		
Attendants	20		С	07
Sweepers	20	Rs. 2520-3140 with a start of Rs.2620	D	28
		Rs. 2520-3140 with a start of Rs.2620	D	04
Chowkidars	Tuelland Samilyari	Rs. 2520-3140 with a start of Rs.2620	D .	06
Malies	A 40 00	Rs. 2520-3140 with a start of Rs.2620	D	02

(iii) To cope up with the work of the University, more manpower has been hired on similar basis. At present following number of persons are working against these categories of posts:

Clerks	97	At a fixed salary of Rs.4,500/-
Drivers	06	At a fixed salary of Rs.4,000/-
Attendants & Chowkidars	35	At a fixed salary of Rs.3,000/-
Malies	05	At a fixed salary of Rs3,000/-

There is a demand by these employees for their welfare. Even in the interest of the University the issue is laid before the Board of Governors.

The previous Vice Chancellor had approved the following qualifications for some of these positions for the supporting staff as under:

Clerks

Minimum qualification Graduate, preferably with the knowledge of Computers and with typing speed of 30 w.p.m.

Middle pass having valid Driving License without any punishment or penalty and

minimum experience of three years.

Attendants Matriculation

Drivers

Data Entry Operators Graduate with knowledge of Data Entry.

Preference with an experience from Govt./Recognized Organisation,

*Certificate Course in computing from a reputed Edu. Centre.

Knowledge of Punjabi Language upto Matric

Standard or its equivalent.

Sweepers/Chowkidars/Malies Literate. (Punjab Government has fixed minimum middle pass qualifications with Punjabi for all posts).

As per latest instructions of Punjab Government Matric at Punjabi level for the posts where prescribed qualifications are Matric and above and Punjabi at middle level for other posts is essential.

- (v) As per the draft Regulations of PTU regarding appointment of staff, the Vice Chancellor is the appointing authority for Grade 'C' and 'D' employees. Draft Regulations already recommended by the Board of Governors are with the Government of Punjab because as per section 18 (1) of PTU Act 1996, the first Regulations of the University shall be made by the State Government and notified in the Official Gazette.
- (vi) The present Vice Chancellor constituted the following committee to screen the existing lot of employees:
 - 1. Sh. S. K. Bhatia, Registrar
 - 2. Sh. K. S. Klair OSD (Exam)
 - 3. Dr. Chanchal Singh Programme Coordinator
- (vii) The Committee screened the employees working on fixed pay, scrutinized their service record and interviewed them. After this process the committee recommends:
 - a) that the persons working against the posts of Clerks, Data Entry Operators, Drivers, Attendants, Malies may be placed in regular scale of Clerk, Driver, Attendant etc.
 - b) that all these employees will be considered on probation for one year
 - In addition to the above posts, some persons viz JE etc. are work in higher scale, they may be considered for placement in respective scale after proper screening.

(y Creation of additional posts will be brought before the Board of Governors at its regular meeting through the Finance Committee.

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For further structuring of the staff, so that a hierarchical system is evolved, senior positions than those of clerks will be created and some of the present employees will be given a chance to be placed on the basis of their experience, performance and capabilities.

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval.

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Item No. 6 Ratification of extension in the term of appointment of the Vice Chancellor

Section 10 (2) of the Punjab Technical University Act 1996 (Punjab Act No. 1 of 1997) provides as under:

Section 10 (2)

"The Vice Chancellor shall hold office for a term of three years which may be extended by the Chancellor, on similar advice and Recommendations of the Board of Governors for further period of three years".

The Governor Punjab, Chancellor of PTU extended the term of appointment of Dr. H. S. Gurm as Vice Chancellor for a period of one year w.e.f. 12.07.2001 vide notification No. PRB-2G-2001/5941 dated 13th July, 2001 (copy placed at Annexure IV). The notification provides that the extension in term of appointment of the VC, PTU would be got ratified from the Board of Governors as and when constituted.

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for ratification of the extension in term of appointment of Dr. H. S. Gurm as Vice Chancellor for one year w.e.f. 12 07.2001.

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Any and every University has to have teaching and research activities generated at its earliest. It is very high time for the PTU to initiate steps for the same. It is proposed that the University initiates steps to start teaching departments both at the graduate and the postgraduate levels. The following courses are being proposed for development in the new session starting from August; 2002:

- Bachelor of Technology in
 - (i) Computer Sciences & Technology
 - (ii) Electronics & Communication Engineering.
 - (iii) Information Technology.
 - (iv) Bio-technology.
- Master in Computer Applications.
- Master in Business Administration.

M. Tech. in Micro-electronics.

Full fledged breakup of the financial, physical and academic infrastructure will be placed before the Board of Governors in later meeting.

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Item No.CV

Fixation the terms & conditions of the extension in term of appointment of Vice Chancellor, PTU, Jalandhar.

Section 10 (3) of the Punjab Technical University Act 1996 (Punjab Act No. 1 of 1997) provides as under:

Section 10 (3)

"The Chancellor shall determine the amount of remuneration and other conditions of service of the Vice Chancellor.

Provided that such terms and conditions shall not be altered to the disadvantage of the Vice Chancellor during the term of office".

The notification issued by the Chancellor of PTU further provides that the terms and conditions of the appointment of Dr. H. S. Gurm will be the same as contained in the Punjab Raj Bhawan notification dated 1-5-2001 issued vide endst No. PRB-2G-2001/3214-3217 dated 2-5-2001 (Copy placed at Annexure-V).

The terms & condition regarding pay contained in notification dated 2-5-2001 is as under:

Pay

Rs. 25,000/- fixed per month and pension subject to pay fixed in accordance with Government of Punjab, instructions No. 6/287/91-FP II/8141 dated 23.11.1992 as amended from time to time.

Punjab government letter No. 6/287/91-FP II/8141 dated 23.11.1992 provides that pension will be deducted from pay.

Dr. H. S. Gurm has stated that the Vice Chancellors of other Universities in Punjab are entitled to draw pension in addition to the pay as Vice Chancellor, he may therefore, also be allowed to draw pension in addition to his pay as Vice Chancellor. Copies of the appointment letters of Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwali VC, Punjabi University, Patiala, Dr. G. S. Kalkat Ex-VC, PAU, Ludhiana and Dr. K. S. Aulakh VC, PAU, Ludhiana are placed at Annexure VI.

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors to recommend to Chancellor to allow Dr. H. S. Gurm to draw pension in addition to his pay.

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