

UGC. D.O. No. 679

Secretary,
University Grants Committee,
United Provinces,

Dated Allahabad, January 20, 1948.

Dear Doctor Krishnan,

I am desired by Doctor Hridaya Nath Kunzru, Chairman of the University Grants Committee to seek your help in one important item of its work. For assessing the Government grant to Degree Colleges in the Province the Committee has before it a number of formulas, among which the one which Dr. Kunzru favours most is that the grants should be ⁱⁿ proportion (50% to 60%) of the salary bill of the teaching staff plus ^a per capita grant for the maintenance of science laboratories. As an interim measure it is proposed to fix this at Rs 25/- per under-graduate students ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ science and Rs 50/- per postgraduate students ^{and} ~~and~~ science annually on the assumption that an equal amount will be forthcoming as laboratory fee from B.Sc. students.

These proposals have been made on a study of the present expenditure in the Allahabad University laboratories and may be much below the mark. In order to make the recommendation precise and accurate it will perhaps be advisable to lay down minimum or optimum scale of equipment for each science laboratory for a unit of say 25 or 50 students and to form ^{an} approximate idea of the (i) initial cost, (ii) the recurring cost of maintenance and (iii) the non-recurring cost of replacement in 5 or 10 years as may be most suitable in each case.

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I shall be grateful if you could either
give sometime ^{January} ~~usual~~ to draw up a scheme on these
lines or suggest the best means by which the Committee
can have such a scheme drawn up. Your opinion of the
plan will also be very helpful.

Yours sincerely

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