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The Vice Chancellor Sikkim University, 6th mile, Samdur, Tadong, Gangtok

वार्यालय प्र. महालेखाकार , (लेखापरीक्षा) लेखापरीक्षा भवन, देवराली, सविकम गान्तोक - 737 102 Office of the Pr. Accountant General (Audit), Lekha Pariksha Bhawan, Deorali, Sikkim, Gangtok - 737 102

No: Comm/SU/SAR//21-22/22-23/ 34

Dated: 31st October 2022

Subject: Forwarding of Separate Audit Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

Sir

This is to forward herewith the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Accounts of the Sikkim University for the year ended 31st March 2022 for necessary action at your end.

The Audited Accounts and the Separate Audit Report should be duly considered and adopted by the University before the same are placed in both houses of Parliament. Two copies each of Hindi and English version of the approved Annual Report may be furnished to this office for onward transmission to the C&AG of India.

Yours faithfully,



SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF SIKKIM UNIVERSITY, GANGTOK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

(To be laid before the Parliament vide Section 33 (4) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006)



SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA ON THE ACCOUNTS OF SIKKIM UNIVERSITY, GANGTOK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Sikkim University (SU), Gangtok as on 31 March 2022 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties Powers and Conditions of Service) Act. 1971 read with Section 33(1) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006. These Financial Statements are the responsibility of the University's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

- This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/C&AG's Audit Reports separately.
- 3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
- 4. Based on our audit, we report that:

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- We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- ni. The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account/Receipt and Payment Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the format prescribed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide order no. 29-4/2012-IFD dated 17 April 2015;



- in. In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by the SU as required under Section 33 of the Sikkim University Act 2006 in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.
- iv We further report that:

A. Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Capital work in progress: ₹ 115.58 crore

The above includes an amount of ₹ 2.96 erore being the purchase orders placed by the University for execution of various works and procurement of various items (Books & Journals, ICT, Lab Equipment, Other Infra). As on 31 March 2022, only the purchase orders have been placed with the suppliers and neither the physical nor financial progress was achieved during the period. As such, no committed liabilities had been incurred for the period. However, the University, based on the purchase orders had debited ₹ 2:96 crore under Capital Work in Progress and credited the Committed Expenditure.

This has resulted in overstatement of both "Capital Work in Progress" and "Current Liabilities & Provisions- Committed Expenditure (Capital Expenditure)" by ₹ 2.96 crore. This has consequently resulted in overstatement of Corpus/ Capital Fund and understatement of unutilized grants by ₹ 2.96 crore.

B. Revision of Accounts

The accounts of the Sikkim University were revised on 26.7.2022. The effect of revision of accounts on the basis of audit observations is that the Sources of Funds and Application of Funds is reduced by ₹ 28.60 lakh and the surplus is reduced by ₹ 1.11 lakh.

C. Grants in Aid

SU has received ₹87.62 crore during the year as Grant and total accumulated grant was ₹178.24 (including internal receipt ₹ 3.62 crore) crore. Out of which, University had utilized ₹84.60 (including a refund of ₹1.23 crore) crore leaving an unspent grant of ₹93.64 crore.

Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Accounts dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.





- vi. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure-I to this Audit Report, give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India:
- in so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of SU as at 31 March 2022; and
- (b) in so far as it relates to the Income & Expenditure Account of the Surplus for the year ended 31 March 2022.

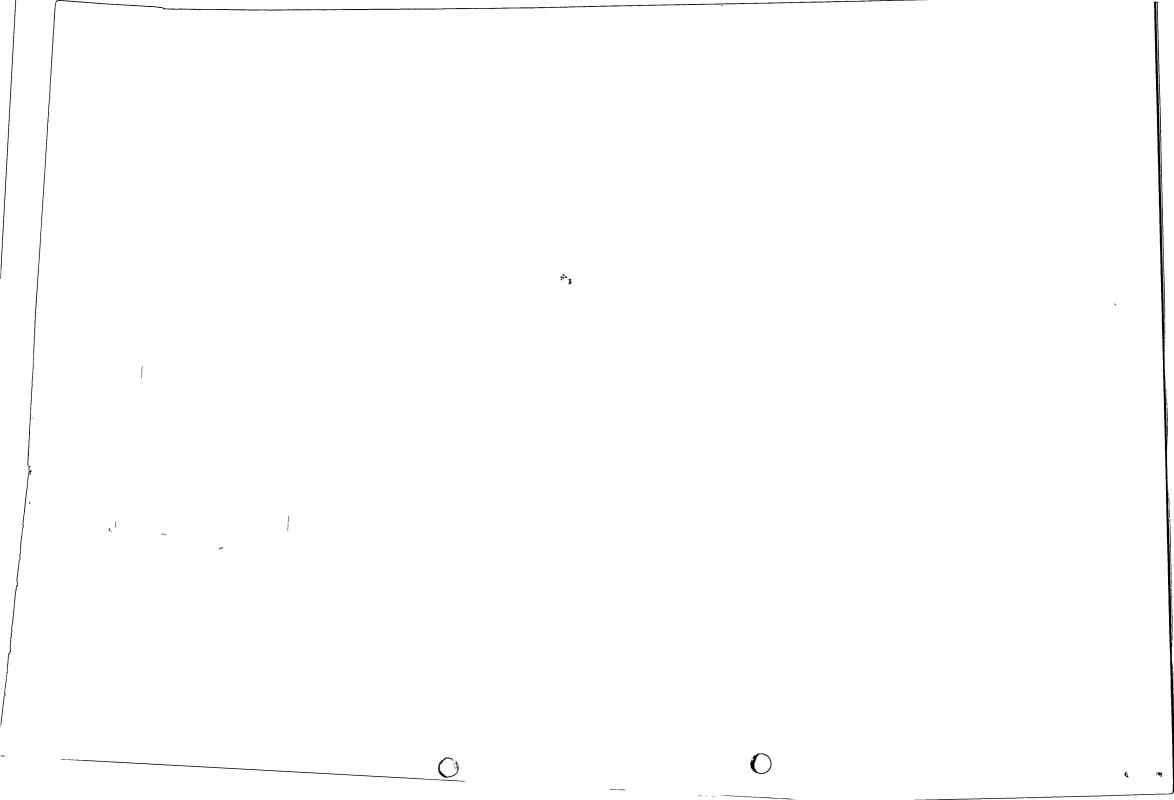
For and on behalf of The Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Principal Accountant General (Andit), Sikkim, Gangtok

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1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System:

SU had appointed the internal auditor. However, the independency of the Internal Auditor has not been maintained as the official was holding dual charge as a Deputy Registrar (I/C) and was involved in the preparation of the Financial Statements.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System:

Confirmation of Debtors/Loans and Advances from respective parties was not taken.

3. System of Physical verification of fixed assets/inventories

Physical verification of assets for the year 2021-22 was yet to be carried out

4. Regularity in payment of statutory dues

The Management is regular in payment of statutory dues with appropriate authorities.

Deputy Accountant General (Audit)

Sikkim, Gangtok