

### MENTOR'S REPORT FORM -3

**Name of Mentor:** Prof. B.K. Raghu Prasad

**Dates of Mentoring Visit:** 25/12/2013 to 28/12/2013

**Name of the Institution with Location:** Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere

S.N.	Record of Key Points (discussed with head of the governing body )	Institutional Response	Note of any Follow-up Needed by Mentors, SPFU, NPIU
1	Placement of students needs to be improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Looking at the shortage of faculty, it will not be possible to spare a faculty member as a full-time Training &amp; Placement Officer (TPO) at present. However, efforts will be made to strengthen the existing T&amp;P Cell by involving PG students (TAs).</li><li>• Since most of the students in the university are from rural background, they lack in soft skills. In view of this, training programs/workshops will be organized.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The university has already submitted a proposal for creation of faculty positions for the UG programs and also for PG programs. The State Govt. has recently sanctioned faculty positions for PG programs in Govt. College of Engineering Jalgaon. On similar lines, the Govt. may sanction faculty</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mock aptitude tests, mock interviews and mock group discussion sessions will be conducted.</li> <li>• Website will be improved by making it more attractive and an impressive T&amp;P brochure will be uploaded.</li> </ul>	<p>positions for PG programs for this university. SPFU may please look into this and help in pursuing it with the State Govt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review will be taken up during the next round of mentoring tentatively scheduled during April 2014.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Infrastructure (PCs, internet, on-line journals, lab space, equipment maintenance) needs to be improved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The university will look into the difficulties in procurement of PCs and ensure early procurement.</li> <li>• The internet service from the BSNL is giving frequent problems now-a-days. The university will pursue the matter with BSNL so as to restore the service. In addition, possibility of enhancing the 'Railtel' bandwidth, which is used as back-up, will be explored.</li> <li>• Construction of an additional shed for heavy-duty laboratories will be taken up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review will be taken up during the next round of mentoring tentatively scheduled during April 2014.</li> </ul>

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3	Pedagogical training of faculty should be arranged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possibility of conducting pedagogical program with the help of IIT Bombay or NITTR will be explored.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review will be taken up during the next round of mentoring tentatively scheduled during April 2014.</li> </ul>
4	University website needs to be upgraded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up-gradation of the university website is already in progress. The process will be completed soon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review will be taken up during the next round of mentoring tentatively scheduled during April 2014.</li> </ul>
5	Faculty for MTech programs: There should be separate faculty positions for MTech programs for enhancing PG education and research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University's proposal for grant-in-aid of MTech programs is already pending with the State Govt. for the last 8 years. The university has been pursuing this matter with State Govt. on a regular basis. The efforts will continue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Govt. has recently sanctioned faculty positions for MTech programs in Govt. College of Engineering Jalgaon. On similar lines, the Govt. may sanction faculty positions for MTech programs for</li> </ul>

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6	<p>Study tours/visits to reputed universities abroad should be organized so as to establish linkages for faculty training, faculty exchange, collaborative projects, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The university will identify reputed institutes abroad to sign MoUs with them for the purpose of activities such as faculty training, faculty exchange, collaborative projects, etc. Visits of senior faculty members will be organized to such institutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review will be taken up during the next round of mentoring tentatively scheduled during April 2014.</li> </ul>
7	<p>Seed money does not include procurement of consumables and minor equipment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initially, when the 'seed money' scheme was introduced, it included funds for procurement of consumables and minor equipment. Later, revised guidelines were issued and procurement of items was excluded from the scope of seed money. All the procurement is supposed to be done through PMSS with the allocated budget for procurement, i.e. 45% of the allocated budget. It is felt that seed money should include procurement of consumables and minor equipment and NPIU may look into this suggestion and revise the scope of seed money.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPFU may please look into this and take up with NPIU.</li> <li>Review will be taken up during the next round of mentoring tentatively scheduled during April 2014.</li> </ul>