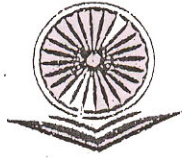


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No F.6-1(6)/2006(CPP-I)

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Dear Sir,

As you are aware UGC has been considering the request of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad and JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur for grant of ex-post facto approval to the Distance Education Programmes started by these Universities in respect of students enrolled from June, 2001 to 31st August, 2005. On the request of UGC, the Ministry of HRD appointed a Fact Finding Committee on 4th October, 2005 in respect of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad. The Report submitted by the Committee was placed before the Commission for consideration. The UGC constituted an Expert Committee to further consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee in the case of Allahabad Agricultural Institute to sort out the problem of unauthorized Distance Education Programmes run without the approval of DEC / UGC.

In the case of JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur also, the UGC constituted an Expert Committee in the year 2006 to consider the problem of unauthorized Distance Education Programmes. The Committee recommended ex-post facto approval to JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur subject to fulfilment conditions and the same was intimated to the Institute vide UGC letter No.F.6-3(Centre)/2003(CPP-I) dated 3rd July, 2006 (copy enclosed)

As the problem of Distance Education Programmes for both the Universities was same, it was decided to amalgamate both the Committees into one to consider the matter. I am directed to enclose herewith a Status Note relating to unauthorized Distance Education Programmes in respect of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad and Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur. The note gives the up-to-date position of the action taken by UGC so far to resolve the matter and is self-explanatory.

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The Expert Committee at its last meeting held on 28th March, 2007 interalia decided as under:

1. The Committee noted that the representative of the DEC was not available in the meeting. Therefore, the norms followed by DEC for conducting examinations under Distance Mode could not be placed before the committee for consideration. Accordingly, the Committee recommended while conducting the examinations, both the Deemed Universities may be advised to follow the norms/ guidelines prescribed by DEC in this regard. The Committee further recommended that DEC may give its specific advice regarding the disciplines/ courses mainly professional courses in which education can be imparted through Distance Education Mode.

The Committee took note of the inspection made by the Inspection Committee constituted for the purpose and was of the view that the question of granting ex-facto approval to Janardhan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur and Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad for students enrolled upto August, 2005 may be referred to Chairman, DEC for their consent keeping in view the norms of DEC/concerned statutory councils before placing the matter before the Commission for final recommendation to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Keeping in view the above, you are kindly requested to get the matter examined and convey the consent of DEC to UGC for consideration of grant of ex-post facto approval to Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad and Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur for students enrolled upto August, 2005 by UGC / MHRD and your advice with regard to Point No. 1 mentioned above. It may be relevant to mention that both the universities have stopped admitting students after the year 2005 and have given undertaking in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



(S.C. Chadha)
Deputy Secretary

(Encl: As above)