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Dear Prof. Pillai,

The matter regarding recognition of B.Tech degrees awarded by UGC recognised Universities through Distance Education Mode was examined in the Ministry. After a detailed examination of the subject matter referred above, the following course of action, has been approved at the highest level in the Ministry:

- (i) DEC should immediately withdraw permission given to various institutions to conduct B.Tech/B.E. Programmes through Distance Mode and no student should be admitted in the current year also.
- (ii) Those who have already been admitted will have to pass both practical and written examination as may be prescribed in this regard, so as to give validity to the B.Tech/BE degree acquired by them through distance education.

In view of the above, I would request you kindly to take further necessary steps to implement the action mentioned at para (i) above immediately and also further evolve a broad policy and guidelines to give effect to the action as mentioned at para (ii) above. This being a very important and sensitive issue, an early action in the matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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