

Relevant Facts emerging from the Complaint:

Complainant :

Respondent : Mr. M. S. Ghuge
Public Information Officer & Assistant Director
All India Council for Technical Education,
07th Floor, Chandralok Building,
Janpath, New Delhi

RTI application filed on : 18/03/2010
PIO replied : 06/04/2010
Complaint received on : 28/04/2010

Information sought:-

- 1) Whether the prior approval by the joint committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC was also accorded to J.R.N Rajasthan Vidhyapeeth, Udaipur for offering technical courses (approved by the statutory body of the Deemed University) under distance mode for the academic year 2007-08?
- 2) Whether the separate approval from AICTE was required for offering the technical courses under distance mode, if the approval has already been accorded to the Deemed University by the joint committee?
- 3) If answer to question no 1 is negative, then what are the functions of AICTE?
- 4) Provide the copy of MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) as mentioned in the legal advertisement.
- 5) Provide the authentic copy of Action Taken Report, if any, against the university, if the Technical courses offered under distance mode are unauthorized/ unapproved.
- 6) Reasons behind the delay in issuing the Legal Advertisement published by AICTE on Jan 9th 2009.
- 7) Whether the name of JNR Rajasthan Vidhyapeeth, Udaipur has been uploaded in the list of approved/unapproved institutions, whichever is applicable , on the website of AICTE?

Ground of the Complaint:

Information provided by PIO was irrelevant and useless.

Reply from PIO:-

As per the gazette notification No.44 issued by the HRD the qualifications acquired by individuals through distance education mode are recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government, provided, these have been approved by DEC, IGNOU, AICTE NEW Delhi. The technical education programmes which fall under the purview of AICTE and areas as notified by the council from time to time, with the approval of the Government. It has been the policy of the AICTE, not to recognize the qualifications acquired through distance education mode at diploma. It only recognizes MBA and MCA programme through mode.

The Supreme Court in respect of post facto approval granted to institutions has inter-alia observed that DEC may be an authority under the Act, but its orders ordinarily would only have a prospective effect.

Relevant Facts emerging during Hearing:

The following were present

Complainant: Absent;

Respondent : Mr. M. S. Ghuge, Public Information Officer & Assistant Director;

It is evident that categorical reply had not been provided to the Complainant when he filed the RTI application. On 07/07/2011 the PIO has sent a reply but has not provided a proper answer with respect to query-1. The PIO admits that J.R.N Rajasthan Vidhyapeeth, Udaipur had not been given permission for offering technical courses under distance mode for the year 2007-08. It appears that the information has now been provided and the Commission is enclosing the information sent by the PIO to the complainant with this order.

Decision:

The complaint is disposed.

The information available on the record appears to have been provided.

This decision is announced in open chamber.

Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.

Any information in compliance with this Order will be provided free of cost as per Section 7(6) of RTI Act.

Shailash Chaudhri

