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(भारत सरकार का एक सांविधिक निकाय) (A STATUTORY BODY OF THE GOVT. OF INDIA)

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To,
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New Delhi.

Sub: Regarding recognition of technical degree (acquired through distance education mode) under Indian Law.

Ref: Your letter no. 400-106/2007-Pers.I(pt.) dated 12 May, 2014.

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With reference to your letter on the subject, it is stated that

(a) It has been the policy of the AICTE, not to recognize the qualifications acquired through distance education mode at Diploma, Bachelors & Master Level in the fields of Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Town Planning, Management, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts & Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM).

(b) The AICTE had the policy to consider only MBA and MCA through distance mode for its recognition provided the same was approved by the tripartite committee of AICTE, UGC and DEC.

(c) However, the MHRD vide its order dated 29.12.2012 having dissolved DEC under the IGNOU, the UGC / AICTE now stand empowered to act as a regulator for higher education (excluding Technical Education) and Technical Education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode respectively. However modalities for regulating education through ODL are still awaiting finalization by MHRD / AICTE and shall be notified after finalization only.

It is also stated that universities do not require prior approval of AICTE to commence a new department or course and programmes in technical education, however, the universities are expected to conform to the standards and norms laid down by AICTE. A copy of the AICTE's Notification bearing No. UB/04/003/2010 is also enclosed for information please.

It is considered appropriate to advise that the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in and AICTE website www.aicte-india.org may be referred to for the 'state-wise list of recognized universities' and general awareness respective for ascertaining the status of respective universities.

This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: As Above.

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Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. 406-106/2007-Pers.I (Pt.) dated 28.11.2013 received from General Manager BSNL, New Delhi regarding recognition of technical degree acquired through distance mode.

In connection to the technical/professional programmes offered by the university it is informed that, wherever required approval from the AICTE in accordance with the Gazette notification no. 44 dated 1.3.1995 issued by MHRD required to be obtained by the university. The universities were required to offer programmes as per norms and guidelines of regulatory apex bodies. Seeking approval from the respective apex bodies was the responsibility of the university concerned.

Further, subsequent to the MHRD notification dated 29 July 2009 directing DEC to withdraw permission for conducting B. E. / B. Tech. programmes through distance mode, the DEC had written to all the ODL providers to stop offering B. E. / B. Tech. programmes through distance mode from the year 2009-10 onwards. Taking in view of the MHRD letters regarding withdrawal of permission to conduct B.E/ B.Tech. the 9th meeting of the Joint committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC held on 06th August 2009 took a unanimous decision that till such time the matter is not resolved the joint committee will not accord approval to B.Tech/B.E Programmes.

The recognition status of the Universities is as under:

JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth Deemed University: The Distance Education Council(DEC) as per a decision taken in the third meeting of Joint Committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC has granted one time post-facto approval to JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth deemed University for the programmes (approved by statutory bodies of the university) offered through distance mode till 2005. The JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth deemed University has also been accorded provisional recognition for one academic year i.e. 2007 to 2008. Further, the provisional recognition accorded to JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth deemed University was extended till 2012. The university has been accorded programme-wise recognition for one year i.e 2012-13 (copy attached) subject to the outcome of the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Presently, the matter is sub-judice.

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IASE Deemed University: The Distance Education Council (DEC) as per a decision taken in the third meeting of Joint Committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC, DEC vide letter no. DEC/IASE/RJ/03/5449 dated 29.08.2007 accorded one time post facto approval to IASE deemed University, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan for the programmes (approved by statutory bodies of the university) offered through distance mode till 2005 only.

IASE deemed University, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan vide F.No. DEC/Univ/State/07/5740 dated 03.09.07, had also been accorded Provisional recognition for offering programmes (approved by the statutory bodies of your university) through distance mode for a period of one year w.e.f. the date of issue of the aforementioned letter dated 03.09.07. No further recognition has been given to this University by the DEC. Presently, the matter is sub-judice.

The DEC had given institutional recognition in place of programme-wise approval to JRN Rajasthan deemed University and IASE deemed University for offering programmes through distance mode. Thus, DEC had not accorded approval to any specific programme offered by above university during the period of provisional recognition.

Vinayaka Missions University (Deemed to be University), Salem:

The Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, Tamil Nadu started its distance education programme from academic year 2005 only. The DEC accorded institutional ex post facto recognition to the University in 2007 for the programmes approved by the statutory bodies of the University till 2005.

The Distance Education Council has accorded institutional recognition to the Vinayaka Missions University for five years w.e.f. February 2007 to February 2012.

The recognition is not for any specific programme viz. BE, but for the institution. As per the Gazette Notification 44, the University was required to take the approval from the AICTE for offering technical and professional programmes through distance mode. The University is also guided by the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body for the same.

The DEC has accorded programme wise recognition to Vinayaka Missions University Salem, Tamil Nadu on the basis of recommendations of the expert committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC for a period of three years from academic year 2011-12 to academic year 2013-14 to offer programmes through distance mode only at the Headquarters i.e. Salem (list of programmes attached). The list of programmes recognized does not include any engineering programmes.

Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala

The Punjab Technical University has been accorded one time post facto approval (upto 2007-08) and provisional recognition (for 2007-08) by the Distance Education Council for offering programmes through distance mode. The provisional recognition accorded to the PTU was extended for one more year. The DEC has accorded regular recognition to the PTU for further three years w.e.f. 2009-10 to 2011-2012 for offering programmes through distance mode.

The DEC has not accorded any programme-wise approval to PTU. In case of technical/professional/other programmes offered by the university is concerned, wherever necessary, approval from the concerned apex bodies in the country is required to be obtained for which the responsibility vests with the university concerned.

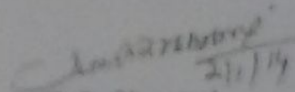
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The recognition status of Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (formerly Allahabad Agricultural Institute), Deemed University, Allahabad

The erstwhile Distance Education Council, as per a decision taken in the third Joint Committee meeting of UGC-AICTE-DEC granted one time ex-post facto approval to Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHIATS), formerly Allahabad Agricultural Institute - Deemed University, Allahabad for the programmes (approved by the statutory bodies of the university) offered through distance mode till 2005. The above university was also accorded provisional recognition for one academic year, i.e. from June 2007 to June 2008, which was extended till such time an expert committee visits the university and submits its recommendations with certain conditions. As far as the programmes recognized during the period of ex-post facto and provisional recognition are concerned, the erstwhile Distance Education Council had given only institutional recognition to the above university for offering programmes through distance mode. Thus, for the period of ex-post facto and provisional recognition, DEC had not given approval to any specific programmes offered by the above university. DEC also maintains that for offering professional and technical programmes through distance mode, it is the responsibility of the institution to seek approval from the concerned regulatory bodies, wherever required. Subsequently, the Joint Committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC accorded regular programme-wise recognition for three years to the above referred university from 2009-10 to 2011-12 for offering certain programmes through distance mode. Further, the DEC had provided continuation of regular programme-wise recognition to Allahabad Agricultural Institute - Deemed University for one academic year (2012-13), which has been further extended for another academic year, 2013-14. The list of approved programmes of the above referred deemed university is available on the following weblink: <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/pdf/Recognitionaccordedunivandinsts.pdf>

It is submitted that deemed universities are established by MHRD on the recommendations of UGC for offering specific programmes in specific fields within specific territorial jurisdiction only. It may also be submitted that, Public notices on Courses/Study Centres/Off Campuses & Territorial Jurisdiction of Universities issued by the UGC vide Notice No. F.27-1/2012 (CPP-II) dated 27th June 2013 categorically states that, the UGC has not granted approval to any deemed to be university to establish study centres.

Yours faithfully,


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