



Government of Puducherry
Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat

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PRESS RELEASE

The NEET PG candidate students, who were selected for Medical/Dental PG programme through CENTAC, met Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi on 16th May, 2017 in Open House at Raj Nivas and submitted a memorandum seeking the intervention of Hon'ble Lt. Governor to regulate the fees charged by the seven Medical Colleges in UT of Puducherry.

In the representation, they have stated that the Government of Puducherry has issued orders dated 14-05-2017 fixing fees for the 3 affiliated colleges of Pondicherry University alone, leaving out 4 other Deemed University Colleges running in U.T. of Puducherry. The students had also stated that the 3 affiliated colleges are not accepting the fee fixed and are demanding higher fee much above than that prescribed. The students are therefore facing a dilemma in securing their admission despite selection.

Seized of the importance, Hon'ble Lt. Governor held a telephonic conversation with Prof (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Secretary, University Grants Commission. Following his assurance of immediate intervention, a formal letter was sent by e-mail. True to the assurance rendered the UGC have issued direction within 48 hours to the Deemed Universities.

Dr. Sunita Siwach, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission has directed Sri Balaji Vidyapith, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Puducherry, Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, Chennai and Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem to collect the fee prescribed by the Government quoting Clause 6.1 of UGC Regulations, 2016 with copies to concerned authorities of Government of Puducherry. It has been stated that in case of non compliance, necessary action shall be initiated by the UGC against the Deemed to be University under 22.0 of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.. The copy of letter of UGC is enclosed herewith.

Team Raj Nivas places its gratitude and thanks to University Grants Commission and Government of India for having responded within 48 hours for their prompt response.

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SPEED POST

No. F. 1-6/2016 (CPP-I/DU)

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The Vice-Chancellor

1. Sri Balaji Vidyapith, Mahatma Gandhi Medical college Campus, Pondy-Cuddalore Main Road, Pillaiyarkuppam, Puducherry – 607402.
2. Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, 173, Agharam Road, Selaiyur, Chennai – 600 073, Tamil Nadu.
3. Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Sankari Mani Road, NH-47, Ariyanoor, Salem – 636308, Tamil Nadu.

Subject : Fees charged by the Deemed to be University in the Medical/Dental College under its ambit in the State of Puducherry – regarding.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the University Grants Commission that the Deemed to be University is charging huge fees from the students admitted in PG courses in the Medical/Dental College under its ambit in the State of Puducherry.

As you are aware that all the Institutions Deemed to be Universities are regulated by the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. The Fee Structure in Institutions Deemed to be Universities has to be fixed in accordance with clause 6.1 of the above UGC Regulations. Clause 6.1 is reproduced below:-

"No Institution deemed to be university shall, for admission in respect of any course or programme of study conducted in such institution, accept payment towards admission fee and other fees and charges:-

- (a) Which is a capitation fee or donation in whatever nomenclature or form;
- (b) Other than such fee or charges for such admission, which has been declared by it in the prospectus for admission against any such seat, and on the website of the institution;

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Provided if there are any fees prescribed in accordance with the Fee Regulations framed by the Government or by the Commission from time to time, then the fees or other charges for admission shall not exceed the same;

- (c) Without a proper receipt in writing issued for such payment to the concerned student admitted in such institution."

The Deemed to be University is hereby directed to follow the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 in the matter of fees in toto as these Regulations are mandatory in nature and have to be followed by all the Deemed to be Universities. The fee structure should not be contrary to the essence of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 that Deemed to be Universities shall not engage in commercialization of education. In case of non-compliance, necessary action shall be initiated by the UGC against the Deemed to be University under 22.0 of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

These directions are issued in accordance with Clause 10.0D and 10.0E of the abovementioned UGC Regulations and have the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
(Sunita Siwach)
Joint Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary/Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry, Secretariat, Puducherry.
2. Shri R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to Lt. Governor, Rajbhavan, Puducherry.
3. The Director (ICR), Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Shri V. Jeeva, Under Secretary (Health), Government of Puducherry, Chief Secretariat (Health), Puducherry.

(Signature)
(Sunita Siwach)
Joint Secretary

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