



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
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The Students who had studied in a Private Vocational Institution in Hotel Management submitted a complaint to Hon'ble Lt. Governor in the Open House. The students alleged that the Institution was issuing certificate to them that was not recognised. Considering the seriousness of the complaint and the fact that such unrecognised courses puts the future of student in jeopardy, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, ordered for inquiry by the Grievance Cell.

On Inquiry, it came to light that the Institution was not registered as an Educational Institution but had obtained registration as "Shop / Establishment". It did not have affiliation with National Council for Vocation Training / State Council for Vocational Training / AICTE or Tamil Nadu Technical Education. It was issuing Vocational certificates affiliated to Bharat Sevak Samaj, New Delhi and CTDS – Centre for Technical and Vocational Development Science of Tamil Nadu. The validity and the accreditation of these Institutions were questionable. It was revealed that not only one such institution was functioning in the U.T., but many such institutions

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi taking cognizance of the report observed that such institutions should be proceeded against as per law to ensure that gullible students and parents are not misled. The complaint of students to be acted upon by CID of Police to register case against the Institute. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also observed that it is equally important to evolve a Standard Operating Procedure for running of such Vocational Training Institutions.

The Labour Department and the Education Department as the Nodal Departments to evolve the complete SOP that will cover the aspects right from the process of obtaining licence, to the syllabus of courses, the recognised courses through the appropriate Authorities / Universities. The SOP also to include clauses for periodical inspections of the institute to ensure that the Institutes meet the requirement infrastructural facilities, requisite faculties, standards of teaching etc.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor also observed that the Nodal Departments viz., Labour and Education Departments to create awareness amongst the student community to be aware of such Institutions.