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Prof. Rajnish Jain
Secretary

No.1-28/2018(DEB-I)

15th March, 2019

The Vice-Chancellor

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20 MAR 2019

Sub: Withdrawal of recognition of Agricultural degree programmes through ODL mode from academic year 2019-20, session beginning July, 2019 and onwards - reg. Sir,

In continuation to the UGC letter No. F. 111-1/2017 (DEB-IV) dated 14.08.2018 thereby communicating the Commission's decision regarding recognition of certain courses including Agricultural degree programmes through ODL mode from 2018-19 and onwards.

The details of recognition accorded to Agricultural degree programmes through ODL are as under:

S.No.	Name of Agricultural programmes	Recognition period
1.	B.Sc. (Agriculture)	2018-19 to 2022-23 (5 years)
2.	B.Sc. (Horticulture)	
3.	M.Sc. (Agricultural Extension)	

It is informed that based on letter received from Secretary & Director General, Department of Agricultural Research & Education and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-I**), the Commission in its 538th Meeting held on 29th January, 2019 has decided that Agricultural degrees in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode shall not be recognised henceforth as per clause (p) of Sub Regulation (2) of Part-I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

In view of the above, I am to inform you as under:

- The recognition accorded by UGC for programmes of B.Sc. (Agriculture), B.Sc. (Horticulture) and M.Sc. (Agricultural Extension) in ODL mode is for the academic year 2018-19 only.
- No admission shall be made by the HEI from 2019-20, academic session beginning July 2019 onwards, in any of the Agricultural programs in ODL mode.

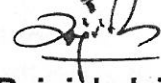


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- c. In the interest of students already admitted in such courses, UGC has taken up the issue with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for providing all kinds of necessary support for completion of these programmes by the students enrolled already. A copy of letter is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.
- d. The HEI is requested to co-ordinate with ICAR for exploring the feasibility of setting up of Learner Support Centres in nearest Agricultural Universities/ Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. (within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI) where proper facilities for practical and hands on training can be provided to the students.
- e. The HEI is requested to update UGC regarding the action taken in the matter regularly till the completion of programmes.

Yours faithfully,



(Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

Encl. : As stated above.



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Respected Sir,

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Kindly refer to your letter D.O.No.Edn.26-2/2016-EPH&S/135 dated 4th December, 2018 requesting UGC not to accord recognition to Agricultural degrees in Open and Distance Learning mode.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that the above matter was placed before the Commission in its 538th Meeting held on 29th January, 2019. After due deliberations on the subject, the Commission decided that Agricultural degrees in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode shall not be recognised henceforth as per clause (p) of Sub Regulation (2) of Part-I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

This is also for your information that prior to the receipt of above letter from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, UGC had accorded recognition to the following Agricultural Programmes:

Name of Higher Educational Institution (HEI)	Name of Agricultural programmes	Recognition period
Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Maharashtra	B.Sc. (Agriculture)	2018-19 to 2022-23 (5 years)
	B.Sc. (Horticulture)	
	M.Sc. (Agricultural Extension)	

However, in view of the Commission decision, UGC has decided that the recognition already accorded to the HEI for Agricultural programs in ODL mode will be only for the academic year 2018-19, and no admission shall be made by the HEI from 2019-20, academic session beginning July 2019 onwards, in any of the above mentioned Agricultural programs in ODL mode.

In the interest of students already admitted in such courses, I would like to request you to provide all kinds of necessary support till they complete courses. It would be highly appreciable if ICAR provide handholding to the above HEI and explore the feasibility of setting up of Learner Support Centres in nearest Agricultural Universities / Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. (within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI) where proper facilities for practical and hands on training can be provided to the students.

with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

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