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F.No. AICTE/P&AP/ODL/2018

Date: 28.08.2018

To,
Dr. Avichal Kapur,
Joint Secretary,
University Grants Commission,
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi - 110 002

Sub:- Formulation and notification of regulations for professional programmes to be conducted by the higher educational institutions in Open and Distance Learning mode.

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer your letter dated 13.08.2018 on the above noted subject.

We would like to inform you that Executive Committee/Council in its meeting held on 14.08.2018 considered the Draft- AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Regulation for Standalone Institutions) Regulation, 2018 framed by the duly constituted committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande, Former Director, IIT, Kanpur.

The Council deliberated on various provisions of the Regulations, as applicable to the Standalone Institutions and also referred UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 from the perspective of maintaining sanctity of admissions, examinations, learning materials, learning support centres, territorial jurisdiction and effective use of ICT and took the following decisions:


1. Keeping in view the provisions of the AICTE Act, which mandates approval of AICTE for affiliated colleges and Deemed-to-be-universities, through the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No. 17869-17870/2017 & also CA No. 17902-17905/2017, dated November 3, 2017, the Central Legislated Universities and State Legislated Universities including Open Universities are exempted from seeking approval from AICTE to run programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism in ODL mode. However, Universities shall have to adhere to minimum norms and standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in the

MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism disciplines. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall communicate its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and amended from time to time.

2. All the Deemed-to-be-Universities notified by UGC as Category-I institutions as per UGC (Categorization of universities (only) for grant of graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 shall be exempted from seeking approval from AICTE for the programmes mentioned in Sl. No. 1 above i.e. MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall have to adhere to norms & standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the deemed-to-be-university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such UGC notified Category-I Deemed-to-be-Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall conduct inspection and submit its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations.
3. For all other Deemed-to-be-Universities interested in running ODL programs in MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism, AICTE shall invite applications and such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall submit applications online on the AICTE web portal within notified deadline and shall be processed as per laid down procedure, duly notified by AICTE. AICTE will forward the recommendations to UGC for further necessary action in the matter.

In view of the above, the comments of UGC, if any, may be provided urgently.

Regards,


31/01/18
Prof. A. P. Mittal
(Member Secretary)