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To Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary UGC-Distance Education Bureau New Delhi

Sub.: Minutes of Second Consultative meeting with representatives of Regulatory Authorities for implementation of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulation, 2020 - reg.

Ref: Letter no. 1-17/2020(DEB-I) dated 15/12/2020 (Point no. 6 of the attached minutes)

Sir,

In this regard, I am directed to inform that at present there is no regulatory body to regulate the Yoga education.

Ministry of AYUSH suggests that short term and entry-level programmes of Yoga education can be imparted through online mode also, particularly in view of the experience during the pandemic of Covid-19.

However Yoga has a long tradition of Guru-Shishya prampara in which personal / direct interaction between student and teacher is important. It is suggested that for distance programme, the extent of contact classes need to be finalised in a careful way, after discussion with experts. Ministry of AYUSH is ready to facilitate such discussions.

Yours faithfully,

(Vikarm Singh)

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