From
The Director General,
Technical Education Department Haryana,
Bays No.07-12, Sector-04,
Panchkula

To:
1. All Heads of the Department.
2. The Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
3. All the Deputy Commissioners of the State of Haryana

Memo No.: 3590-3689 /Admn. Dated: 19.06.2018

Subject: Regarding equivalency of Technical Qualification awarded by Deemed University in distance Education Mode for the purpose of recruitment and promotion in Haryana Government

Kindly refer to this office memo no.873-972/Admn. dated 24.01.2018 /02.02.2018 and in reference to C.S. Notification No.421/158/2016-SGIS dated 19.01.2018 and letter of even no dated 15.02.2018 on the subject noted above.

In the light of judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court of India vide order dated 03.11.2017 in Civil Appeals No.17902-17905 of 2017 of SLP(C) Nos. 35793-35796 of 2012 title as Vijay Kumar and ors etc Vs. Kartar Singh & ors and in compliance of this orders, the Government of Haryana has directed as below:-

1. It is directed that old degrees in engineering granted to the students who were enrolled during the academic year 2001-2005 shall stand suspended till they pass such an examination to be held under the joint supervision of AICTE and UGC, as the grant of Ex-post-facto approval to the deemed university has been held to be incorrect and illegal.

2. The students who were enrolled during the academic session 2001-2005 for obtaining Engineering Technology degrees through distance mode shall be given two chances to pass the test to be held under the supervision of AICTE and UGC and if the students clear the test within stipulated time/ attempts, all the advantages/ benefits shall be restored to them and their degrees will stand revived fully.

3. In case of the employees who have obtained degree/ diplomas during sessions 2001-2005 and got initial appointments or further promotions on the basis of the degrees obtained through distance education mode, their services or promotions are to be suspended immediately. The will be permitted to continue further and all the benefits will be restored to them only if they pass the examination to be conducted by AICTE within stipulated time as per direction of Hon'ble Apex Court.

4. As regards students who were admitted after the Academic Sessions 2001-2005, their degrees in Engineering awarded by the concerned Deemed to be Universities through distance education mode stand recalled and are to be treated as cancelled. Their services are to be terminated immediately. However, all benefits secured by such candidates shall stand withdrawn as indicated in para 48 of the judgment dated 03.11.2017.

5. The Hon'ble Apex court has restrained all Deemed to be University to carry on any course in distance education mode from the Academic Session 2018-2019 onwards unless and until it is permissible to conduct such courses in distance education mode and specific permission are permissible to conduct such courses in distance education mode and each of those course unless granted by the concerned statutory/ regulatory authorities in respect of each of those courses.
unless the off-campus Centers/ Study Centers are individually inspected and found adequate by the concerned statutory Authorities. The approval have to be courses specific.

Further Govt. of Haryana vide instructions dated 15.02.2018 has re-considered the matter and accordingly it has been decided to insert a new para-3 A in the instruction No. 42/158/2016-GCST dated 19.1.2018 which shall read as follows:

"3.A. An one-time relaxation is granted as follows:

i. All such candidates, who wish to appear at the forthcoming test to be conducted by AICTE in May-June 2018 and who exercise option to appear at the test in terms of the judgment, can retain the degrees in question and all the advantages flowing there from till one month after the declaration of the result of such test or till 31.07.2018 whichever is earlier.

ii. If the candidates pass in such first attempt, they would be entitled to retain all the advantages. But if they fail or choose not to appear the degrees and all advantages shall stand suspended and withdrawn as per the direction contained in the judgement of the Supreme Court dated 22.1.2018."

Therefore, it is requested to take the necessary action accordingly Further, the action taken report in the matter be sent to the Chief Secretary office through your respective Administrative Secretary with a copy to this Department.

Joint Director (Admn.)
for Director General Technical Education
Haryana, Panchkula
Date: 19.06.2018

Endst. No.: 3690-91 /Admn.

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for kind information:-
1. Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana,
2. PS/ ACSTE for kind information of ACSTE.

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