Annexure - IV

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sub: Instructions to Technical Institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting Technical Education regarding matters concerning charging of fees, refund of fees and other student related issues.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been empowered *interalia* under section 10 (n) of AICTE Act to "take all necessary steps to prevent commercialization of technical education". In compliance with the provisions under AICTE Act and in the light of directions of Govt. of India issued under section 20 (1) of AICTE Act vide Letter No. (U.1 (A) Section), it has been decided to issue instructions to the Technical institutions, Universities including Deemed to be Universities imparting Technical Education in the matters concerning students.

Whereas it has come to the notice of the AICTE that Technical Institutions and Universities including Deemed to be Universities, are admitting students to technical education programmes long before the actual starting of an academic session; collecting full fee from the admitted students; and, retaining their school/institution's leaving certificates in the original;

And Whereas, Institutions and Universities are also reportedly confiscating the fee paid if a student fails to join by such dates;

And, Whereas, certificates in original are being detained by institutions and Universities to force retention of admitted students;

And, Whereas the time-limit for students to join the courses/programmes is also being advanced in some cases unrealistically so as to pre-empt students/candidates from exercising other options of joining other institutions of their choice.

In the event of a student/ candidate withdrawing before the starting of the course, the wait listed candidates should be given admissions against the vacant seat. The entire fee collected from the student, after a deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) shall be refunded and returned by the Institution/ University to the student/candidate withdrawing from the programme. It would not be permissible for Institutions and Universities to retain the School/Institution Leaving Certificates in original. Should a student leave after joining the course and if the seat consequently falling vacant has been filled by another candidate by the last date of admission, the Institution must return the fee collected with proportionate deductions of monthly fee and proportionate hostel rent, where applicable.

Any violation of instructions issued by the AICTE, shall call for punitive action including withdrawal of approval and recognition of erring institutions and Universities. AICTE shall on its own or on receipt of specific complaints from those affected take all such steps as may be necessary to enforce these directions.

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[U.3 (A) Section]

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Whereas it has come to the notice of the Government of India that Institutions and Universities, including Institutions Deemed to be Universities, are admitting students to technical education programmes long before the actual starting of an academic session; collecting full fees from the admitted students; and, retaining their school / institution's leaving certificates in the original;

And Whereas, Institutions and Universities are also reportedly confiscating the fee paid if a student fails to join by such dates;

And, Whereas, certificates in original are being detained by institutions and universities to force retention of admitted students;

And, Whereas the time-limit for students to join the courses / programmes is also being advanced in some cases unrealistically so as to pre-empt students / candidates from exercising other options of joining other institutions of their choice.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred in it by Section 20(1) of the University Grants Commission Act and Section 20(1) of the All India Council of Technical Education Act, the Central Government hereby directs the UGC and the AICTE to instruct Institutions and Universities in the public interest to maintain a

waitlist of students / candidates. In the event of a student / candidate withdrawing before the starting of the course, the wait listed candidates should be given admissions against the vacant seat. The entire fees collected from the student, after a deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/- (one thousand only) shall be refunded and returned by the Institution / University to the student / candidate withdrawing from the programme. It would not be permissible for Institutions and Universities to retain the School / Institution Leaving Certificates in original. Should a student leave after joining the course and if the seat consequently falling vacant gets filled by another candidate by the last date of admission, the Institution must return the fees collected with proportionate deductions of monthly fee and proportionate hostel rent, where applicable.

Any violation of instructions issued, by the UGC, and the AICTE, shall call for punitive action including withdrawal of approval and recognition of erring institutions and universities. The UGC and the AICTE shall on their own or on receipt of specific complaints from those affected, take all such steps as may be necessary to enforce these directions.

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