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Dated 12/02/2021

To

The Chief Engineer,  
Chandigarh Housing Board,  
Chandigarh.

**Subject: - Clarification regarding recognition of Diploma in Civil/Electrical through distance education mode.**

Reference subject cited above.

It is informed that this office has sought the clarification regarding validity of Diploma in Civil/Electrical Engineering acquired from JRNRV, Udaipur and IASE, Sardarshar, Rajasthan through Distance Mode from UGC (University Grants Commission) as well as AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education).

The Universities Grant Commission, Distance Education Bureau vide letter dated 06.01.2021 has clarified that seeking approval from the respective apex bodies was the responsibility of the University (copy enclosed).

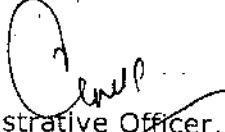
The AICTE vide circular No.AICTE/P&AP/Misc/2020 dated 30.12.2020 has also clarified that it has not given approval for conducting diploma courses to any technical institutions. Hence, AICTE cannot validate the diploma awarded by these institutions (copy enclosed).

In view of the above, some of the pending requests for promotion on the basis of diploma in Civil/Electrical through distance education mode have been rejected.

You are requested to inform all officer/official of engineering cadre about the above clarification.

This issues with the approval of Worthy CEO, CHB.

Encl: as above.

  
Administrative Officer,  
Chandigarh Housing Board,  
Chandigarh

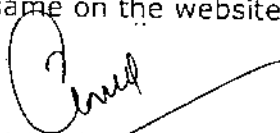
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A copy is forwarded to the following: -

1. The Senior law officer, CHB with the request to brief the concerned Panel Lawyer with regard to the pending case No.3435 of 2015 Dharampal & Ors. Vs CHB.
2. The Computer Incharge, CHB to upload the same on the website.

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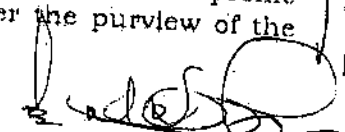
**Subject: Clarification regarding Diploma in Engineering awarded through distance learning mode by four Deemed to be Universities.**

AICTE is receiving number of representations/enquires from various Govt./Private organisations and students regarding the recognition/ validity of Diploma in Engineering and Technology awarded through distance learning mode by 4-Deemed to be Universities i.e. i) JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan, ii) Institute of Advanced Studies Education, Rajasthan (IASE), iii) Allahabad Agricultural Institute, (AAI) and iv) Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Tamil Nadu, (VMRF).

In this regard, it is informed that, it has been the policy of AICTE not to recognize the qualification acquired through distance mode at Diploma, Bachelors and Masters level in the field of Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Town Planning, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts and Crafts. The courses in Management, Computer application and Travel & Tourism is recognised by AICTE.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in MA No(s).1795-1796 of 2017 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 of 2017 case pertaining to Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd V/s. Rabi Sankar Patro and Ors., opined vide its judgement dated 22.01.2018 that the Judgment dated 03.11.2017 for the courses leading to Diploma was not the subject matter of the judgement while considering the validity of degrees awarded by these 4-listed Deemed to be Universities to candidates who were enrolled up to 2001-2005 for which AICTE-UGC conducted the examination for revalidating the Degree awarded by aforesaid Deemed to be Universities as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

AICTE as such has not given approval for conducting Diploma courses in Engineering through distance education mode to any technical institutions. Hence, AICTE cannot validate the diplomas awarded by these institutions. Hon'ble Supreme Court stated that Diploma course in Engineering is not under the purview of the aforesaid case.

  
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Dec,2020

The Chief Executive Officer,  
Chandigarh Housing Board,  
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Chandigarh — 160017

06 JAN 2021

**Subject :-** Validity of Diploma in Civil/Electrical Engineering acquired from Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur and IASE, Sardarshahar, Rajasthan through Distance mode - reg. -

Sir,

With reference to your letter NoHB(S)/AO(A)/DA-II/2020 5249 dated 06-07-2020 on the above subject, I am directed to inform as under:

1. The JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth is a Deemed University. The erstwhile Distance Education Council (DEC) had granted ex - post facto approval to JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (deemed University) for the programmes offered by it through distance mode till 2005. The institutional recognition was accorded to it from the academic year 2007-08 to 2011-12 through distance mode for the programmes, which were approved by its statutory bodies. The programme-wise recognition was accorded to it for one year i.e. 2012-13. No further recognition has been granted to it either by DEC or UGC to offer any programme through distance mode. The information is already displayed on UGC website at [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb).
2. The Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahar, Rajasthan is a Deemed University. The erstwhile 'Distance Education Council' (DEC) had granted ex-post facto 'Institutional recognition' to it for the programmes offered by it through distance mode upto the academic year 2005. The provisional institutional recognition was also granted to it for the academic year 2007-08. No further recognition has been granted to it either by DEC or UGC to offer any programme through distance mode. The information is also displayed on UGC website at [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb).
3. During the period of **institutional recognition**, the University was required to offer programmes approved by the statutory bodies of the University and after seeking approval of the concerned regulatory bodies, wherever required. Seeking approval from the respective apex bodies was the responsibility of the university. However, no university is authorized to offer technical and professional programmes including M.Phil and Ph.D through distance mode.
4. It is for information that a Deemed to be University can operate within its own Head Quarters and campuses approved by MHRD only. It is also for information that UGC has not granted its approval to the university to open any study centre in any other State or even within its State. The Deemed to be Universities cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications. Also these cannot offer their programmes through franchising arrangement with private institutions for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode. Kindly refer the Public Notice dated 27.06.2013 on territorial jurisdiction of universities and other matters related to distance education on UGC website. [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb).

5. The degree(s)/diploma(s)/certificate(s) are verified/validated by the issuing authority i.e. concerned university/institution only. DEB, UGC can provide the recognition status of the university only.

6. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 03.11.2017 in the matter of Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd. Vs. Rabi Sankar Patro Vs Ors has suspended all the degrees in Engineering awarded by concerned Deemed to be Universities of the candidates enrolled during the academic sessions 2001-2005, till they pass such examination under the joint supervision of AICTE-UGC in the manner indicated hereinafter. 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 be treated as cancelled. The concerned Deemed to be Universities are (i) Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (JRN), Udaipur, Rajasthan, (ii) Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, (iii) Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem, Tamil Nadu, and (iv) Allahabad Agriculture Research Institute, Allahabad, UP (later known as Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad). Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Vs Rabi Sankar Patro & ors., in MA Nos. 1795-1796/2017 filed in Civil Appeal Nos. 17869-17870/2017; vide its order dated 22.01.2018 clarified that validity of such courses leading to diploma was not the subject matter of the judgment dated 03.11.2017

UGC has issued Public Notice on 22/11/2017 reg. the above Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dt. 03/11/2017 which is available on UGC website at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4116626\\_Orders-of-the-Supreme-Court.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4116626_Orders-of-the-Supreme-Court.pdf) and the complete judgment is available at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/3251872\\_judgement\\_03-Nov-2017.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/3251872_judgement_03-Nov-2017.pdf)

7. The programmes like BE/B.Tech are not allowed through distance mode. MHRD directions prohibiting BE/B.Tech through distance mode dated 29.07.2009 are already uploaded on UGC website at the link <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices/MHRDBTechMTech.pdf>

8. The joint committee of UGC, AICTE and DEC has not given its recognition to B.E and B.Tech programmes of any university through distance mode. In this regard copy of letter dated 13.08.2009 issued by the erstwhile DEC may be seen at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices/BTechMTech.pdf>. For more information on the subject, kindly refer to various notices already displayed on UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb) at the link <http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices.html>.

9. AICTE has also issued public notice in 2010 that it does not recognize the Qualification acquired through distance education mode at Diploma, Bachelors & Master's level in the field of Engineering, Technology Including Architecture, Town Planning, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts and Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM),

10. A copy of the letter is being forwarded to the Member Secretary, All India Council of Technical Education, Nelson Mandela, Marg, New Delhi-110067 for appropriate action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

  
(Dr. Dinesh Chand)  
Education Officer