D.O. No. F.1-1/2016(Secy)  

29th September, 2016  

Dear Sir/Madam,

The University Grants Commission Act, 1956 was enacted by the Parliament of India with a vision of creating a statutory body which can be vested with the responsibility for determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research therein. The Commission has been discharging its functions with a sense of dedication and commitment for more than six decades now. The section 12 of the Act sets forth the powers and functions of the Commission, categorically reiterating under clauses (d) and (j) the Commission’s functions to "recommend to any university the measures necessary for the improvement of University education..." and "to perform such other functions as may be prescribed or deemed necessary by the Commission for advancing the cause of higher education in India."

It is in discharge of these significant functions entrusted to it, the Commission has formulated, under section 26(1) of UGC Act, a number of regulations on various aspects of university education like minimum standards for grant of degrees through formal and non-formal modes, recognition of institutions under different provisions of the Act, defining qualification of teacher’s appointment, students grievance redressal, gender sensitization, minimum standards for award of Ph.D./MPhil., foreign collaborations and other matters related to higher education. Understandably, these Regulations have a direct bearing upon the quality and standards, the maintenance and improvement of which is central to Commission’s mandate. Implementing these Regulations in your esteemed university in letter and spirit will help put in place quality standards for various pedagogic, research and administrative processes carried out in your organization. All these Regulations are available on UGC website for easy access and unfailing compliance. It is pertinent to mention here that UGC Regulations, once notified in the Gazette of India, are mandatory in nature and shall be followed.

It is thus requested that your esteemed University would take pro-active steps in ensuring that all the Regulations of UGC are followed exactingly.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.

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