

Communique

Government has constituted a Committee to review UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 vide notification No. F.8-3/2012-U.3(A) dated 17.4.2012 with the following members:

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| (i) | Prof. P.N. Tandon Professor Emiretus, Department of Neurosurgery AIIMS, New Delhi | ... Member |
| (ii) | Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, National Research Professor, former Chairman, NAAC & former Director, IISc Bangalore | ... Member |
| (iii) | Prof. M. Anandkrishan Chairman, IIT Kanpur | ... Member |
| (iv) | Prof. Mrinal Miri Former Vice Chancellor, NEHU & former Chairman ICPR | ... Member |
| (v) | Director, TISS Mumbai | ... Member |
| (vi) | Vice-Chancellor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) Bangalore | ... Member |
| (vii) | Director, IIFT New Delhi | ... Member |
| (viii) | Vice-Chancellor, TERI University, New Delhi | ... Member |
| (ix) | Joint Secretary (Higher Education) MHRD | ... Convener |
| (x) | Joint Secretary, UGC | ...Co-convener |

The Terms of Reference for the review are as under:

- i) to examine the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 with reference to the objectives with which these Regulations were notified;
- ii) to examine whether there are any anomalies or infirmities in the Regulations vis-à-vis any other Policy/rules/regulations applicable to the higher education sector and suggest suitable amendments;
- iii) to examine the provisions of the Regulations vis-à-vis the need to regulate institutions as deemed to be universities so that while institutions deemed to be universities maintaining high academic standards are encouraged to expand and exercise autonomy, whereas those maintaining average academic standards are regulated and motivated to enhance academic standards to protect academic interests of students;

- iv) to examine and suggest measures to ensure independent quality assurances of institutions-deemed to be universities thereby reducing the need for inspection-based approval regimes;
- v) to examine the difficulties encountered by niche institutions established by the Central Government in the implementation of UGC (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and suggest suitable modifications;
- vi) to examine the difficulties, if any, encountered in the implementation of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and suggest suitable modifications to remove the difficulties;
- vii) to examine and make provision for foreign universities ranked amongst the best in academia and intending to open campuses in India to be recognized as institutions deemed to be universities.

The above Committee met on 28.5.2012 and after detailed discussions/deliberations about the process and the key issues to be addressed the Committee decided to broad base consultation process by seeking feedback on the UGC Regulations (for institutions Deemed to Universities) 2010 from the stakeholders and those familiar with the implementation of the regulations. In order to seek written representations, the Committee decided to place its Terms of Reference (ToR) along with Regulations on the website of MHRD and the UGC. The feedback / opinion / views must be based on experience with implementation of Regulations 2010 and the note should not exceed 500 words or two paragraphs to be submitted within two weeks from the date of publication of the Press release on the website. The feedback is to be sent at e-mail ID diricr.edu@nic.in