From
Principal Secretary Govt. Of Haryana
Higher Education, Department,
Chandigarh

To
All the Vice Chancellors,
Private Universities in Haryana State

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Dated the Panchkula 12th May., 2017

Subject:- Directions for admissions and implementation of other statutory provisions by all the Private Universities in Haryana State established under the Haryana Private UniversitiesAct, 2006.

Please peruse the subject cited above.

I have been directed to inform you that it has come to the notice of the Government that various provisions under the Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006 are not being complied with by the private universities in letter and spirit thereby flouting the statutory provisions enshrined therein. In this regard, attention is invited towards the following provisions of the ibid Act.

1. Under section 34 C of Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006, it is provided that:-

Compulsory disclosure of information:-

(1) Every university established under this Act shall publish before expiry of sixty days prior to the date of the commencement of admission to any of its courses or programme of study, a prospectus containing the following information, namely:—

(a) each component of the fee, deposits and other charges payable by the students for pursuing a course or programme of study, and the other terms and conditions of such payment;

(b) the percentage of tuition fee and other charges refundable to a student in case such student withdraws from university before or after completion of course or programme of study and the time within, and the manner, in which such refund shall be made;

(c) the number of seats approved by the statutory authority in respect of each course or programme of study for the academic year for which admission is proposed to be made;

(d) the conditions of eligibility for admission in a particular course or programme of study;

(e) the educational qualifications specified by the university where no such qualifying standards have been specified by any regulating body;

(f) the process of admission and selection of candidates, including all relevant information with regard to the details of test or examination for
selecting such candidates for admission to each course or programme of study and the amount of fee to be paid for the admission test;

(g) details of the teaching faculty, including therein the educational qualifications, teaching experience and indicating therein whether such member is a regular facility member or is a visiting member;

(h) information with regard to physical and academic infrastructure and other facilities including hostel accommodation, library and hospital or industry wherein the practical training to be imparted to the students and in particular the facilities accessible by students on being admitted to the university;

(i) broad outlines of the syllabus specified by the appropriate statutory authority or by the university, as the case may be, for every course or programme of study, including the teaching hours, practical sessions and other assignments;

(j) all relevant instructions with regard to maintenance of discipline by students within or outside the campus, prohibition of ragging and consequences thereof for violating the provisions of any regulations in this regard made under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956) or any other law for the time being in force.

(k) any such other information which may be prescribed:

Provided that the university shall publish information referred to under this section on its website, and the attention of prospective students and the general public shall be drawn to such publication on the website through advertisements displayed prominently in the different newspapers and through other media.

(2) Every university shall fix the price of each printed copy of the prospectus, not more than the reasonable cost of its publication, distribution or sale and its copy shall be sent to the Government for information. “

2. Further, under section 35 it is provided that :-

35. (1) Admission in the university shall be made strictly on the basis of merit:

Provided that for the purpose of filling minority quota in the university established and administered by a minority community, the zone of consideration for determination of merit shall be limited only to the students belonging to that minority community.

(2) Merit for admission in the university may be determined either on the basis of marks or grade obtained in the qualifying examination and achievements in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities or on the basis of marks or grade obtained in the entrance test conducted at the state level either by an association of the universities conducting similar courses or by any agency of the State:

Provided that admission in professional and technical courses shall be made
only through an entrance test.

(3) A minimum of 25% seats for admissions in the university shall be reserved for students of the State of Haryana, out of which 10% seats shall be reserved for students belonging to Scheduled Castes of the State of Haryana.

Provided that in case of the universities having collaboration with reputed foreign or international universities or other institutions of other similar nature, the Government may relax the percentage of this reservation.~

Explanation: 'collaboration with reputed foreign or international universities' means and includes an agreement for collaboration in the areas like course structure, curriculum and faculty development, joint research programmes, student exchange programmes and admission through internationally or nationally recognized processes.

3. Whereas, under section -36 of Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006, it is provided that :-

36. Fee structure. - (1) The university may, from time to time, prepare fee structure and shall send it for information to the Government, at least thirty days before the commencement of the academic session.

(2) The fee structure for the twenty-five per cent of the students who are domicile of Haryana shall be based on merit-cum-means and be as follows:-

   (i) one-fifth of the twenty-five per cent shall be granted full fee concession;

   (ii) two-fifth of the twenty-five per cent shall be granted fifty per cent fee concession;

   (iii) the balance two-fifth of the twenty-five per cent shall be granted twenty-five per cent fee concession.

Provided that in case of the universities having collaboration with reputed foreign or international universities or other institutions of other similar nature, the Government may approve different percentage of students eligible for 100%, 50% or 25% fee concession.~

(3) The university shall not charge any fee, by whatever name called, other than that prescribed as per sub-sections (1) and (2) above.

4. As per the provisions contained in Section 35 of the Act, admissions in the technical and professional courses shall be made only through entrance test conducted by agency of State or Association of Universities. Further, as per the provisions in the Act, the entrance test for the courses which are not professional and technical in nature, cannot be conducted by individual private university. However, if an association of the universities at the state level for conducting entrance test for these non technical and non professional courses is formed, it is permissible. Moreover, if the private universities grant admissions in non-professional and non-technical courses on the basis of marks or grades
obtained in the qualifying examinations and achievements in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, they are allowed to grant admission on their own.

5. In light of the above, all the Vice Chancellors of the Private Universities in the State are hereby directed to comply with the aforementioned provisions of the Act in letter and spirit and any violation of these statutory provisions would lead to action by the State government under section-44, 45 and 46 of the Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006.

6. Further, the Vice Chancellors are also directed to submit the compliance report to the Government with regard to each of the item mentioned above

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