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PUBLIC NOTICE

It has come to the notice of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) that a number of the institutions are offering technical education programmes on their campuses/rented premises in franchise mode and/or in collaboration with some universities. In this regard following is clarified for the benefit of institutions involved in such activities as well as the students enrolled therein.

- (i) As per section 2 (g) of AICTE Act, 1987 "technical education is defined as under:-
"technical education" means programmes of education, research and training in engineering, technology, architecture, town planning, management, pharmacy and applied arts and crafts and such other programme or areas as the Central Government may, in consultation with the Council, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare;
- (ii) As per section 2 (h) of AICTE "technical institutions" are defined as under:-
"technical institution" means an institution, not being a University which offers courses or programmes of technical education, and shall include such other institutions as the Central Government may, in consultation with the Council, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare as technical institutions;
- (iii) As per section 10 (k) of AICTE Act read with regulations framed by AICTE in exercising its powers confined under section 23 of AICTE Act, technical institution offering technical education programmes are required to seek prior approval of AICTE.
- (iv) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of Bharathidasan University & Another Vs AICTE & Others has interpreted the provisions of the AICTE Act and has held that although university do not require prior approval of AICTE to commence a new department or course and programmes in technical education, however, universities have obligation or duty to conform to the standards; and norms laid down by the AICTE. For the purpose of ensuring coordinated and integrated development of technical education and maintenance of standards, AICTE may cause an inspection of the university, which has to be as per the provisions under relevant rules/regulations of the AICTE. Further, all institutions running technical education programmes in collaboration with any university requires prior approval of AICTE.
- v) **With regard to the above, all the institutions offering technical education programmes in affiliation/collaboration with or any university in any form are advised to seek the prior approval/approval of AICTE, otherwise the technical education programmes offered through such institutions shall be notified as unapproved programmes.**

THE PERSONS PURSUING THEIR TECHNICAL EDUCATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OR ASPIRING TO TAKE ADMISSION IN INSTITUTIONS FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION ARE HEREBY ADVISED TO ENSURE ABOUT THE STATUS OF APPROVAL OF THE INSTITUTION AND/OR PROGRAMME CONCERNED.

Member Secretary