NOTE

The University Grants Commission vide its Letter No. lr. No. F.-1/2017 (CPP-I/DU) Dated: 10th November, 2017 has issued instructions not to use the word “University” by any “Deemed to be University” for any purpose and submit compliance.

In view of the above, the usage of the word “University” may be avoided in all transactions/agreements of the Institute and its constituent units. Wherever required the Institute may be referred to as “Deemed to be University”. A copy of the UGC circular is here with attached for your reference.

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Assistant Registrar

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The Chairman,
All Departments/Units/Centres
The Chief Executive, SID
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All Admin Officers
No. F. 5-1/2017 (CPP-I/DU)  

10th November, 2017

The Vice-Chancellor/Director  
Indian Institute of Science  
Bangalore-560 012,  
Karnataka.

Subject: Use of the word ‘University’ by Institutions Deemed to be Universities- Directions issued by Hon’ble Supreme Court.

Sir/Madam,

The Hon’ble Supreme Court vide orders dated 03.11.2017 under para 51 and 53 (XII) observed and directed as under:-

Para 51 - “We must also put on record what we have observed during the course of the hearing and consideration of the present matters. It has come to our notice that many institutions which are conferred the status of Deemed to be Universities are using the word “University”, which in our view is opposed to the spirit of Section 23 of the UGC Act. The UGC shall take appropriate steps to stop such practice.”

Para 53(XII) – “The UGC is further directed to take appropriate steps and implement Section 23 of the UGC Act and restrain Deemed to be Universities from using the word ‘University’ within one month from today.”

In this regard, Section 23 of the UGC, 1956 (Prohibition of the use of the word “University” in certain cases is reproduced as under:-

“No institution, whether a corporate body or not, other than a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act shall be entitled to have the word “University” associated with its name in any manner whatsoever.”

Further, all the Institutions Deemed to be Universities are regulated by the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. Clause 20.0 of these Regulations provides as under:-

“An Institution deemed to be university shall not use the word ‘University’ suffixed to its name but may mention the words “deemed to be university” within parenthesis suffixed thereto.”

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In view of the above, the Institution is hereby directed to restrain from using the word 'University' with its name failing which necessary action would be initiated against the Deemed to be University in accordance with the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. Instead, the Institution may mention the word “Deemed to be University” within parenthesis.

In those cases, where the Government of India Notification is with the word ‘University’, the Deemed to be University may submit a proposal with alternative name (without using the word 'University') to the UGC/Ministry of HRD so that necessary amendment can be made by the Ministry of HRD.

You are requested to submit compliance in respect of the above within 15 days from receipt of this letter. This may be treated as MOST URGENT.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Thakur)
Secretary

Para 51 - “We must act on instead what we have observed during the course of the hearing and consideration of the present matter. It has come to our notice that there are institutions which are using for a university name the status of Deemed to be University, and are using for a university name which is in our view is opposed to any of Section 23 of the UGC Act. The UGC shall take appropriate action.”

Para 53(XII) - “The UGC is expected to take appropriate steps and implement Section 23 of the UGC Act and restrain Deemed to be Universities from using the name University within one month from today.

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