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NRC/NCTE/DH-389/204<sup>th</sup> meeting/2012/31580-584

Date: 31 AUG 2012

**RECOGNITION ORDER**

WHEREAS in terms of section 15(1) of the NCTE Act, 1993, **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maiden Garhi, New Delhi- 110068** submitted an application (Code No. DH-389) to the Northern Regional Committee of NCTE for grant of recognition for conducting **M.Ed. course through Open Distance Learning (ODL) Mode** for an intake of 25 students per programme centre in different parts of the country on 30.10.2007.

2. AND WHEREAS on scrutiny/perusal of veracity of the facts & figures as per the application submitted by the institution, the documents attached therewith, the affidavit and the input received from the visiting team in the form of visiting team report including videography the Northern Regional Committee in its 204<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 considered the case of the institution and observed that "IGNOU submitted an application dated 25th October, 2007 for starting an M.Ed. (ODL) Course for admitting 25 students per study centre in 16 study centres. Thereafter, a deficiency letter was issued by NRC to it on 16th November, 2007, VT was constituted on 22nd November, 2007. The team visited IGNOU on 26th November, 2007. Thereafter, in the 124th Meeting of the NRC held from 17th to 19th December, 2007, a letter of intent was issued in which it was mentioned that admissions shall not be made until a formal recognition order under clause 7(12) of the Regulations dated 13th January, 2006 is given by Northern Regional Committee, Jaipur. However, IGNOU ignored the directions of NRC by starting the course and advertised admissions to M.Ed. Course (ODL) through its 33 centres. A number of letters were issued to the IGNOU by NRC as well as NCTE not to admit students till the grant of unconditional recognition is given to IGNOU. Ignoring the directions, continued to admit students. This is a serious violation by the IGNOU of the provision of the NCTE Act and Regulations. The NRC in its Meeting has taken a serious note of the action of IGNOU. It is reiterated that the grant of recognition to start the course has not yet been given by NRC. IGNOU is warned and informed that the admissions since 2008, have no validity as per the provision of section 17(4) of NCTE Act, 1993. IGNOU is also informed that there is no rule for grant of a provisional recognition for starting any course in the NCTE Act, Rules and Regulations and grant of recognition cannot given by NRC retrospectively. The NRC is of the considered view that such an act by an Institution like IGNOU is highly inappropriate. Now, considering the present reply to our queries, permission be granted to IGNOU under section 15 (3) (a) of NCTE Act, 1993 to start M.Ed. (ODL) mode from the academic session 2012-2013 with the basic unit of 250 students with the condition that IGNOU will not enroll more than 25 students in a study centre in a given year."

3. NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested under Section 15(3)(a) of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Northern Regional Committee hereby grants recognition to **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maiden Garhi, New Delhi- 110068** for conduct of **M.Ed. course (ODL) Mode** of two academic sessions/years (four semesters) duration from the academic session 2012-13 under clause 7(11) of NCTE (Recognition Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2009 with the basic unit of 250 students with the condition that IGNOU will not enroll more than 25 students in a study centre in a given year and fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- I. The institution shall comply with the various other norms and standards prescribed in the NCTE regulations, as amended from time to time.
- II. The institution shall make admission only after it obtains affiliation from the examining body in terms of clause 8(12) of the NCTE (Recognition Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2009.
- III. The institution shall ensure that the required number of academic staff for conducting the course is always in position.



4. Further, the recognition is subject to fulfilment of all such other requirements as may be prescribed by other regulatory bodies like UGC, affiliating University/ Body, the State Government etc. as applicable.

5. The institution shall submit to the Regional Committee a Self-Appraisal Report at the end of each academic year along the statement of annual accounts duly audited by a Chartered Accountant.

6. The institution shall maintain & update its Web-site as per provisions of NCTE Regulations and always display following as mandatory disclosure:-

- I. Copy of the Application Form
- II. Land and Building Particulars
- III. Staff Profile
- IV. Recognition letter
- V. Information for having fulfilled the norms & standard and other required conditions.

7. If the institution contravenes any of the above conditions or the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, Regulations and Orders made or issued there under, the Regional Committee shall withdraw the recognition as under the provisions of Section 17(1) of the NCTE Act.

8. Further, if the institution is not satisfied by this order, they can prefer an appeal to National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, Wing-II, I Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Near ITO, New Delhi-110002 under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 within 60 days of the issue of this order. The guidelines of appeal are enclosed herewith.

By orders,

  
(Dr. Ram Kishor)  
Regional Director

Encl:- As above

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1. The Registrar, **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maiden Garhi, New Delhi- 110068.**
2. The Education Secretary, Govt. Of Delhi (Deptt. of Higher Education), Delhi Secretariat, Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Deptt. of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.
4. The US (Computer), National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan Wing-II, I, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110002.
5. Office order file/ Institution file.

  
Regional Director