

F.No./SRC/NCTE/SRCAPP-----/M.Ed/KL/2015/ 74644

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ORDER

WHEREAS, Central University of Kerala, BKM Towers, NH 17, Kasargod Village, Vidyanagar Post, Kasargod Taluk, Kasargod District – 671123, Kerala had applied for grant of recognition to Central University of Kerala, BKM Towers, NH 17, Kasargod Village, Vidyanagar Post, Kasargod District – 671123, Kerala. for M.Ed Course of one year duration under section 14 of the NCTE Act, 1993 to the Southern Regional Committee on 29.07.2013.

AND WHEREAS, the institution had not submitted the application through online and hence online code number was not generated.

AND WHEREAS, the application was scrutinized and a copy of application was sent to State Government for recommendation on 28.10.2013. A deficiency letter was issued to the institution on 21.10.2013.

AND WHEREAS, as required by the NCTE Hqrs., the details regarding the application of Central University of Kerala for M.Ed Course applied on 29.7.2013 were sent to NCTE Hqrs vide this office letter F.SRO/NCTE/CentralUty/KL/HQ/2013/53285 dated 22.08.2013.

AND WHEREAS, the above matter was placed before SRC in its 251st Meeting held on 25th to 27th August, 2013 and the Committee decided to process the application of the institution. Accordingly, the application was processed and a deficiency letter was sent to the University vide F.No.SRCAPP/DL/M.Ed/2013-14/54412 dated 21.10.2013.

AND WHEREAS The Registrar, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod had submitted reply to the letter of Deficiency on 26.10.2013 which was as under:-

"As already communicated vide our letter of even number dated 25th July, 2013, ours is a newly established Central University functioning in Kasargod, the northern – most part of Kerala, which is educationally backward.

The Government of Kerala has allocated and handed over 310 acres of land at Periy, 20 km away from Kasaragod. The CPWD has been entrusted to construct the first set of uniform buildings. The same has been completed and some of the Departments are being shifted to the permanent campus within a week. A copy of the land document and sketch of the land are attached herewith for reference.

The Master Plan of the campus has been finalized and the architectural plan for the first set of permanent buildings has been approved by the various bodies of the University. The construction work shall begin before the end of the current financial year.

Admission tests to various courses including M.Ed course has been conducted by a consortium of 8 (eight) Central Universities through All India Entrance Test vis., Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET). However, admission to M.Ed Programme is kept in abeyance awaiting concurrence from NCTE.

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The process for faculty recruitment has been initiated by floating all India advertisement. Selection in some of the Departments have already been made and interview to the faculty positions in Education is being planned towards the end of November 2013. A copy of the advertisement is enclosed for reference.

As communicated earlier, Central University of Kerala being an infant University is lacking in many facilities which, we are sure, can overcome in a short period of time. In this connection the letter No.F.49-15/2013/NCTE/N&S dated 12th September, 2013 from the Member Secretary of NCTE, New Delhi may be referred to.

Considering the above, you are requested to accord recognition for starting M.Ed Programme during the academic session 2013-14 itself. "

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 255th meeting held on 13th – 15th November 2013 considered the reply to the deficiency letter from the Central University of Kerala vide letter dated 26-10-2013 and all other relevant documents and decided to cause inspection under section 14 (1) of NCTE Act, to examine whether the Central University of Kerala fulfils all the requirements as per the norms, for the proposed programme, subject to the condition that the deficiencies, if any, were duly rectified by the University, as per the norms.

AND WHEREAS, the inspection was scheduled during 24th and 27th January 2014 and the same was informed to the University. Accordingly, the inspection of the University was carried out on 24th January 2014.

AND WHEREAS, on careful perusal of the original file of the University, VT report, VCD, all relevant documents and other related documents, Act of NCTE, 1993, Regulations and guidelines of NCTE published from time to time laid on the table, the Regional Committee decided to issue Letter of Intent for grant of recognition to M.Ed course of one year duration with an annual intake of 35(thirty five only)(one unit), subject to the appointment of qualified staff through duly constituted selection committee as per the Norms of NCTE/State Government/Affiliating University and be given effect before the commencement of the academic session.

AND WHEREAS, further, SRC decided that the University should give an undertaking that the building under construction will be completed at the earliest. As per the decision of SRC Letter of Intent was issued to the institution on 13.02.2014. The institution had submitted a written representation on 24.02.2014

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 264th meeting held on 01st - 03rd March, 2014 considered the LOI reply and decided that Formal Recognition be granted to M.Ed., course of one year duration with an annual intake of 35 (thirty five only) students, with effect from 2014-2015 with the condition to submit approved staff list in the prescribed format with regard to the staff pattern given in the Regulations, the Designations, Qualification and the Experience required for the post

AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of SRC, a Formal recognition order was issued to the University vide F.No. SRCAPP---/M.Ed/KL/2013-14/57293 dated 03.03.2014. The University was informed that if the institution/University fails to submit approved staff list in the prescribed format with regard to the staff pattern given in the Regulations, the designation qualification and the experience required for the post within six weeks from the date of receipt of this recognition order will be withdrawn with effect from 2014- 2015 vide order dated 03.03.2014.

AND WHEREAS, further, a letter was sent to the University on 14.03.2014 to submit the approved staff list with all requisite details within six weeks and the University submitted the reply on 21.03.2014 stating, the UGC has sanctioned the faculty as per details below:-

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Details of the Courses approved by UGC	Details of the teaching staff approved by UGC	No. of Posts
M.Ed	Professor	1 (One)
	Associate Professor	2 (Two)
	Assistant Professor	4 (Four)
	Total	7 (Seven)

AND WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Committee in its 268th meeting held on 4th - 5th July, 2014 considered the matter, reply of the University vide letter dated 21.03.2014, and decided that mere creation of posts is not enough, the University shall not, therefore, admit students for the 2014-15 course. As per the decision of SRC, a letter was sent to the Registrar, Central University of Kerala vide F.No.NCTE/KL/SRCAPP..M.Ed/2014 dated 25.06.2014.

AND WHEREAS, on 11/07/2014 the Registrar (I/c) Central University of Kerala has submitted or written representation is as under:-

"This has reference to the letter cited, conveying the observation of the Southern Regional Committee made at its 268th meeting held on 5th and 6th June, 2014. As intimated to you earlier vide our letter dated 21st March, 2014, the selection process for appointment of regular faculty in the School of Education could not be completed as the tenure of the then Vice-Chancellor ended in March 2014. Since then there is no regular Vice-Chancellor in the University.

It may be pointed out that on the basis of the recognition accorded by NCTE, we had conducted common entrance test for admission of students to the M.Ed programme and the counseling is scheduled to be conducted in the third week of July 2014. The classes are to begin on 11th August, 2014. To begin with an eminent educationist, Dr. M.A Sudhir, who is retiring as Professor from the Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural Institute (a Deemed University) on 31st July, 2014, has been appointed as Academic Coordinator of the School of Education of this University. He is expected to join the University on 4th August, 2014 (copy of the offer letter attached). Further, for assisting him, walk-in-interview for engagement of Guest Faculty is scheduled to be held on 23rd July, 2014 (copy of the notification attached). We are hopeful that by 4th August, 2014 all the faculty will be in position.

It may further be pointed out that withdrawal of recognition for starting the M.Ed programme at this stage will adversely affect the reputation of the only Central University in Kerala. Therefore, we shall be grateful if you could reconsider the recommendation of the Southern Regional Committee and accord kind permission to go ahead with the admission process and commencement of the M.Ed. programme in the current academic year itself.

- A copy of the appointment order of Academic Coordinator in the Departmental Education dated 10th July 2014 is submitted.
- A copy of the notification dated 9th July, 2014 calling for the appointment Guest Faculty is submitted

AND WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Committee in its 270th meeting held on 13th July, 2014 considered the matter, letter from the Registrar dated 11.07.2014, decided that the time-relaxation, given has expired. Regular faculty has not been appointed. The conditional recognition given is withdrawn. The University is advised not to admit students to this course

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AND WHEREAS ,on 05.08.2014, before issuance of withdrawal order to the University, the Registrar (I/c), Central University of Kerala has submitted a written representation as under :-

' In continuation to this office letter No.CUK/ACA/DOE/155/13/A598 dated 10.07.2014 on the subject cited (copy enclosed for ready reference), I am to inform you that the following teachers have been appointed in the department of Education of the University :

- 1) Prof. M.A.Sudhir - Academic Coordinator
- 2) Dr.Femila Pangat - Guest faculty
- 3) Dr.V.K.Jibin - Guest faculty
- 4) Dr.K.C.Rijumol - Guest faculty
- 5) Mrs .Sindhu .P.G - Guest faculty

The above teachers are experts in their areas of study and their bio data are enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

I shall , therefore ,be grateful, if you could look into the matter personally and accord permission to go ahead with the admission process commencement of the M.Ed programme from this academic session.

The bio-data and the marks sheets of the above mentioned faculty are enclosed along with the letter.

AND WHEREAS ,on 18.08.2014, a letter No.CUK/ACA/DOE/155/13 dated 14.08.2014 has been received from the newly appointed Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kerala ,Shri. G.Gopa Kumar as under :-

"I am happy to inform you that I have assumed the charge of the office Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, on 7th August, 2014.

As you are aware, on the request of the MHRD and UGC , the Central University of Kerala has taken steps for launching the M.Ed programme. On the basis of the recognition accorded by NCTE, Common Entrance Examination was conducted for admitting students to the M.Ed programme and rank list of qualified students was notified.Faculty appointments on temporary basis has been done with an eminent educationist ,Prof. M.A. Sudir and four guest faculty. The delay in making appointments' to the faculty positions in the department of education had been caused by the legal embargo imposed on the outgoing Vice-Chancellor(Dr. Jancy James) during the last three months on her tenure. Since, the last five months, the acting Vice-Chancellor who was in-charge had left all matters regarding appointment to be done only by the new Vice-Chancellor.

I was shocked when your letter forbidding the University for making admission was brought to my notice immediately upon my joining as Vice-Chancellor. Since we have already made appointments against the sanctioned positions , though on a contractual basis, and since the rank list for admission is also published, I request you to take personal interest to get the earlier decision of the 268th meeting of SRC ,revised in favour of us to enable us to proceed further with the process of admission..Actually, the growth of M.Ed Programme is very significant in a backward district like Kasargod. Therefore, once again ,I request you to kindly convince the SRC on this significant matter.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon and with warm regards."

AND WHEREAS ,the Southern Regional Committee in its 272nd Meeting held during 1st – 2nd September, 2014 considered the matter, letter dated 14.08.2014 of the Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod and decided that, in the 268th SRC Meeting the Committee decided to withdraw recognition in the absence of recruitment of staff / faculty. It was pointed out that mere creation of posts would not suffice. **There has been no change in the situation.** Significantly, the posts created also are not in conformity with those specified in the NCTE Regulations. This Committee has no power to relax the Regulations in this regard. The request for review of the earlier decision is rejected. **As per the decision of SRC , a withdrawal order was issued to the University on 10.09.2014.**

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AND WHEREAS, a letter No. F.48-12/2014/NCTE/N&S(Pt-1)/A95334 from Dr.S.K.Chauhan, Research Officer NCTE-HQ has been received by this office regarding the action taken on the request of the Central University of Kerala for conducting M.Ed programme. A letter dated 16.09.2014 from Prof.G.Gopa Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kerala addressed to Prof.Panda, Chairperson, NCTE was also enclosed along with the letter.

The letter from Dr.S.K.Chauhan, Research Officer, NCTE-HQ is as under :-

" I am directed to forward letter No. CUK/ACA/DOE/155/A 1624 dated 16.09.2014 received from Prof.G.Gopa Kumar, Vice-chancellor, Central University of Kerala requesting NCTE to allow the Central University of Kerala to conduct the M.Ed course of one year duration with an annual intake of 35 students from the academic session 2014-15. On the basis of the NCTE order, the Central University conducted entrance test for M.Ed admission in June, 2014 and the candidates are awaiting for joining the programme. In the meantime, the NCTE.SRC sent a letter asking not start the M.Ed programme due to lack of recruitment of permanent faculty in July, 2014.

- 2. It is further stated that the University has appointed fully qualified faculty members (One professor and 4 Assistant Professor) to start the programme in August , 2014 and has informed the NCTE,SRC. Further, the University had already advertised seven posts (one Professor, Two Associate Professor and Four Assistant Professors), sanctioned by UGC, and the Post will be filled within 2 months time by 30th November, 2014.*
- 3. You are requested to inform us as to what was the base of issuing formal recognition to this University so far as faculty is concerned which is reported to have been appointed on contractual posts along with your comments in the matter latest by 10/10/2014."*

AND WHEREAS, the letter dated 16.09.2014 of Prof.G.Gopa Kumar, Vice-Chancellor addressed to Prof.Panda is as under :-

" As per the direction from UGC, the Central University of Kerala has taken steps to strengthen the Teacher Education Programme. Accordingly, the department of Education with four faculty members and the Academic Coordinator has been setup at Kasargod campus of the Central University of Kerala.

The Southern Regional Committee, NCTE has granted recognition to the Central University of Kerala for conducting the M.Ed course of one year duration with an annual intake of 35 students from the academic session 2014-15. On the basis of the NCTE order, the Central University conducted entrance test for M.Ed admission in June 2014 and the candidates are awaiting for joining programme .In the ,meantime, the NCTE,SRC, Sent a letter asking not to start the M.Ed programme dur to lack of recruitment of permanent faculty in July, 2014.

As a matter of fact, the University has appointed fully qualified faculty members (one professor and 4 Assistant Professors) to start the programme in august 2014 and has informed the NCTE,SRC. Further, the University had already advertised seven posts (one Professor, Two Associate Professors and Four Assistant Professors) ,sanctioned by UGC, and the post will be filled within 2 months time by 30th November, 2014.

The appointment of the permanent faculty positions was delayed due to the non-availability of the Visitor's nominee for the selection committee meeting. Last week, the Vice Chancellors of Central Universities had to retreat meeting (12-13 September, 2014) at Chandigarh. During the session , the Hon'ble Minister of HRD assured that the list of Visitor's nominee will be intimated to all Central Universities at the earliest.

Therefore, I humbly appeal that the Central University of Kerala be allowed to conduct the M.Ed course from 2014 onwards. Since the students are waiting for admission an early confirmation from your office is expected.

AND WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Committee in its 274th meeting held during 30th – 31st October, 2014 considered the matter letter dated 20/10/2014 from NCTE (H'qrs) New Delhi, decided and advised Southern Regional Office to

Send a reply to NCTE (H'qrs) as guided by the SRC.



AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of SRC, a letter was addressed to Dr.S.K.Chauhan, Research Officer, NCTE on 18.11.2014. In the meantime, the institution has filed an appeal under Section 18 of NCTE Act, before the Appellate Authority, NCTE, New Delhi against the withdrawal order of SRC. As per the office memorandum of NCTE-Hqrs received by this office on 08.12.2014, the original file of the institution has been sent to NCTE-Hqrs on 08.04.2015.

AND WHEREAS, in the meantime on 16.06.2015, an e-mail is received from P.S to Vice.Chancellor enclosing a letter from the Vice – Chancellor which is as under :-

“ With reference to the above (appeal hearing on 14.01.2014 and 16.04.2014) , the Central University of Kerala presented the case starting of M.Ed programme with the intake of 35 before the Appeal Committee on 16.04.2015 .Prof (Dr. M. ASudhir, the academic coordinator of the Education Department represented the University and reported to the Appeal Committee that the interviews were conducted from 8th to 11th April 2015 to recruit the faculty members for the posts of Professor-1, Associate Professor-2, .Assistant Professor -4 sanctioned by UGC vide order No.F.No.15-5/2012 dated 5th August , 2013.

However, the Appeal Committee directed the University to appoint the faculty by 15th June , 2015 and report to NCTE about the details of appointments for the grant of recognition. As assured, the Central University of Kerala has appointed the faculty members for the Department of Education as per the details started below:-

1. Professor –Dr. Suresh .K.P (M.A.-Psychology) , (M.A.Sociology), (M.A (Political Science) ,M.Ed ,Ph.D (Education), UGC, NET, JRF
2. Assistant Professors
 - a. Dr. Joshith .V.P. – M.Sc (Chem) ,M.Ed ,Ph.D(Education), UGC NET (Education), SET (Education)
 - b. Dr.Mary Vineetha Thomas-M.Sc (Physics) ,M.Ed (Science Education)Ph.D (Education), NET (Education)
 - c. Dr. Thiyagi C – M.Sc (Maths) ,M.Phil (Maths) ,M.Sc (Psychology), M.Ed (Education), M.Phil (Education), NET(Education) , Ph.D(Education /ET)
 - d. Dr. Vanitha C –M.A (Geography), M.Ed (Education – Special Education), NET (Education) ,Ph.D

Therefore ,NCTE may kindly grant the recognition to start the M.Ed Programme in the University from the coming academic year and issue the order at the earliest. This will enable the University to conduct entrance test at national level for admission. We would like to start the M.Ed classes in July, 2015 along with other programme of the Central University of Kerala.

AND WHEREAS, on 09.07.2015, an e-mail from Dr.K.P.Suresh, Professor, Department of Education, Central University of Kerala has been received with the following request :-

“ The Appeal Committee held on 29.06.2015 had decided to remand back the case of grant of recognition for M.Ed course of Central University of Kerala , Kasargod for reconsideration on the basis of faculty list furnished by this University. I therefore request you to place the matter of grant of recognition for M.Ed course of this University in the next SRC Meeting itself, so that we can make admissions in July 2015 along with the other courses offered by the University.”

AND WHEREAS, the Sothern Regional Committee in its 290th meeting held on 10th & 11th July, 2015, considered the matter, letter dated 22.06.2015 from the university and decided as under:-

1. Restore Recognition after verifying that faculty norms are satisfied at least under the 2009 Regulations.
2. Issue RPRO for the two Year M.Ed course.

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AND WHEREAS, on 10.07.2015, the University has submitted a request for issuance of recognition order along with the staff list and copies of appointment orders issued to the appointed faculty.

AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of SRC, the representation of the Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kerala was examined and the following was observed :-

" The staff list submitted by the University shows Professor -1, Associate Professor – 2, Assistant Professor -4 Whereas , as per Regulations 2009 the norms for staff is Professor -1, Associate Professor -1 , Assistant Professor -3, The number of posts required is complied as per Regulations, 2009 but the staff list submitted does not indicate percentage of marks. "

AND WHEREAS, SRC in its 291st meeting held during 20th and 21st August, 2015 considered the matter and decided as under :

"1. Issue order for restoration of recognition.

"2. Ask University to submit approved staff list as per 2014 Regulations in the prescribed format on or before 31 Oct, 2015"

NOW THEREFORE, the recognition granted to **Central University of Kerala, BKM Towers, NH 17, Kasargod Village, Vidyanagar Post, Kasargod Taluk, Kasargod District – 671123, Kerala** for offering M.Ed course is restored

Further, as per the decision of 290th meeting of SRC , the revised recognition order of the institution is under:-

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ORDER

WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(2) of Section 32 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993(73 of 1993), and in supersession of the National Council for Teacher Education [Recognition Norms and Procedure] Regulations, 2009, the National Council for Teacher Education has notified the Regulations, 2014 on 1.12.2014.

2. AND WHEREAS, the University, **Central University of Kerala, BKM Towers, NH 17, Kasargod Village, Vidyanagar Post, Kasargod Taluk, Kasargod District – 671123, Kerala** has by affidavit consented to come under New Regulations and sought for one unit in **M.Ed**, which requires additional facilities.

3. AND WHEREAS, on scrutiny it is found that the institution has not maintained/revalidated the fixed deposit receipts towards Endowment and Reserve Funds.

4. AND WHEREAS, it has been decided to permit the University an intake of one unit of 50 students subject to the institution fulfilling following conditions namely,

- i. The institution shall create additional facilities that include additional staff and submit the approved staff list as per 2014 Regulations in the prescribed format by October 31, 2015.

5. Now THEREFORE, in the light of the above and in terms of Section 14(3) of NCTE Act and in accordance with the Regulations, 2014, the Southern Regional Committee, NCTE hereby grants recognition to **Central University of Kerala, BKM Towers, NH 17, Kasargod Village, Vidyanagar Post, Kasargod Taluk, Kasargod District – 671123, Kerala** for conducting **M.Ed** programme of **two** years duration with an annual intake of **50** students (one unit) from the academic session **2015-16** subject to fulfillment of the conditions mentioned herein before 31.10.2015.

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

7. The University shall submit to the Regional Committee a Self- Appraisal Report at the end of each academic year along with the statement of annual accounts duly audited by a chartered Accountant.

8. The University shall maintain & update its web-site as per provisions of NCTE Regulations and always display following as mandatory disclosure:-

- a) Sanctioned programmes along with annual intake in the institution;
- b) Name of faculty and staff in full as mentioned in school certificate along with their qualifications, scale of pay and photograph.
- c) Name of faculty members who left or joined during the last, quarter;
- d) Names of Students admitted during the current session along with qualification, Percentage of marks in the qualifying examination and in the entrance test, if any, date of admission, etc.;
- e) Fee charged from students;
- f) Available infrastructural facilities;
- g) Facilities added during the last quarter;
- h) Number of books in the library, journals subscribed to and additions, if any, in the last quarter;
- i) The affidavit with enclosure submitted along with application.
- j) The institution shall be free to post additional relevant information. if it so desires.
- k) Any false or incomplete information on website shall render the institution liable for withdrawal of recognition.

If the institution Contravenes any of the above conditions or the provision of the NCTE Act, Rules, Regulations and Orders made of issued there under , the institution will render itself vulnerable to adverse action including withdrawal of recognition by the regional committee under the provisions of Section 17(1) of the NCTE Act.

By Order,

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2. The Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
3. The Registrar, **Central University of Kerala, BKM Towers, NH 17, Kasargod Village, Vidyanagar Post, Kasargod Taluk, Kasargod District – 671123, Kerala**
4. The Under Secretary (CS), National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, Wing-II, 1, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110 002.
5. Office Order file/institution file.