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ORDER

WHEREAS, Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kaniyapuram, Kaniyapuram Post, Trivandrum – 695030, Kerala had submitted application for B.Ed courses during the year 2004. The application was processed and the recognition was granted to the University Center on 13.7.2004.

AND WHEREAS, the matter was discussed in the 138th meeting held on 24th to 26th July, 2007. The Committee decided to request the University of Calicut and other universities located in the State of Kerala to submit applications and essential documents for each institution which it was to establish in different places as per NCTE Regulations and Norms and standards for taking decisions for continuation of recognition. Accordingly, letter were issued to all the 10 university centers of Kerala University on 22.9.2007 to submit the necessary filled-in Questionnaires and essential documents for each of the Center for reviewing the Infrastructural and other facilities existing for taking decision to continue the existing education centers.

AND WHEREAS, the University Centers have submitted the written representations on 3.10.2007 requesting to consider the continuance of recognition to ten of the Kerala University Centers (Colleges) of Teacher Education Center favorably. The matter was placed before SRC in its 145th meeting held on 16th to 18th October, 2007. The Committee decided to defer the matter. The matter was again re-considered by SRC in its 161st meeting held on 6th and 7th August, 2008 and it was decided to conduct inspection under section 17. The inspection of the 10 University Centers under section 17 of NCTE Act was conducted on 18.12.2008. The visiting team reports were placed before SRC in its 170th meeting held during 16th and 17th February, 2009. The Regional Committee decided to issue Notice under section 17 to all the 10 University Centers. Accordingly, show cause Notices were issued to all the 10 University Centers on 3.4.2009.

AND WHEREAS, the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram has submitted written representation on 24.4.2009 requesting SRC-NCTE to give an extension of one month time for rectifying the defects pointed out in the show cause notices. The matter was placed before SRC in its 174th meeting held on 1st May, 2009. The Committee decided to give one month's time to rectify the deficiencies pointed out in the show cause notice issued by SRC-NCTE.

AND WHEREAS, in the meantime, the Vice-chancellor, Prof. A. Jayakrishnan, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram vide letter no. VC/Ac.GI.1/2009 dated 12th May, 2009 has stated that immediate steps regarding the release of land and buildings on lease for 33 years are to be taken with the Government, decision of which is awaited and the delay has been due to the restrictions envisaged under the code of conduct in connection with the ongoing election process. He has also requested that the University may be given permission to proceed with the admission process for B.Ed course in the ten University Centers of Teacher Education Center for the academic year 2009-2010 and be granted and extended time limit up to October, 2009, i.e. before starting of classes, for rectifying the defects noted.

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AND WHEREAS, the Committee in its 176th Meeting held on 27-28 May, 2009 considered the letter dt. 12.5.2009 and decided to give time of 15 days for submission of replies of individual Centers of the University failing which action will be initiated against the University Centers which includes withdrawal of recognition. Further, the Committee decided meanwhile to suspend the admissions for next academic session 2009-10 under Section 17 of NCTE Act.

AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of SRC, a letter was issued to the university on 03.06.2009. The university has submitted the written representation on 22.06.2009. The reply was considered by SRC in its 177th Meeting held on 22-23 June, 2009 wherein it was decided to withdraw the Recognition for B.Ed course of the University Center from the academic session 2009-2010. Accordingly, withdrawal order was issued to the institution on 15.07.2009.

AND WHEREAS, aggrieved by the order, the institution preferred an appeal to NCTE-Hqrs. The appellate authority in its order vide F.No.89-1109/2009-Appeal dated 06.11.2009 confirmed the order of SRC after verification of all facts.

AND WHEREAS, further, a letter dated 08.06.2010 was received from the University of Kerala requesting for continuing the B.Ed course in the ten teacher education colleges under the Kerala University by granting recognition.

AND WHEREAS, the Committee considered the letter requesting for continuation of B.Ed. courses in the ten teacher education centers of University of Kerala and decided to inform the University that the matter is sub-judice, and, further, that there is a ban against starting of any B.Ed. programs in the State of Kerala.

AND WHEREAS, as per direction of Regional Committee a letter was issued to University of Kerala on 29.07.2010. A copy of court order was received from Sri.V.M. Kurian, Peter & Karunakar, advocate on 13.09.2010.

AND WHEREAS, Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has passed Judgment on 17.08.2010 in W.P(C).Nos.32447/2009, 35188/2009, 35126/2009, 35103/2009, 35098/2009, 34761/2009, 34760/2009, 34625/2009, 35167/2009 and 35305/2009 as under: -

"NCTE should adopt a realistic approach in the whole matter and if the centers have facilities like infra-structure, lab, library, teaching staff, and other facilities, they should not decline recognition for the reason of defect in title of the land or a few sq.m of shortage in the building, which does not stand in the way of course being run. In view of the prima facie case established by the university that those facilities are available which are brought on record in these WPCs and since university has been running B.Ed courses in all the centers for the last 10 years, and since there is rush of students for admission in university centers in preference to private and other colleges. We direct the NCTE to treat the University centers as approved centers for the current year 2010-11 also leaving freedom to the NCTE to recall approval if any center does not make up facilities pointed out by NCTE in terms of revised orders to be issued in terms of the direction issued above for next academic year (2011-12) onwards".

AND WHEREAS, the Committee considered the matter in its 196th meeting held on 15th and 16th September, 2010 and decided to send letter to NCTE, Hqrs seeking guidance and direction in the matter. Meanwhile, the University Centers were directed to submit all the relevant and updated documents pertaining to Infrastructural & instructional facilities along with Questionnaire for further action, under Section 17 of NCTE Act, as per the Court orders. NCTE has not provided its necessary guidance and direction in the matter.

AND WHEREAS, the University Centers have submitted Questionnaire along with documents pertaining to Infrastructural and instructional facilities on 22.12.2010.

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AND WHEREAS, the Committee in its 211th meeting held on 21st - 23rd September 2011 considered the written reply from the University Centers vide letter dt. 22.12.2010 filled-in questionnaire along with documents pertaining to Infrastructural and instructional facilities, and decided to cause composite inspection at the premises Under Section 17 of NCTE Act, as per the Court orders. The institution is directed to submit the following within 30 days of the receipt of the notice; Demand Draft of Rs.40,000/- inspection fee for each of the following ten teachers training centers towards the Teacher Education program being conducted by the following 10 teacher training institutes:-

1. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Boy's High School Junction, Adoor post, Pathanamthitta District-691523, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02961) course
2. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Anchal, West Government High School Campus, Kollam-691306, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02957)
3. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Aryad, Aralookummu Post, Alappuzha-688006, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02956)
4. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kaniyapuram, Kaniyapuram Post, Trivandram-69530, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02954)
5. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Anchal West Post, Kollam District, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02955)
6. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Keenarapuram, Thiruvananthaapuram, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02962)
7. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kulakkada, Kulakkada Post, Kollam District-691521, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02953)
8. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Government Boy's High School, Kanyamkulam, Alappuzha District-690502, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02952)
9. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Mandha, Nedumangad, Thiruvananthapuram District-695034, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02959)
10. Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kunnam Post, Mavelikara-690108, Kerala. B.Ed (APS02960)

AND WHEREAS, accordingly an inspection of the institution was carried out on 24.02.2012.

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 224th meeting held on 14th - 17th June 2012 considered the VTR, VCD and all the relevant documentary evidences and it was decided to serve Show cause Notice under the NCTE Act.:-

1. The copies of land documents (lease deed) submitted are not certified by the Sub - registrar and notarized by the notary.
2. Original blue print of the approved building plan is not submitted. There is not mention of survey No., built up area and land area in the copies of the building plan.
3. Original building completion certificate approved by the Revenue Divisional Officer is not submitted.
4. Original change of land use certificate approved by the Revenue Divisional Officer is not submitted.
5. Original non- encumbrance certificate approved by the competent authority is not submitted.
6. Original FDR of Rs. 5 and 3 lacs towards endowment and reserve fund respectively is not submitted as per NCTE norms.
7. As per VTR, the present building is not spacious to run B.Ed course, the new building is not yet ready and the registrar has promised to shift to new building before 31st of May, 2012.
8. As per VTR, the Principal is not qualified with Ph.D and not eligible as Principal.
9. AS per VTR, Science lab needs to be strengthened.
10. As per VTR, Computer lab needs to be strengthened by purchasing extra computers.
11. As per VTR, all the staff is appointed on contract basis, which is not permissible as per NCTE norms.

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12. As per VTR the size of the multipurpose hall is 1250 sq.ft which is less than the requirement of 2000 sq.ft as per NCTE norms. As per NCTE norms, the staff should be appointed on regular basis.
13. As per VTR, Language learning lab is to be strengthened.
14. As per VTR, salary is not paid as per UGC/ State Government norms to all the employees.
15. CPF/PPF facility is not provided to staff members.

AND WHEREAS, the institution had not replied to the notice .The SRC in its 234th meeting held on 17th – 18th October 2012, decided to issue notice under the NCTE act for the following:-

- The Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kaniyapuram, Trivandram, has been shifted to the Kariavattom campus of the University without the prior approval of SRC NCTE, Bangalore. This is a gross violation of NCTE norms. The Principal of the college in his reply dated 13/08/2012 has himself accepted that the facilities for the present functioning of the college are being provided, but, as per the NCTE norms, we have to make more improvements. This is a clear indication that the infrastructural and instructional facilities are not in accordance with NCTE norms. The Principal has submitted future building plan, which means the building is not ready for shifting.
- Semi – permanent structure class room with sheet roofing is not permissible as per NCTE norms.
- Proposed building of first floor and ground floor measurement of 402.3 + 42.02 sq.mtrs and second floor with 225 sq.mtrs at KUCTE, Kariavattom is not approved by the University Engineer and is not as per NCTE norms and standards.
- The Institution has not submitted any documentary proof towards availability of language learning lab.
- The Institution has not submitted any documentary proof for payment of salaries by cheque to the faculty through bank.
- No documentary proof is submitted towards providing of CPF/PPF facility to staff members

AND WHEREAS, accordingly, a notice was issued to the institution on 04/12/2012. The University Centres submitted written representations on 07.01.2013,31.01.2013 and 04.02.2013,

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 248th meeting held during 13-15 July, 2013 considered the above matter and granted 6 months time more to remove the deficiencies as per the request of the institution.

AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of SRC, letter granting 6 months time to remove the deficiencies was issued to the University Centre on 27.8.2013, 02.09.2013 and 12.09.2013.

AND WHEREAS, in the meanwhile on 5.9.2013, an e-mail is received from Advocate, Sri. V.M.Kurian stating that

"In the W.P.(C) No.16187/2012, filed by Mr. Ajith Isaac, regarding the cancellation of 10 Kerala University B.Ed. Centres, the Hon'ble Court has per order dated 4.9.2013 directed the NCTE to conduct a fresh inspection in all the 10 University Centres and file a report by next posting date. The Court directed to inspect and verify the institutional and infrastructure facilities available in the University Centres after the last inspection. The case now stands posted to 7th October, 2013. Hence we are requested to make arrangement for the inspection."

AND WHEREAS, a copy of the letter of advocate, Sri.V.M. Kurian is enclosed. Certified copy of the Court order is not received by this office till date.The above court matter was placed before 252nd meeting of SRC held during 13-14 September, 2013 wherein it is decided to cause inspection to all the 10 university centres.

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AND WHEREAS, a letter was addressed to the advocate Mr.V.M.Kurian vide F.KL/Kerala University /CC /SRO / NCTE/2013/54065 dated 27.09.2013 requesting him to seek more time in order to comply to the Court Order dated 04.09.2013 and inform the developments of the case to this office from time to time.

AND WHEREAS, in the mean time, the inspection for the 10 Kerala University Centres were scheduled during 15th to 19th October, 2013 and the same has been informed to the University Centre vide this office letter dated 09.10.2013. Accordingly, the inspection of the institution was carried out on 17.10.2013.

AND WHEREAS, a letter was addressed to the advocate on 18.10.2013 enclosing the duly signed affidavit regarding condonation of delay in carrying out the inspections.

AND WHEREAS, an e-mail is received by this office on 26th October, 2013 from Sri. S. Ajikumaran, Addl. Secretary enclosing a letter No. 33063/B4/2013/H.Edn dated 26.10.2013 of Dr. K.M. Abraham, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education (B) Dept., Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala regarding grant of recognition to Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education.

AND WHEREAS, Dr.K.M. Abraham, Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Kerala has requested to take up immediate steps to submit the report of the NCTE findings of the team conducted before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala when it is came up for hearing during this week.

He has further stated that

"as the University of Kerala had taken steps to rectify the defects pointed out by NCTE in a time bound manner, the Government of Kerala will take up immediate steps to rectify the defects pointed out by the NCTE within 3 years by the University of Kerala. If the University fails to comply with the defects pointed out by the NCTE, the NCTE can pursue action in accordance with their regulations. Hence, I request that the NCTE may consider the request made by the University of Kerala to go ahead with the admission procedures to B.Ed. courses in the 10 University College of Teacher Education of Kerala University from the academic year 2013-14."

AND WHEREAS, hence, in continuation to the agenda submitted regarding Visiting team reports of 10 Kerala University Centers, the letter dated 26.10.2013 received from the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Kerala was also placed before the Committee.

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 254th meeting held during 25th to 27th October, 2013 considered the matter, decided that, in view of the directive given by the NCTE, and with reference to the undertaking given by the Government of Kerala, (Letter No. 33063/B4/2013/Higher Education, dated Thiruvananthapuram, 26.10.2013, from The Additional Chief Secretary to Government) in relaxation of the prescribed norms and standards, the recognition given to the ten Teacher Education Centres of University of Kerala is continued and the University is given time till 2015-16 to remove the deficiencies in reference failing which, without further notice, the recognition given will be withdrawn.

AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of SRC, letters were addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala on 29.11.2013. Since the University Centres had to remove all the deficiencies, and the deficiencies were not communicated to the University Centres after the Visit to the University Centres, the Visiting Team Reports prepared for the 254th meeting were placed before the Committee..

AND WHEREAS, the above matter was placed before 265th meeting of SRC held during 24th – 26th March, 2014 wherein the Committee decided to defer the matter as per the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in IA No.56-57/2014 in SLP C No.4247-48/2009 dated 7.3.2014.

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AND WHEREAS, in the meantime, this office has received a letter on 16.4.2014 from the advocate, Sri. V.M. Kurian stating that

"the Hon'ble Court has pronounced judgment in the subject case today. The Hon'ble Division Bench has upheld the order passed by the SRC, NCTE for the academic year 2013-14. However, the Court has directed the University to obtain recognition from SRC, NCTE before the commencement of the academic year 2014-15. The University is prohibited from admitting students from the year 2014-15 without obtaining unconditional recognition from SRC, NCTE. Certified copy of judgment will be sent on receipt."

AND WHEREAS, on 6.5.2014, this office has received a letter dated 29.4.2014 from Mr. V.M.Kurian, Advocate stating that the Hon'ble Court has dismissed the W.P.(C) No.26542/2013 filed by Mr. Ajith Issac Vs. State of Kerala and others vide order dated 11.4.2014. The Order dated 11th April, 2014 in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam at Page 32, second line reads as under:-

"Having regard to the fact that the University has admitted students based on an order passed by the SRC, though it can be said that they have exceeded their power, in so far as the students are concerned, we cannot hold that they got admission knowing about the fact that the University did not have recognition. At the time when they got admission and until now as far as the University is concerned, they have the advantage of a decision taken by SRC. Despite the fact that SRC had no jurisdiction to grant such relaxation, taking into consideration the fact that the University cannot be found fault with at this juncture, we are of the view that the validity of the decision at Ext. P9 and the letter dated 29.11.2013 shall be available to the University only until till the end of this academic year. If at all the University wants further recognition from the next academic year, 2014-2015 onwards, they have to get recognition after complying with all the norms prescribed by NCTE or if they are unable to comply with the norms and standards fixed by the NCTE, appropriate relaxation should be obtained in terms of clause 12 of the aforesaid Regulations.

30. *The learned counsel for the petitioner has a further case that the order is invalid on account of bias in favour of the University in so far as a former Registrar of the University was a member of SRC. Apart from making such a bald allegation, no materials are produced to indicate that the said member had exercised any bias to favour the University in the decision making process. Hence, we do not think that the decision at Ext. P9 is actuated by bias as contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner.*

31. *On the basis of a memo filed on 2.4.2014, learned counsel for the 2nd respondent has placed on record inspection reports of the visiting team in respect of the 10 colleges of the University conducted from 15.10.2013 to 19.10.2013. Though it is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that there are several infirmities in the aforesaid report and it is contended that there are several deficiencies other than what is now projected by the University, we do not think that such matters are required to be considered at this point of time, especially on account of the decision we have taken in the matter.*

In the result, the writ petition is disposed of as under:

The decision at Sl.No.77 of Ext. P9 shall be valid only for the academic year 2013-2014 and in respect of the next academic year 2014-2015 onwards, there will be a direction to the SRC to consider whether the University has complied with all the requirements as provided under the Statute and either grant recognition or refuse the same. If the University is unable to get recognition or any relaxation from the Chairperson of the National Council as provided under Clause 12 of the Regulations, it is made clear that the University shall not conduct any further course unless they obtain recognition from the SRC in terms of Section 14 of the Act."

AND WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Committee in its 267th Meeting held on 12-13 Mat., 2014 considered the matter, and it was decided to comply with the Kerala High court order in the PIL case and communicate without any delay, the deficiencies noticed in the VT inspection report.

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AND WHEREAS, a letter was addressed to the Registrar, Kerala University on 19.05.2014 with a request to remove the deficiencies within 3rd June, 2014, as per the decision of SRC.

AND WHEREAS, on 30.06.2014, the Registrar, University of Kerala has submitted a reply along with the documents as under :-

'University of Kerala is running ten Colleges OF Teacher Education (Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education -KUCTE's since 1990 visAPS0 2952-KUCTE,Kayamkulam,APS02953KUCTEKulakkada,APS02954KUCTE,Kariavattom(Kaniyapuram),APS02955KUCTE,Kollam,APS02956,KUCTE,Alappuzha,APS02957/KUCTE.Anchal,APS02959,KUCTE,Nedumangad,APS02960,KUCTE,Kunnam,APS02961,KUCTE,A door,APS02962,KUCTE,Kumarapuram.

All these colleges of Teacher Education are instituted in the premises of Government Secondary Schools with sufficient accommodation in the land and buildings given on lease fro a period of 33 years to the University by the Govt. of Kerala. Additional buildings in these institutions are constructed by utilizing the public funds of District Panchayath/ MLAs MPs. The buildings have both RCC and tiled roofing, which were permissible as per NCTE Regulations.

As all the colleges of Teacher Education are situated /attached with demonstration schools , the academic facilities in both the institutions are shared for mutual benefit.

The colleges are run by the University in a self financing, no profit no-loss basis. These college have a fee structure much less compared to other private self financing colleges.

As these institutions are self financing , the academic staff (faculty members are appointed on contract basis.Lecturers/A sst. Professors are paid a consolidated monthly salary of Rs. 19,000/- and fro Principals Rs. 25,000/- through bank payment. However, the process of regularization of staff has been initiated by the University. Decision on regularization of staff on pay scales is pending with the Govt. as the Govt is the authority to sanction new posts.

4. Various measures are being implemented by the University for the improvement of the instructional and infrastructural facilities of these colleges every year. The budget estimates of the University for 2013-14 shows an allotment of Rs. Six crore as expenditure towards the ten teacher education colleges, while the revenue through fee collection is only Rs. Four crore.The ten teacher education colleges are being run by the University on public interest alone, even with a deficit budget.

5. The ten teacher Education Colleges spread over in the four southern district of Kerala State have been instituted by the University on social obligation and public demands/interest as these district lack government colleges of teacher education. All these colleges have teaching staff having UGC prescribed academic qualifications satisfying the norms of NCTE. All these colleges maintain excellent academic standards. This is evident from the University B.Ed results 2013.KUCTEs bagged all the top five University ranks for the B.Ed Examinations 2013.

In the light of the realities above the ten teacher education colleges under the University may be given recognition, as closing down these institutions is against public interest and will affect the employment and prospects of about 130 well qualified teacher educators working at present in these institutions.'

AND WHEREAS, the deficiencies pointed out by the visiting teams as per reference above and the measures adopted by the University for rectification are given below institution wise.The University has submitted institution wise reply to the deficiencies pointed against each centre along with supporting documents

AND WHEREAS, as per the decision of the Committee in its 267th meeting held on 12-13 Mar, 2014, decided to comply with the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala order in the PIL case and

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communicate without any delay, the deficiencies noticed in the VT inspection report of the 10 University centres to the Registrar, Kerala University on 19.05.2014 with a request to remove the deficiencies within 3rd June, 2014.

AND WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Committee in its 272nd meeting held during 1st and 2nd September, 2014 considered the matter, reply from the Registrar of the Kerala University vide letter dated 30.06.2014, and decided that as per Appendix-4, 4 (Staff), 5 (b) of Regulations, 2009 of NCTE unequivocally stipulate that "All appointments are to be made on full-time and regular basis excepting those specified as part-time. The institution in this case has only contract staff. The Committee has no power to relax the Regulations. The reply is not acceptable.

AND WHEREAS, further, decided to withdraw the recognition of the institution APS02954-B.Ed course run by Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Trivandrum, Kerala, with effect from 2014-15."

AND WHEREAS, hence, as per the decision of SRC, a Withdrawal Order issued to the institution on 15.10.2014

AND WHEREAS, aggrieved by the rejection order of SRC, the institution preferred an appeal to NCTE-Hqrs and the appellate authority vide order No. F.No.89-338/2014 Appeal/13th meeting -2014(7) dated 10.12.2014 (Copy enclosed) stating that,

"The Correspondent, Kerala University College of Teacher Education (hereinafter referred to as the appellant), Preferred an appeal dated 26.09.2014 to the National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi (hereinafter referred to as the Council) under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 against the said order.

Dr.K.Mohammed Basheer Registrar & Sh. Ahamed Paju, Liasion Officer Registrar, Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Thiruvananthapuram. Kerala Presented the case of the appellant institution on 24.11.2014. In the appeal and during personal presentation it was submitted that " appointment of staff on permanent basis needs concurrence from the Government. The University of Kerala has approached the Government of Kerala for the same."

As apprised by the representative of Kerala University, Council noted that the state University is in the process of making appointment on regular bases and for the intervening period the matter had also been taken up with NCTE(Hqrs) for grant of relaxation. Council decided to keep the appeal pending for a period of three months from the date of issued of appeal order. The appellant University is required to produce formal orders granting relaxation, if any by the NCTE or appoint faculty on regular basis within the above time period.

On perusal of the Memoranda of Appeal, affidavit, documents on record and oral arguments advance during the hearing. The Council decided to keep the impugned order on hold for a period of three months from the date of issue of appeal orders."

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 277th meeting held during 20th -22nd January, 2015 considered the Appellate Authority order dated 10.12.2014 took note of the matter. Advised Southern Regional Office to **"Put up the case after 3 months"**.

AND WHEREAS, On 28.02.2015, the appellate authority vide order dated 19.02.2015 has confirmed the withdrawal order of SRC, NCTE

AND WHEREAS, On 09.04.2015, a letter dated 07.04.2015 is received by this office from the Registrar, University of Kerala as under:-

"Vide reference cited (Orders dated 15.10.2014 from the SRC, NCTE, withdrawing recognition of the ten Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education.) the SRC, NCTE had withdrawn the recognition of the ten University Colleges of Teacher Education on the

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ground that the teachers were appointed on contract basis and were not paid Central/UGC/State scale of pay. The University had filed an appeal against the withdrawal order, to the Chairman, NCTE, New Delhi.

In the meantime the Government of Kerala had accorded sanction to a scale of pay to two teachers of each college vide GO referred as 2 & 3 (G.O.(MS) No.962/2014/H.Edn. dated 23.12.2014 & G.O. (MS) No. 966/2014/H.Edn. dated 27.12.2014).

However, the NCTE, vide paper referred as 4 (Orders dated 19.02.2015 from the NCTE, New Delhi) rejected the appeal of the University stating that scale of pay was sanctioned to only two teachers of each College.

Matter was again taken up with the State Government and the Govt. of Kerala vide paper referred as 5 (G.O.(MS) No. 110/2015/H.Edn dated 20.03.2015), issued revised order according sanction to extend the scale of pay to all the teachers of the ten University Colleges of Teacher Education.

The Scale of pay and terms and conditions of service approved, are as follows:

- i) Rs. 24040-38840 without any other Allowances including Dearness Allowance to the Principal ensuring that the minimum pay drawn by the Principal should be not below Rs. 25,000/- per month with the usual annual increments.
- ii) Rs. 18,740 - 33680 without any other Allowances including DA to faculty without NET/Ph.D with the usual annual increments.
- iii) Rs. 19,240 - 34500/- without any other Allowances including DA for faculty having NET/Ph.D with the usual annual increments.

On the basis of the GOs referred as 2,3,& 5 the University has vide paper referred as 6, issued orders implementing the GO mutatis mutandis in the University.

The University has already shortlisted qualified teachers to deploy at the ten colleges and they will resume their duties immediately on getting the approval for the colleges.

Hence, it is requested that recognition for the ten Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education may be restored as the defect pointed out by the NCTE has been rectified."

AND WHEREAS, the SRC in its 285th meeting held on 17th April, 2015 has noted the matter .

AND WHEREAS, an Office Memorandum from NCTE-Hqrs vide No. 91- 4th Mtg/ 2015 – Appeal dated 29.04.2015 was received by this office on 01.05.2015 and the original filed was enclosed for consideration of the Appellate authority at NCTE, New Delhi vide this office letter dated 01.05.2015.

AND WHEREAS, on 16.05.2015 , the appellate authority order dated 08.05.2015 was received by this office remanding the case back to SRC,NCTE.

AND WHEREAS, on 18.05.2015, the Registrar ,Kerala University has submitted a representation as under :-

" Vide reference cited (1) the NCTE, New Delhi had issued orders upholding the decision of the SRC to withdraw the recognition granted to the ten University Colleges of teacher Education w.e.f from the academic year 2014 -2015 on the grounds that the teachers were appointed on contract basis and were paid consolidated pay. The University , after rectifying the above defect pointed out by the NCTE, filed an appeal before the Chairman, NCTE for reviewing the decision dated 19.02.2015 , vide reference cited (2)

The Registrar on behalf of the University appeared for the hearing at the NCTE, Head quarters ,New Delhi on 06.05.2015.The NCTE has now vide its decision dated 08.05.2015 informed that the "Appeal Committee after considering the submission made

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by the appellant University and the provision contained in the extant NCTE Regulations 2014 decided to reverse its earlier decision and remand back the case to SRC with a direction to reconsider the matter by the appellant University. NCTE may issue revised appeal orders accordingly and earlier orders dated 19.02.2015 may be treated as non – est.”

NCTE has further informed that “ after perusal of memorandum of appeal affidavit documents available of records and considering the oral arguments advanced during the hearing the Committee concluded that the appeal deserves to be remanded to SRC with a direction to reconsider the matter in the light of the NCTE Regulations , 2014.

As the case now stands remanded back to the SRC,NCTE , we request you to expedite action in this by issuing orders restoring recognition to the ten Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education w.e.f the academic year 2015-16”

Submission before the SRC,NCTE ,Bengaluru in the matter of re-consideration of grant of recognition to the ten Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education

The recognition granted to the Kerala University colleges of Teacher Education were withdrawn by the SRC,NCTE on the grounds that the teachers were appointed on contract basis as stipulated in the NCTE Regulations 2009.

As per clause 5.4 of Norms and Standards for B.Ed course of the NCTE Regulations , 2014.”The terms and conditions of service of Teaching and Non teaching staff including selection procedure ,pay scale , age of superannuation and other benefits shall be as per the policy of State Government /affiliating body

The NCTE ,New Delhi vide order dated 08.05.2015 has remanded back the matter to the SRC,NCTE ,Bengaluru and has directed the SRC , to re consider the matter in the light of the NCTE Regulations 2014 (copies of the orders appended)”

As the case now stands remanded back to SRC,NCTE , we request you to expedite action in this by issuing orders restoring recognition to ten Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education w.e.f the academic years , 2015-16.”

AND WHEREAS, the appellate authority order F.No.89-333/2014/Appeal/4TH Meeting /2015 dated 08.05.2015 in respect of 10 university centres is as under :-

“Reviewing its earlier decision to confirm the withdrawal orders taken in the meeting held on 06.02.2015, the Committee noted that Government of Kerala vide its order dated 20.03.2015 has extended the benefit of scale pay to all the teachers of 10 University Centres in accordance with the NCTE Standards. Dr. K. Mohd. Basheer, Registrar, University of Kerala also submitted on 06.05.2015 staff list approved by the University for appointment of one Principal and 7 faculty members separately for each of the University College. Appeal Committee further noted that provision of clause 5.4 of Norms & Standards for B.Ed course as per NCTE Regulations, 2014 prescribe that ' The Terms & Conditions of service of teaching and non teaching staff including selection procedure, pay scale, age of superannuation and other benefits shall be as per the policy of State Government/ Affiliating body.'

Appeal Committee after considering the submissions made by the appellant University and the provisions contained in extant NCTE Regulations, 2014 decided to reverse its earlier decision and remand back the case to S.R.C. with a direction to reconsider the matter in light of NCTE Regulations, 2014 and the submissions made by the appellant University. NCTE may issue revised appeal orders accordingly and earlier orders dated 19.02.2015 may be treated as non-est.

After perusal of the memorandum of appeal, affidavit, documents available on records and considering the oral arguments advanced during the hearing, the Committee concluded that the appeal deserves to be remanded to SRC with a direction to

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reconsider the matter in light of NCTE Regulations, 2014 and the submissions made by the appellant University. NCTE may issue revised appeal orders accordingly and earlier orders dated 19.02.2015 may be treated as non-est.

The Council hereby remands back the case of 10 University Centres, for necessary action as indicated above. (copies enclosed)

AND WHEREAS, SRC in its 287th meeting held on 20th May, 2015 considered the matter and decided as under :-

“Process and Put up “

AND WHEREAS, on 29.05.2015, the Registrar, University of Kerala has submitted a written representation stating as under :-

“ As per the decision of SRC ,NCTE at its meeting held on 20.05.2015, the University was given one week's time to submit the approved staff list as per the NCTE Regulations, 2014.

Hence we are submitting the approved staff list along with the supporting documents

It is requested that recognition for the ten Kerala University Colleges of Teacher Education may be restored as the University has complied with the norms prescribed by the NCTE.”

AND WHEREAS, the University has submitted the approved staff list for each of the 10 University Centres

AND WHEREAS, SRC in its 288th meeting held on 31st May, 2015 considered the matter and decided as under :-

“Restore Recognition for B.Ed in each of the Ten University Centers with an intake of 50 students (one unit).”

NOW THEREFORE, the recognition granted to Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kaniyapuram, Kaniyapuram Post, Trivandrum – 695030, Kerala for offering B.Ed course is restored

Further, the institution has submitted an affidavit on 04.06.2015, as per Regulations 2014 and 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 institution, **Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kaniyapuram, Kaniyapuram Post, Trivandrum – 695030, Kerala** has by affidavit consented to come under New Regulations and sought for one basic unit in B.Ed.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, it has been decided to permit the institution to have one basic unit of 50 students

5. **NOW THEREFORE**, in the light of the above and in terms of Section 14(3) (a) of NCTE Act and in accordance with the Regulations, 2014, the Southern Regional Committee, NCTE hereby grants recognition to **Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Kaniyapuram, Kaniyapuram Post, Trivandrum – 695030, Kerala** for conducting **B.Ed** programme of **two** years duration with an annual intake of **50** students(one basic unit) from the academic session **2015-16**

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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 institution 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 institution 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 and issued there under, the institution will render itself liable 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 , Secretariat Annex, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
3. The Registrar, University of Kerala ,Thiruvananthapuram - 695034,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.

