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Western Regional Committee

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F.No.NCTE/WRC/APW00813/123147/B.Ed./378th/MH/2023 2224-68 to Date: 16 1 2023 Restoration Order 222475

WHEREAS, the institution, namely, SIDH LAHARNATH WOMENS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, BLOCK NO. C-8/44, ULHASNAGAR-421005, MAHARASHTRA was granted recognition by WRC, NCTE for B.Ed. course of one year duration with an annual intake of 100 students vide order No.WRC/2-32/123147/72/2005/4148 dated 13.05.2005 followed by order dated 31.05.2005.

2. AND WHEREAS, after promulgation of NCTE Regulations, 2014, revised recognition order order vide institution the to issued was No.WRC/APW00813/123174/2015/142817,822,826,832,835,838,840 for dated 31.05.2015 conducting B.Ed. programme of two years duration with an annual intake of 50 students (one basic unit of 50 students) from the academic session 2015-16.

AND WHEREAS, the matter regarding compliance by the institutions of the conditions of 3. the revised recognition order was considered by WRC in its 255th meeting held on June 22-24; 2016 and the Committee decided that show cause notice be issued to all such institutions which have not submitted compliance. Accordingly, show cause notice was issued to the institution dated 23.02.2017.

AND WHEREAS, in response to the aforesaid show cause notice, reply not submitted by the 4 institution.

AND WHEREAS, the matter was considered by WRC in its 312th WRC meeting held on 5. January 27-29, 2020 and the Committee has decided the following:-

"On careful perusal of the file of the institution and other related documents, the Committee observed as under:-

- Revised recognition order was issued to the institution on 31.05.2015 with certain conditions. The compliance to the Revised recognition order was not received.
- The Show Cause Notice dated 23.02.2017 was issued to the institution on account of non compliance to the revised recognition order.
- No reply / required documents have been received from the institution.

The Committee resolved to give last opportunity to the institution to submit compliance to the Revised Recognition Order as per NCTE Regulations 2014, as amended vide Notification dated 09th June 2017 within 30 days."

Accordingly, decision taken by WRC for final show cause notice was communicated to the institution vide letter dated 13.02.2020.

AND WHEREAS, in response to the aforesaid show cause notice, reply not submitted by the institution.

AND WHEREAS, the matter was considered by WRC in its 316th WRC meeting held on August 27-28 & September 4, 2020 and the Committee has decided the following:-

"The WRC considered the entire issue in detail and noted that as per NCTE Regulations dated 13.11.2002. Initially institutions were permitted to start the course in a rentedpremises with a condition to shift to their own premises within a period of three years from the date of such recognition.

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From the Agenda note placed before WRC, it is observed that many institutions have not yet shifted to their own premises neither they have applied to WRC for shifting of premises of their institutions.

The WRC considered the entire issue in detail and decided that Show Cause Notice u/s 17 of the NCTE Act be issued to reply within 30 days to all such institutions which have been permitted or given recognition / permission to run the programme in rented premises and have not yet applied for shifting of their institution.

Further, the WRC also decided that the applications of the institutions who have applied for shifting of premises be examined by office at the earliest and placed before WRC for consideration and decision."

Accordingly, decision taken by WRC for issuance of show cause notice was communicated to the institution vide letter dated 29.09.2020.

AND WHEREAS, in response to the aforesaid show cause notice, reply not submitted by the 8 institution.

AND WHEREAS, the matter was considered by WRC in its 322nd meeting held on 9 November 23-24, 2020 and the Committee has decided the following:-

"The original file of the Institution along-with other related documents were carefully considered and examined by WRC in the light of NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations and Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time and the following observation was made that:

- 1. Recognition was granted to the institution on 13.05.2005 on rented premises with a condition that to shift the institution in its own premises within a period of three years from the date of issue of recognition order.
- 2. The institution has not shifted the institution in its own premises till date.
- 3. Accordingly, Show Cause Notice was issued to the institution on 29.09.2020.
- 4. The institution has not submitted the reply of the Show Cause Notice till date.

In view of above, the Committee decided that the recognition of B.Ed programme of the institution be WITHDRAWN under section 17 (1) of the NCTE Act from the next academic session 2021-22."

Accordingly, decision taken by WRC for withdrawal of recognition was communicated to the institution vide order dated 20.12.2020.

AND WHEREAS, the institution had filed W.P.(C) 16927/2022 & CM APPL. 10. 53657/2022(for stay) in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi against withdrawal order dated 20.12.2020 and the Hon'ble Court had passed an order dated 19.12.2022 which is as follows:

"... 9. I also do not find any merit in the submission of the learned counsel for the respondents that presumption of service of show-cause notice is to be drawn. Once the record reveals that the show-cause notice came back undelivered, no presumption could be drawn with regard to the service of the same.

10. In the circumstances, the present writ petition is allowed with the following directions:

(i) The decision taken by the WRC qua petitioner in 322nd meeting held from 23rd to 24th November, 2022 and the consequent withdrawal order dated 20th December, 2020 are set aside. (ii) Resultantly, the WRC shall issue an order of restoration of recognition and reflect the status of petitioner/institute as recognized institution for B.Ed. course and send a written communication in this regard to the affiliating university of petitioner/institute and to the Department of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra with specific instructions that the petitioner/institute is entitled to take part in counseling and admit students for all academic sessions within a period of two days from today.

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11. It is also clarified that this order shall not preclude respondent from issuing fresh showcause notice to the petitioner/institute in terms of the provisions of the Act.

12. The present writ petition along with application for stay stands disposed of in the above terms.

13. It is also made clear that the Court has not delved into the merits of the case and the question with regard to the shifting of petitioner/institute to its own premises, is also left open to be decided by the WRC, NCTE."

11. AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of directions of Hon'ble Court order dated 19.12.2022, the institution was permitted to participate in the counselling for the academic session 2022-2023 vide order dated 26.12.2022.

12. AND WHEREAS, the matter was considered by WRC in its 378th WRC meeting held on December 21-22, 2022 and the Committee has decided the following:-

"The original file of the Institution along with other related documents, Order dated 19.12.2022 in W.P. (C) 16927/2022 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi were carefully examined in the light of NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations and Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time and the Committee decided that in compliance of direction of Hon'ble Court, recognition to B.Ed. course be restored until fresh withdrawal order is passed by WRC, NCTE. The institution has already been permitted to participate in the counseling for admission to B.Ed. course for the academic session 2022-23 vide order dated 26.12.2022, being conducted by the Affiliating Body/ concerned State Govt. The concerned State authorities be intimated accordingly. A copy of the restoration order be also uploaded on the WRC web portal on the NCTE website.

Further, the Committee observed as under:

- Recognition was granted for B.Ed. course vide order dated 31.05.2005 on rented premises with a condition to shift the institution to its own premises within a period of three years from the date of issue of recognition order.
- Revised order was issued dated 31.05.2015 in pursuance of NCTE Regulations, 2014.
- Show cause notice dated 23.02.2017 was issued for non-compliance with the conditions of the revised recognition order, which was returned back undelivered and received in WRC, NCTE on 06.03.2017. No reply was submitted by the institution.
- Final show cause notice dated 13.02.2020 was issued to the institution, which was returned undelivered and received in WRC, NCTE on 21.02.2020. No reply was submitted by the institution.
- Another show cause notice was issued dated 29.09.2020 to furnish information and status regarding the running of the institution in rented premises and not yet applied for shifting to its own premises. No reply was submitted by the institution.
- The institution has not shifted to its own premises till date.
- Recognition for B.Ed. the course was withdrawn from the academic session 2021-2022 vide order dated 20.12.2020 on the grounds mentioned therein.

• Vide order dated 19.12.2022, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi has allowed the petition W.P.(C) 16927/2022 & CM APPL.53657/2022 (for stay) by setting aside the withdrawal order dated 20.12.2020 with direction to WRC to issue an order of restoration of recognition and reflect the status of petitioner/institute as a recognized institution for B.Ed. course, with specific instructions that the petitioner/institute is entitled to take part



in counseling, and admit students for all academic sessions within a period of two days from the date of order. Further, it is clarified that this order shall not preclude the respondent from issuing a fresh show-cause notice to the petitioner/institute in terms of the provisions of the Act. The Court has not delved into the merits of the case and the question about shifting of petitioner/institute to its own premises is also left open to be decided by the WRC, NCTE. The institution is still deficient considering relevant provisions of NCTE Regulations, and

guidelines, as amended from time to time on the grounds mentioned in Show Cause Notices issued as mentioned above.

In view of the above, the Committee decided that a Show Cause Notice prior to the withdrawal of recognition be issued to the institution u/s 17 of the NCTE Act to submit a reply accompanied by an original affidavit within 30 days from the date of uploading of minutes on the website failing which the WRC will take a decision as deemed fit as per the provisions contained in the NCTE Act and Regulations."

13. NOW THEREFORE, recognition of the SIDH LAHARNATH WOMENS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, BLOCK NO. C-8/44, ULHASNAGAR-421005, MAHARASHTRA for conducting B.Ed programme of two years duration with an annual intake of 50 students (One basic unit of 50 students) is hereby restored till a fresh withdrawal order is issued by WRC.

14. The terms and conditions shall remain same as mentioned in the revised recognition order issued vide order dated 31.05.2015.

By Order, PALL (NAVEEN MALIK) REGIONAL DIRECTOR (I/c)

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- 2. The Secretary, Sindhu Bharati Trust, Block No. C-8/44, Ulhasnagar-421005, Dist.Thane, Maharashtra.
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- 4. The Education Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 5. The Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
- 6. The Under Secretary, IT & e-Governance, National Council for Teacher Education, G-7, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi 110075.
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