

indicate a definite time-frame by which funds could be released to all the State Governments including State Government of Gujarat.

Guidelines for Sanskrit Vidyapeeths

1989. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines formulated/in operation for recognition/establishment of Sanskrit Vidyapeetha in the Country;

(b) whether Government are aware that a Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya by the name of Himachal Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya is functioning in Jangla, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh promoting the cause of Sanskrit in this hilly and rural area;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Mahavidyalaya fulfils all the requisite norms and conditions for recognition as a Sanskrit Vidyapeeth;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to recognize it as such; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The guidelines for recognition or setting up of off Campus Centres issued by the University Grants Commission which are being followed by the Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is financing the Himachal Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya at Jangla, Himachal Pradesh with effect from 1990 under the Scheme of "Financial Assistance to the institutions recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodh Sansthan" being implemented by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan. The details are as follow:—

1. Land & Building	—	0-04-19, 1-14-13 (in Bigha)
2. No. of Rooms	—	8
3. No. of students admitted for the year 2006-07	—	226

4. Strength of the staff
- | | | |
|--------------|---|----|
| Teaching | — | 10 |
| Non-Teaching | — | 7 |
5. The Mahavidyalaya is imparting Sanskrit Education from Prak Shastri to Acharya level and affiliated to Himachal University, Simla

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir. The Mahavidyalaya would continue in the present form under the Scheme "Financial Assistance to the institutions recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodh Sansthan" being implemented by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan.

(f) The Mahavidyalaya cannot be recognized as Campus of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Vidyapeetha) due to the fact that as per the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission there is no provision for converting the existing Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/Institutions as one of the Campuses of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, which is a deemed university.

Statement

Guidelines for Establishing New Departments within the Campus, Setting up of Off-Campus Centre(s)/Institutions(s)/Off-shore Campus and Starting Distance Education Programmes by the Deemed Universities

Definitions:—

- (a) **"Institution"** means an institution set up by the same management to impart studies in a specialized branch of study and registered under the same society or trust under which the existing deemed university is registered.
- (b) **"Off-campus centre"** means a centre of the university located outside its main campus (within or outside the State where the deemed university is located) operated and maintained as its constituent unit by the resources of the university, having the centre's own compliment of facilities, faculty and staff.
- (c) **"Off-shore Campus"** means a campus of the university located outside the country, established and maintained as its constituent

unit by the resources of the university having its own compliment of facilities, faculty and staff.

- (d) **"study centre"** means a centre established and maintained or recognized by the university for the purpose of advising, counseling or for rendering any other assistance required by the students used in the context of distance education.

Pre-requisites:

1. The Deemed to be Universities shall be normally authorized only to operate within their own campus to conduct the authorised courses falling within the area of their specialization. If the new department is to deal with a subject which is not the field of specialization or in an allied field, the deemed University may be allowed to start such department only if that field is covered under the objectives for which the deemed University was established, as per its MoA. In case a deemed University desires to start a new department in a field not covered under its MoA, it will have to amend its MoA before opening the department. As such the Deemed to be Universities shall not operate beyond their approved geographical boundaries. However, in deserving cases, the Deemed Universities can start new Departments within the university campus or start off-campus centre(s)/institutions/off-shore campus on selective basis for the benefit of the student community by spreading quality education with prior specific permission of the University Grants Commission in each and every individual case. A deemed to be university intending to set-up new Departments within their campus, new off-campus centre(s)/institution out side the main campus/off-shore campus or starting distance education programme shall be eligible to apply for seeking permission for this purpose only if it has:—
 - 1.1 Earned a reputation in any one or more of the following areas:
 - (i) excellent and innovative under-graduate and/or post-graduate teaching which *inter-alia* includes practicing Academic reforms and examination reforms like introducing modular structure, continuous evaluation, etc., (ii) meaningful and purposeful research, and (iii) extension activities etc.;
 - 1.2 A good track record of conforming to the relevant regulations/norms of the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned

regarding minimum standards of instruction, qualifications of teachers, merit-based admission of students on an all India basis and the reasonable fee structure.

- 1.3 Accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a *with a minimum of 'B' grade*;
- 1.4 Mobilized adequate financial resources for starting the proposed new Department, off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus;
- 1.5 Not entered into any franchise agreement with any organization for establishing and running the off-campus centre/off-shore campus.

The new Department, off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus shall have, among its primary objectives, undergraduate, post-graduate instruction, training and research for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge. For this purpose it shall engage in teaching programmes and research activities in field(s) of specialization of the existing deemed university in allied field(s).

Procedure to be followed:

2. All deemed to be universities intending to set-up new departments within their campus, off-campus centre(s) or an institution outside the main campus of the deemed university may apply as follows:
 - 2.1 The deemed university intending to open a new department in its campus or an off-campus centre/institution shall approach the University Grants Commission (UGC) at least six months prior to opening such centre on a Proforma prescribed for this purpose (*Annexure-I*). The deemed university desirous of starting the new off-campus centre/institution or introducing a new course/programme in a professional subject, shall comply with all the requirements as required by statutory professional Councils and obtain their prior approval before approaching the UGC.
 - 2.2 The new Departments, new off-campus centre/institution shall be set up only after obtaining approval of the UGC and that of

the concerned State Government where such a centre is proposed to be established. The UGC **shall** cause spot visit/ verification of the proposed new departments, new off-campus centre/institutions to verify its infrastructure facilities, programmes, faculty, financial viability, etc. before giving permission to start the centre. ***The report of the committee shall be considered by the Commission for its approval.***

- 2.3 An off-shore campus shall be set up only after due permission from the Government of India on the recommendations of the UGC and also that of the Government of the host country.

3. Infrastructure requirements and other standards:

- 3.1 The new off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus shall have adequate buildings and other infrastructure facilities as per the norms and standards prescribed by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies. Such facilities shall be proportional to the size and activities of the centre.
- 3.2 The new off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus shall be totally administered by the parent deemed university in terms of admission, monitoring, instruction, evaluation, and conferring of degrees etc.
- 3.3 The off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus shall conform to the relevant regulations/norms of the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned regarding minimum standards of instruction, qualifications of teachers, merit-based admission of students on an all India basis and the fee structure etc. and shall have adequate number of qualified teachers.
- 3.4 The new off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus shall offer only those courses which are approved by the appropriate bodies of the deemed university. If the course to be offered in the centre is in technical/professional subject, its academic programmes shall have to be approved by the concerned statutory professional council.
- 3.5 The off-campus centre/institution/of-shore campus shall have adequate number of qualified teachers along with necessary

supporting staff as prescribed by the concerned statutory bodies.

- 3.6 The remittance of funds from and to the off-shore campus shall be governed by the Reserve Bank of India rules in this regard.
- 3.7 The UGC shall not be involved in any legal or administrative problem in the operation of the off-shore campus, nor shall the UGC have any financial implications in any manner in the establishment and operation of the off-shore campus.
- 3.8 The over-all performance of the off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus shall be monitored annually, initially for three years, and subsequently after every five years by the UGC whose directions for management, academic development and improvement shall be binding. The UGC shall associate the nominee(s) of the concerned statutory professional council in the monitoring process.
- 3.9 If the functioning of the off-campus centre/institution/off-shore campus does not fulfill the UGC's directions and recommendations and remains unsatisfactory for three years, the deemed university shall be instructed by the UGC to close if down.

4. Distance Education:

The Deemed to be University could offer the distance education programmes only with the specific approval of the Distance Education Council (DEC) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). As such, any study centre(s) can be opened only with the specific approval of Distance Education Council and UGC.

5. Ex-Post-Facto Approval:

The Deemed Universities shall obtain the *ex-post-facto* approval of the GoI/UGC/DEC, whichever, applicable within a period of six months in the following cases:

- i. Continuation of all the Departments opened in the campus of the Deemed Universities and off-campus study centre(s)/

institutions/off-shore campus started without the prior approval of the UGC.

- II. Distance education programme(s)/study centre(s) started without the specific approval of the DEC/UGC.

6. Penalty

In the absence of such approval within the stipulated time frame the Deemed University shall not be authorized to award the degrees to the students undergoing study programmes in such Departments/off-campus study centres/institutions/off-shore campus distance education programmes Degrees awarded in violation of these instructions shall be regarded as unspecified and render the Deemed University to be punishable under relevant provisions of the UGC Act, 1956, including the revocation of their deemed to be universities status.

Transparency in Mid-day Meal Scheme

†1990. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued to bring transparency in the Mid-day Meal Scheme in the schools;

(b) if so, the details of guidelines; and

(c) the action being taken to implement these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The revised guidelines of Mid-day Meal Scheme issued in September, 2006 to States/UTs stipulate the following:—

- (i) At the school level, the following information should be displayed on a weekly/monthly basis as *suo moto* information under the Right to Information Act:—

(a) Quantity of food grains received, date of receipt

(b) Quantity of food grains utilized

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.