

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

(Abstract)

Unaided Self Financing Colleges – St.George College,Vazhakulam – Rejection of provisional affiliation for academic year 2017-18 – Decisions on Hearing held on 16.08.2017 as per directions of Hon'ble High Court and Recommendations of the SSCA – Orders issued

ACADEMIC AVII SECTION

U.O No. 5169/3/17/Ac AVII

Dated ,P.D Hills. 23.08.2017

- Read:-
- 1) UO No. 2895/1/2017/AcAVII dated, 17.05.2017.
 - 2) Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala on WP (C) No. 17930/2017(M) dated 05.06.2017.
 - 3) UO No. 4125/1/2017/AcAVII dated, 06.07.2017.
 - 4) Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala on WP (C) No.22953/2017 dated 20th July 2017
 - 5) Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Affiliation and Approval(SSCA), held on 16.08.2017, Item No. 172064.

ORDER

As per UO read as (1) above, provisional affiliation was rejected from academic year 2017-18 for St.George College. Vazhakkulam, Muvattupuzha, an Unaided Self-financing Arts & Science College, as it was found that the college was functioning without fulfilling the mandatory requirements laid out by the University and UGC norms. Considering the requests submitted by the college and the directions of the Hon'ble High Court as per paper read (2) above, a hearing was conducted involving the college authorities and after considering the clarifications from the college, it was resolved that an inspection maybe conducted before 31st March, 2018 for assessment of the college and if the college fulfils the mandatory requirements before this date, decision on allowing admission to academic year 2018-19 maybe considered and a UO vide paper (3) above was issued to this effect.

As per the Writ Petition submitted by the college, the Hon'ble High Court issued a direction as per paper (4) above 'to re-consider the application for continued affiliation by the college taking into account the new deed of license and reconsider the application of the petitioners within three weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of judgment, after providing an opportunity of hearing and participation to the petitioners'.

In the clarification given by the Standing counsel in the issue of land ownership of colleges for affiliation to University, it is noted that colleges should have land owned by it without encumbrance and the term "owned by college" can be understood only as "owned by the agency which establishes and manages the college". As per the deed submitted by the college authorities in the hearing held on 16.08.2017 as per direction of the High court, the land owned by the church is offered only on lease to the college. It is also noted by the Syndicate committee

on affiliation and approval that three institutions including an Upper Primary School and a Teacher Training Institute are functioning in the premises of the college which is also against the norms laid out in the University Statutes and UGC Regulations.

Considering the above, the Syndicate Standing Committee on Affiliation and Approval as per resolution ref: (5) has recommended to reject the application for affiliation from St.George College, Vazhakulam and has resolved to inform the decision to the Hon'ble High Court. The above mentioned recommendation of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Affiliation and Approval has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, exercising powers u/s 10(17) of Chapter 3 of Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.

Orders are issues accordingly.

Sd/-

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