



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

Assigning duties to the Statutory Officers of the University for approving drafts of University orders / communications on behalf of the Registrar -approved- Orders issued.

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*Read:-*Letter No. BCI:D:269/2019(LE) from Bar Council of India dated 14.05.2019.

ORDER

The Bar Council of India vide letter read above has raised objections and sought clarification on the delegation of powers by the Vice Chancellor authorising the officials other than the Registrar to communicate the affiliation orders issued by the University. It is pointed out that only the Registrar of the University is empowered to communicate affiliation orders to the Bar Council of India. Similarly, the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala too, on a few occasions has thrown doubts on the authenticity of the University Orders issued by the officers of the University, other than the Registrar.

As per the Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes 1997, Chapter II, Statute 29(2), the Registrar shall in the execution of the official duties be subject to the immediate direction and control of the Vice Chancellor and shall carry out his orders and render such assistance as may be required by the Vice Chancellor in the performance of his official duties, except as provided in Statute 52 and 55 (Chapter II) of the University Statutes.

The University Statutes is silent about the duties of the Assistant Registrar / Deputy Registrar / Joint Registrar, especially with regard to the approval of the drafts of the University orders and communications. As per Chapter 23 of the Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes 1997, the power of giving affiliation to colleges and courses is vested with the Syndicate of the University. It is of usual practice in the University that the draft of the orders giving affiliation to new colleges and courses are approved and issued by the Deputy Registrar and the draft orders pertaining to renewal of such affiliation are usually approved and issued by the Assistant Registrar. However, it is seen that there is no particular order permitting Deputy Registrars and Assistant Registrars to approve and issue such orders.

In these circumstances, the Vice Chancellor has ordered to assign the following duties to the statutory officers of the university for the smooth and effective running of the administrative/academic affairs, as envisaged under Statute 28(2) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Statutes 1997.

1. The draft of the orders and communications pertaining to the affiliation of colleges and courses shall be approved and issued by the Assistant Registrar concerned, of the Academic Wing, on behalf of the Registrar. In the absence of the Assistant Registrar, the same shall be carried out by the Deputy Registrar / Joint Registrar, concerned.
2. The draft of the orders and communications pertaining to routine administrative matters shall be approved and issued by the Assistant Registrar concerned, of the Administrative Wing, on behalf of the Registrar. In the absence of the Assistant Registrar, the same shall be carried out by the Deputy Registrar / Joint Registrar, concerned.

Orders are issued accordingly.

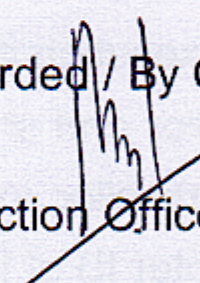
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