

**MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY**

(Abstract)

Special concessions granted to deaf and dumb candidates – Proposal for modification in the existing rules – Approved - Orders issued.

**ACADEMIC A1 SECTION**

U.O. No: 6622/A1/2011/Acad.

Dated, Priyadarsini Hills, 12.12.2011.

- Read: 1. U.O. No. Ac A1(2)/GM/203/98 dated 28.04.1999  
 2. U.O. No. Ac A1/1/2661/2003 dated 31.12.2003.  
 3. U.O. No. 5244/03/10/Ac AVIII dated 25.06.2010.  
 4. Request dated 22.08.2011 received from Shri. George John. Kaniamparampil in respect of his daughter, Ms. Kezia Elsa George.

**ORDER**

As per the provisions of the U.O. read as paper (1) above, grace marks were awarded to deaf and dumb candidates at the rate of 25% of the maximum marks if the hearing loss is 70% or above or if the candidate is congenitally deaf or hearing is lost in the childhood before he/she acquired the ability to speak. This was later modified vide papers (2) and (3) read above, extending the concessions of 25% grace marks/10.00 grace grade points, as the case may be, and exemption from studying second language in respect of candidates belonging to the category deaf and dumb with a disability of 40% or above. Candidates whose nature of disability is in terms of hearing impairment only are excluded from the purview of this rule, which is presently in vogue.

A request was received, vide paper (4) read above, in respect of Ms. Kezia Elsa George, a hearing impaired B.Sc. student of NSS Hindu College, Changanacherry with a disability of 75%, seeking the benefits of the services of an interpreter and 25% grace marks for the University examinations. Requests of a similar nature were received from other hearing impaired candidates as well for special concessions during the University examinations.

Based on the above requests a proposal for modifying the existing rules regarding granting of concessions to deaf and dumb candidates with a disability of 40% or above by including the provision of the services of an interpreter and extending these provisions to hearing impaired candidates as well was considered by the University.

Taking into account all aspects of the matter, the Vice-Chancellor, exercising powers under Chapter 3, Section 10 (17) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act 1985 has approved the above proposal.

The above sanction shall be subject to the condition that in respect of hearing impaired candidates the percentage of disability stipulated shall be 70% and above, or if the candidate is congenitally deaf or hearing is lost in childhood before the ability to speak is acquired, as certified by a Medical Board.

The U.O.s read as paper (2) and (3) stand modified to this extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

To

1. Principals of all affiliated colleges/Directors of Schools
2. The candidates concerned
3. PS to VC/PVC
4. PA to Regr/CE
5. JR/DR/AR (Acad/Exam)
6. All Tabulation Sections
7. AcC/Legal/Exam Legal Sections
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