



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Abstract

Concessions granted to Persons With Disabilities in the University Examinations - Modification of the Order in compliance with the judgement of the Hon'ble Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala - Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC A 1 SECTION

No. 1880/AC A 1/2023/MGU

Priyadarsini Hills, Dated: 16.02.2023

Read:- 1.U.O No.7396/ACA1/2022/MGU Dated, 11.07.2022

2.Letter No.A3/300/2022-23 Dated, 29.11.2022 of the Principal, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad

3.Application submitted by Sri.Pradeep Paul, f/o Smt. Niya Treesa Pradeep, B.A Malayalam Model I, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad to the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala on 11.12.2022

4.Judgement in OP(RPwD)No.5242/S5/2022 Dated 10.01.2023 of the Hon'ble Court of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala.

ORDER

The University vide Order read as paper (1) above, had granted special concessions and grace marks in University Examinations to all 21 categories of persons with disabilities who were enlisted in the RPwD Act 2016. The aforesaid order specifies the documents to be produced by the candidates to avail the benefits.

The Principal, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad vide paper read as (2) above, forwarded the request of Smt. Niya Treesa Pradeep, B.A Malayalam Model I candidate (2022 Admission) along with the Medical Certificate, for providing her the facility of a scribe in the University examinations.

Note 6 of the U.O read as paper (1) above states that, "The differently abled candidate who seeks the assistance of a scribe/reader/interpreter/lab. assistant should produce a certificate from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe/reader/interpreter/lab assistant is essential, in the Proforma at Appendix-I of the Guidelines for conducting written exams for persons with Bench mark disability 2018-Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gov. of India". Accordingly, Smt. Niya Treesa Pradeep was instructed to submit a certificate to that effect in the prescribed format.

Meanwhile, Sri. Pradeep Paul, f/o Smt. Niya Treesa Pradeep filed a complaint before the Hon'ble Court of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala requesting to instruct the University to afford the facility of a scribe to his daughter without insisting the Appendix-I certificate.

The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala held a hearing in the matter on 09.01.2023 and the University was represented by the Joint Registrar I (Exam). Consequently, the Hon'ble Court of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala vide its Judgement read as paper (4) above, directed the University to issue proceedings appropriately for providing all benefits u/s 17(1) of RPwD Act, 2016 to all students with disabilities studying in various programmes under the University including the candidate Smt. Niya Treesa Pradeep, in the matter of University examinations and doing practicals.

In compliance with the Judgement of the Hon'ble Court of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kerala, the Vice Chancellor accorded sanction to modify the University Order read as paper (1) above to the extent of **omitting the condition specified under Note 6** of the Order.

The U.O read as paper(1) above stands modified to this extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR I
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For REGISTRAR

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- 2.Sri.Pradeep Paul, f/o Smt. Niya Treesa Pradeep, B.A Malayalam, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad
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4. HOD, Statutory teaching departments
5. PS to VC/ PVC
6. PA to Registrar/CE/FO
7. Various Sections of Examination/Academic
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- 10.SS1/SS2/ATR
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