

February 27, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

It has been a tradition that the universities advertise the courses being conducted by them and invite applications from the students prior to the commencement of academic session and entrance tests are conducted wherever required of late. It has been observed, that some of the Deemed Universities, particularly those belonging to the private sector, are charging exorbitant charges as price of the prospectus for admission to various courses. Some universities insist on purchase of separate admission form and prospectus for each course conducted by it even though the entrance test is common for all courses or a bunch of courses in a particular stream. This practice is not only exploitative in terms of exorbitant price of prospectus, but also a unwanted burden on the students who have to waste lot of time and money in entrance examinations. The Commission considered this issue in its meeting held on 6th November, 2008 and has taken a serious view of this practice. The Commission now proposes to bring in some regulatory mechanism to check the prices of the prospectus and regulate the management of entrance examinations.

The Commission would like to have wider consultation with the Universities on this issue. I would, therefore request you to kindly let us know your views and suggestions on this issue within 15 days, which may be placed before UGC Expert Committee. The universities are requested to take remedial measures in the light of above and the price of prospectus should be kept minimum.

The University is also requested to intimate the Commission about the action taken in this regard. The price of university prospectus may also please be intimated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

Sd/-
(A.K. Dogra)

To the Vice Chancellors of All Universities

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. DS to Cm / PS to Vcm/ PS to Secy / JS (ER) / S.O. (Meeting) UGC – with reference to resolution Any other item No.V dated 6th November, 2008 /Guard file

Sd/-
(V.K. Jaiswal)
Under Secretary