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Sub.: Regarding strict compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dated 26.03.2014 in W.P. (Civil) No. 116 of 1998 – Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation Vs Union of India and Anr.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Constitution of India ensures equality, freedom, justice and dignity to all individuals and implicitly mandates an inclusive society for all including the Persons with Disabilities. In the effort to ensure equal opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and their participation in nation-building, the Government enacted "*The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995*".

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgement dated 26.03.2014 in W.P. (Civil) No. 116 of 1998 - Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation Vs Union of India & Anr, opined that even after lapse of 18 years since the inception of the PwD Act, 1995 it is still to be implemented in its letter and spirit and directed the Central Government, State Governments and Union Territories to implement the provisions of the Act positively by the end of 2014. Still there are certain lacunas in implementation of the Act. Non-implementation of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India tantamounts to contempt of the court. The Judgement is available on the website of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

You are requested to take all necessary measures to implement the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders in a time bound manner and send compliance with reference to Section 33 of the PwD Act, 1995 to the University Grants Commission by email at sctsection@gmail.com within next one month.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To the Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities.

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