

- (i) Affiliation of American Institute of Indian Studies Scholars with Indian Universities/Institutions of Higher Learning.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education vide Annexure 'A' has forwarded the copy of the letter from the American Institute of Indian Studies placed at Annexure 'B' which the American Institute of Indian Studies informed the Secretary General A.I.U., New Delhi that they are facing difficulties in securing affiliation certificate from Indian Universities in respect of their scholars .

The matter was placed before the 54th Academic Council held on 21st and 22nd November, 1996 which considered the proposal of the A.I.U. and the Ministry of Human Resource Development regarding the rates of affiliation fees to the scholars of the A.I.U. and RESOLVED to approve the following affiliation fees :

1. Rs.2,500/- as affiliation fee from a Ph.D. student who is a regular Ph.D. student in American University.
2. Rs.3,500/- for affiliation fee from a faculty fellow of the Institute.

The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.

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(ITEM NO. 17)

APPENDIX XIV

No.F.25-28/96-U.4

SC Dt. 10.10.96.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

New Delhi the 7th June, 1996.

To
The Secretary General,
Association of Indian Universities,
16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi.

Sub :- Affiliation of AIIS scholars with Indian Universities/Institutions
of Higher Learning.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi's letter dated May 1, 1996, regarding affiliation of AIIS scholars with Indian Universities/Institutions of Higher Learning. The Institute have informed that they are facing difficulties in securing affiliation certificate from Indian Universities in respect of their scholars due to :

- a) transfers and promotions thereby dislocating people who have been dealing with their cases in the past and their successors need time to acquaint themselves with the past practice - in some cases University referred the Institute's case to the Academic Council and the Executive Council;
- b) almost every institution has been asking for affiliation fee in amount ranging from \$ 200 to \$ 1000 for a year.

The Institute have further stated that the Universities are trying to be self-supporting and in that practice, they are making every effort to mobilise resources as much as they can from every possible source. The Institute being a voluntary body in the USA is unable to justify this payment as scholars (Junior-Senior) do not attend any regular course of any Indian Universities nor do they ask for any space in the University/Institution. They are independent scholars who just need to consult with their Indian counterparts as an academic courtesy. Whenever they use the library facilities, they enrol themselves as the library members by paying library fee.

The Institute have requested to make the following suggestions to the Universities/Institutions of Higher Learning :

1. that they charge an amount of Rs.2,500 as affiliation fee from a Ph.D. student who is a regular Ph.D. student in an American University.
2. and Rs. 3,500 for affiliation fee from a Faculty Fellow of the Institute.

Association of Indian Universities may kindly advise this Department of the AIIS's proposal above before guidelines may be amended to incorporate the same.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Durgadas Gupta)

Director (Universities).

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES
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Pradeep Mehendiratta
Director General & Vice-President.

May 1, 1996.

Mr. Durgadas Gupta,
Director,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Department of Education,
Government of India,
Rajendra Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

Sub - Affiliation of AIIS scholars with Indian Universities/Institutions
of Higher Learning.

Dear Mr. Gupta,

Please refer to our conversation on the above subject. As I indicated during our conversations, we have been facing some difficulties this year in affiliating our scholars with various Universities/Institutions due to (a) transfer and promotions thereby dislocating people who have been dealing with our cases in the past and their successors need time to acquaint themselves with the past practice - in some cases they referred our cases to the Academic Council and the Executive Council (b) almost every institution has been asking for affiliation fee in amount ranging from \$200 to \$ 1000 for a year.

We do understand that the universities are trying to be self supporting and in that practice, they are making every effort to raise as much money as they can from every possible source. Unfortunately, our own funding situation has been deteriorating and we are unable to justify this payment. Added to this, our scholars Junior/Senior do not attend any regular courses of any Indian Universities nor do they ask for any space in the University/Institution. They are independent scholars who just need to consult their Indian counterparts as an academic courtesy. Whenever they use the library facility, they enrol themselves as the library members by paying library fee.

Negative news spread very fast and the news has reached the American Universities that Indian Universities are charging huge amounts of money (unfortunately when you convert these dollars into rupees they look too big) for providing very little service. Before we start receiving flux of letters from various scholars protesting against the affiliation fee, I am writing this to enquire whether it is possible for the Government of India to make the following suggestions to the Universities/Institutions of Higher Learning :

1. that they charge an amount of Rs.2,500 as affiliation fee from a Ph.D. students who is a regular Ph.D. student in an American University.
2. and Rs. 3,500 for affiliation fee from a faculty fellow of the Institute.

I should be able to get a resolution of my trustees to cover the above fees. I shall greatly appreciate your considering this for discussion with various universities.

Looking forward to the pleasure of hearing from you.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Sd/-

Pradeep Mehendiratta,
Director General & Vice-President.

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ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
16, Kotla Marg,
New Delhi-110002.

Prof. K.B. Powar,
SECRETARY GENERAL

Meet:SC:247:96:

October 25, 1996.

Dear Vice-Chancellor/Director,

The Standing Committee of the Association at its 247th meeting held on October 10, 1996 at Kathmandu University, Kathmandu, considered a proposal received from the Department of Education Ministry of Human Resource Development regarding affiliation of American Institute of Indian Studies scholars with Indian Universities/Institutions of higher learning and resolved to commend the matter to Universities taking appropriate action.

I am enclosing a copy of letter No.F.25-29/96-U.4 dated June 7, 1996, received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development for taking action at your end.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd. -
(K.B. Powar.)

All Vice-Chancellors/Directors,
of Member Universities/Institutions.

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- (ii) Management of Colleges/Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University and Colleges and Institutions maintained by the University-Committee Report.

No: EC: 91: 96: 5: 1: (ii): The Council considered the Report of the Committee appointed by it to look into the Ordinances on the Management of Colleges and Institutions admitted to the privileges and maintained by the University and RESOLVED to accept the recommendations of the Committee.

5: 3 - Research -

- (i) Affiliation of American of Indian Studies Scholars with Indian Universities/Institutions of Higher Learning.

No: EC: 91: 96: 5: 3: (i): The Council considered the rate of affiliation fees as recommended by the Academic Council and RESOLVED to approve the same.

- (ii) Recognition of Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences by NEHU.

No: EC: 91: 96: 5: 3: (ii): The Council considered the recognition of Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences by the NEHU as recommended by the Academic Council and RESOLVED to approve the same.

5: 5 - Examination Matters -

- (i) Scaling formula between the Major and Non-Major Degree Holders etc.

No: EC: 91: 96: 5: 5: (i): The Council considered the Scaling formula between the Major and Non-Major and while approving the clarifications the Council also considered the feasibility of reserving 50% of the Reserved Quota for NEHU Products in lieu of increasing the weightage from 10% to 15% and RESOLVED that as recommended by the Academic Council a Committee consisting of the following Members may be appointed to look into the matter.

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| 1. Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
NEHU, Mizoram Campus, Aizawl. | Chairman |
| 2. Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
NEHU, Tura Campus, Tura. | Member |
| 3. Prof. R.S. Tripathi | -do- |
| 4. Prof. S.S. Khare | -do- |
| 5. Dr. M.K. Das | -do- |
| 6. Controller of Examinations | Convener |