SANT GADGE BABA AMRAVATI UNIVERSITY GAZETTE

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PART- ONE

(Extra-Ordinary)

Monday, the 18th January, 2021

DIRECTION

No. 03/2021 Dated : 18/01/2021

Sub :- Govt. directive on the UGC guide – Lines - September - 20 on refund of Fees / charges to the students on account of cancellation/ withdrawal of admission, only in respect of academic Session. 2020-21, due to COVID-19 Pandemic (excluding the courses to which direct admissions are done by Government) - Direction - 2020

Whereas, the Govt. of Maharashtra, Higher & Technical Education Deptt. vide Letter No. - संकीर्ण 2020/ प्र.क्र.२७/ विशि.३/ dated 31 December, 2020 has directed to take action on the UGC guide-lines-September-20 vide its letter No. F. 14-17/2020 (CPP-II) dated 17th December, 2020 for refunding of admission Fees/charges to the students in the event of cancellation/withdrawal/migration, for the session-2020-21 due to financial hardship of parents on account of COVID-19 Pandemic.

AND

Whereas the Original Ordinance No. 15, Regulation No. 1/2020 and Notification No. 50/2015 etc. have been prescribed by the University in respect of fees / Charges to be paid by students for taking admission to the courses in affiliated Colleges and Teaching Departments of University, with the provisions regarding refund/Non refund of fees/charges in the event of leaving the Colleges/Department, by cancellation/withdrawal of admission by the students,

AND

Whereas, since last academic session 2019-20, the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected the parents also, putting them in financial hardship due to Lock-down and related factors, the University Grants Commission vide letter No. F. 14-17/2020 (CPP-II) dated 17th December, 2020 has reiterated referring its guide-Lines-September – 20 on academic Calendar-2020-21 session, directed that full refund of fees / charges be made on account of cancellation / migration / withdrawal of admission up to 30.11.2020 i.e. entire fees/charges in totality (Zero Cancellation Charges) and there after upto 31.12.2020 the entire fee collected be refunded in full after deduction of not more than Rs. 1000/- as processing fee. The UGC has also directed not to retain their original certificates. The said direction is exclusively and only for the academic-session-2020-21 due to COVID-19 Pandemic,

AND

Whereas, the UGC in its letter stated that it is receiving complaints / RTI, etc. about violation of the UGC guidelines in above respect by institutions/deemed Universities and expressed to be followed mandatorily. The UGC has directed in case of refusing to refund of fees / charges and retention of original certificates and violating guidelines, the institution shall be liable for punitive action as notified in Clause-5 of UGC Notification issued in October, 2008,

AND

Whereas, the matter of refund of fees/charges is related to the Ordinance/Regulation, etc. prescribing there-of is time-consuming process, the Vice-Chancellor, u/s 12(7) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 has Noted the Govt. letter alongwith UGC guidelines, on behalf of Management Council to issue the Direction u/s 12 (8) of the Act,

Therefore, I, Dr. M.G. Chandekar, Vice-Chancellor, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University under the Powers vested in me vide Section 12 (8) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, do hereby issue the Direction as under :-

1. This Direction may be called as "Government directive on the UGC guide - lines-September-20 on refund of Fees / charges to the students on account of cancellation/withdrawal of admission, only in respect of academic Session. 2020-21, due to COVID-19 Pandemic (excluding the courses to which direct admissions are done by Government) – Direction - 2020

2. This Direction shall come into force from the date of its issuance and operative exclusively and only for the academic session – 2020-21,

3. (i) The provisions made in University's Ordinance No. 15, Regulation No. of 2020 and Notification No. 50/2015, etc. regarding Refund / Non-refund of fees and charges, etc. shall not be operative for the academic – Session- 2020-21 only, in view of above mentioned Government directive on the UGC guidelines vide letter dated 17 December, 20, due to COVID-19 pandemic, Therefore, all affiliated colleges (aided/Unaided), Government colleges, model colleges, affiliated autonomous colleges and University Teaching Departments shall refund entire admission fees including all charges in totality paid by the students, as per Govt. directive and UGC guidelines vide Letter of 17th December-20, on account of cancellation/migration/withdrawal of admission upto 30.11.2020 (Zero cancellation charges) and admission thereafter upto 3.12.2020 after deducting not more than Rs. 1000/- as processing fee, so also their original certificates should not be retained, so as to avoid punitive action by the UGC as specified in clause-5 of UGC Notification – October-2008 The said Govtt. letter alongwith UGC letter of 17th December – 2020 is appended as Appendix-I.

   (ii) In view of extension in the Last date of admission by the university upto 25.1.2021 the direction for refund of fees/charges in sub-para-(i) for 31.12.2020 date, be also followed for 25/1/2021 last date i.e. by deducting not more than Rs. 1000/- as processing fee, so also the same shall be followed in case the date of admissions is extended beyond 25/01/2021

   (iii) further instructions / directive, if any, issued by the university shall be followed .

Sd/-
(Dr. M.G. Chandekar)
Vice-Chancellor,
Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University

Date :- 13 .01.2021

Enclosure To APPENDIX-I

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Secretary

No. F. 14-17/2020(CPP-II)

17th December, 2020

Respected Madam/Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to the UGC Guidelines on Academic Calendar for the First Year of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Students of the Universities for the Session 2020-21 in View of COVID-19 Pandemic which provide that:

"In order to avoid financial hardship being faced by the parents due to lockdown and related factors, full refund of fees be made on account of all cancellation of admissions/ migration of students, up to 30.11.2020, for this very session as a special case. To be crystal clear, the entire fees including all charges be refunded in totality (Zero Cancellation charges) on account of cancellation/ migration up to 30.11.2020. Thereafter, on cancellation/ withdrawal of admissions up to 31.12.2020, the entire fee collected from a student be refunded in full after deduction of not more than Rs.1000/- as processing fee."

The guidelines are available on UGC website https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1019576_Guideline.pdf

The Commission has been receiving several references in the form of RTI applications/ complaints/ public grievances/ court cases in respect of non refund of fee by the universities/ institution in violation of the UGC Guidelines. The Commission has taken a very serious view of such complaints. Most of these complaints have come from the students who have taken admission in private or self financing universities and deemed to be universities and later opted out for one or the other reasons.

It is reiterated that the UGC guidelines are to be followed mandatorily by all the universities in letter and spirit. Any institution/ university found to be violating the guidelines and refusing to refund the fee by giving its own interpretation of the guidelines shall be liable for punitive actions as notified in clause 5 of the UGC notification refund of fees and non-retention of original certificate issued in October 2008 (https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5437737_UGC-Notice-reg-Fees-refund-Eng.pdf.)

You are once again requested to ensure the compliance of the UGC directions in respect of refund of fee in accordance with the UGC Guidelines on Academic Calendar for the First Year of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Students of the Universities for the Session 2020-21 in view of COVID-19 Pandemic.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

The Vice-Chancellors of All Universities

APPENDIX-I

महाराष्ट्र शासन

उच्च व तंत्र शिक्षण विभाग मंत्रालय विस्तार, कक्ष क्रमांक-४१८,
चौथा मजला, मादाम कामा मार्ग, हुतात्मा राजगुरु चौक, मुंबई-४०० ०३२

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प्रति

कुलगुरु/कुलसचिव,
सर्व अकृषी विद्यापीठे,
महाराष्ट्र राज्य.

विषय :- विद्यापीठ अनुदान आयोगाच्या मागदर्शक सूचनानुसार कार्यवाही करण्याबाबत.

महोदय,

विद्यार्थ्यांनी विद्यापीठातील प्रवेश रद्द करणे तसेच विद्यार्थ्यांच्या विद्यापीठातील स्थलांतरणास अनुसरुन सचिव, विद्यापीठ अनुदान आयोग यांनी दि. १७ डिसेंबर, २०२० रोजीच्या पत्रान्वये मागदर्शक सूचना निर्गमित केल्या आहेत. सदर पत्राची प्रत सोबत जोडत आहे.

तरी, सचिव, विद्यापीठ अनुदान आयोग यांनी दिलेल्या मागदर्शक सूचनानुसार आवश्यक ती कार्यवाही करण्यात यावी.

(द.व. खारके)
कक्ष अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र शासन

प्रत :-

(१) संचालक, उच्च शिक्षण, पुणे यांना सूचित करण्यात येते की, विद्यापीठ अनुदान आयोगाने दिलेल्या मागदर्शक सूचना आपल्या स्तरावरुन सर्व संबंधिताना देण्यात याव्यात.
(२) उपसचिव(विशि),उच्च व तंत्र शिक्षण विभाग, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.

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