

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695034 (Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade)

(Abstract)

Improving Quality of Education in colleges affiliated to the University – directives from the Hon'ble Chancellor, Government of Kerala and Hon'ble High Court of Kerala – smooth functioning of Colleges and Hostels and strict conduct of examinations, evaluation and installation of CCTV cameras in examination centres – Sanctioned - Orders issued.

Academic 'BII' Section

No. Ac. BII/02/2016

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 31.03.2016

Read: 1. DO Letter No.GS.5-1200/14 dated 29.11.2014 from the Secretary to Governor.

- 2. Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations and Students' Discipline held on 4.8.2015 (item 9).
- 3. Circular No. 26483/G1/15/H. Edn dated 12.10.2015 from the Higher Education (B) Department, Government of Kerala.
- 4. Judgment dated 20.10.2015 in WP(C) 30612 of 2015(B).

The conference of the Vice Chancellors of Universities in Kerala held on 27 October 2014 inter alia discussed the need for proper regulatory intervention for ensuring quality education in self financing institutions under the Universities. It was directed to adopt appropriate methods for the improvement of the quality of education in self financing institutions in terms of stricter evaluation of the conduct of examinations, valuations including installation of CCTV Cameras in Examination Centres.

A proposal in tune with the above directive of the Honourable Chancellor was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examination and Students Discipline at its meeting held on 4.8.2015 and the Committee recommended to accept the proposal. The Vice Chancellor approved the recommendations in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974.

The Higher Education (B) Department, Government of Kerala, vide circular read as (3) above issued a set of guidelines/regulations for the smooth functioning of the campus and hostels, wherein it was instructed to install CCTV Cameras in selected places such as entrance/exit gate of the colleges and the hostels.

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide judgment read as (4) above directed that the circular dated 12.10.2015 issued by the State Government shall be strictly enforced by all the colleges affiliated to the Universities.

In the circumstances enumerated above, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to give effect to the directives of the Hon'ble Chancellor, the State Government and the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala as follows:

- 1. All Colleges affiliated to the University shall install CCTV Cameras in the examination halls/rooms and selected common places such as entrance/exit of colleges and hostels.
- 2. The process of installation of CCTV Cameras shall be completed before June 30, 2016 and a report on the completion of installation shall be submitted to the Registrar on or before July 5, 2016.
- 3. The recorded video footages shall be preserved for a minimum period of six months.
- 4. A copy of the recorded footage of the examination halls/rooms shall be made available to the Controller of Examinations after the completion of each examination schedule.
- 5. The Controller of Examinations shall verify the video footage scrupulously and ensure that the examinations were conducted in a foolproof manner, before publishing the results.
- 6. If any irregularity/malpractice/negligence in the conduct of examinations is reported/noticed, the Controller of Examinations shall verify the video footage and report the matter to the Vice Chancellor forthwith for further action.
- 7. The Educational Agencies applying for new colleges/courses from the academic year 2016-17 shall submit a declaration to the effect that CCTV cameras have been installed in the Examination Halls/Rooms and in the entrance/exit of the Colleges and Hostels and the inspection team that verifies the infrastructural and instructional facilities in these institutions shall specify in their report whether the CCTV cameras have been installed.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Deputy Registrar (Acad I) For Registrar

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- 1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department with C/L.
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- 3. PA to Registrar/CE/FO/DPD/DCDC
- 4. The Managers and Principals of all Affiliated Colleges with C/L
- 5. IQAC
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