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22nd May, 2018.

The Principal,
Bhaktivedanta Vidyapitha Research Center,
Govardhan Ecovillage, Galtare,
Hamrapur, (P.O.), Wada,
Dist.Palghar - 421 303.

Sub :- Your proposal dated 3rd May, 2017 for **First Time Recognition** to enroll students for **Ph.D.(Arts)** degree in the subject of **Philosophy** for the Academic Year 2017-18.

Madam / Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor to inform you that the report of the Local Inquiry Committee for **First Time Recognition** for the **Ph.D.(Arts)** degree in the subject of **Philosophy** was placed before the Board of Deans at its meeting held on **29th December, 2017**, vide item No.20, when it was resolved as under :-

“be granted first time recognition to enroll 08 students for the Ph.D.(Arts) in the subject of Philosophy from the academic year 2018-19 (instead of 2017-18) subject to yearly review of compliance of conditions stipulated by LIC Committee & recovery of dues towards recognition fees, if any & the same be recommended to Vice-Chancellor for his consideration & approval.”

In pursuant to the above resolution of the Board of Deans, I am to inform you that the College/Institute has been granted permission **First Time Recognition** to enroll (08) eight student for the **Ph.D.(Arts)** degree in the subject of **Philosophy** from the Academic Year 2018-19.

The Local Inquiry Committee in its report recommended the following conditions :-

1. At present the proposed Centre does not have adequate library resources for philosophy in terms of books and journals. They only have access to a few e-journals. Standard reading, reference and research material in terms of primary and secondary sources on philosophers and schools are absent. The proposed Centre does not have journals and encyclopedias which are routinely referred to in the discipline of philosophy. An adequate well-stocked library is a mandatory tool for research in philosophy. The proposed centre has to make immediate arrangements towards acquisition of books, encyclopedias and journals.
2. A plural curriculum should be planned as course work for Ph.D. students taking in to account religious diversity and Indian philosophical traditions (including Sramana and Carvaka traditions) as its main focus. The history of Western philosophy should also be given a place in the curriculum. A team of philosophy experts should be appointed to frame the curriculum as per such guidelines. This curriculum should be duly approved by University authorities.
3. Since the proposed Centre in a tribal area, tribal medicine and world-views should be a part of the curriculum. The proposed Center needs to create conditions for learning from the tribal groups surrounding it. Hence, the proposed Centre should involve knowledgeable local tribal as resource persons in the curriculum.
4. The proposed Centre has to collaborate with colleges having post graduation in Philosophy (such as Mommin College in Bhiwandi and the Joshi Bedekar College, Thane) for academic activities. It should also collaborate with the Bhaktivedanta Centre at Juhu for steering its academic activities. The proposed Centre should submit a plan to the University for such Collaboration.
5. At present, the proposal Centre does not have any qualified recognized experts in philosophy to serve as full time Ph.D. guides. The list of faculty mentioned by the proposed Centre has only one name in philosophy (that of Dr. Kurhade) who is a recognized M.A/Ph.D. guide. All others on the list are from disciplines other than philosophy. There is a need to take more senior experienced philosophy faculty on board of the stature of Dr. Shubhada Joshi or Dr. Kurhade (who are experts in Indian philosophy) to give it an academic substance. This should be done as per the rules of the University of Mumbai

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6. The first time affiliation can be given for three years w.e.f. 2017-18 only on fulfilling the above mentioned conditions and addressing prevailing lacunae with effective action.

You are therefore requested to comply with the aforesaid conditions recommended by the Local Inquiry Committee and submit your report in the matter, at the earliest.

Further, you are also requested to submit the proposal for continuation of recognition for the academic year 2019-20 onwards, on or before 30th September, 2018.

Yours,

W. Talwar
Deputy Registrar 2/6/18
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Copy to -

1. The Jt. Director, Higher Education, Maharashtra State, Mumbai Region, Elphinstone Technical High School Building, Mahapalika Marg, Mumbai - 400 001.
2. The Assistant Registrar, A.P.D. Section for information and it may be treated as an action taken report on the resolution of item **No.20** the Board of Deans at it's meeting held on 29th December, 2017.
3. The Co-Ordinator, University Computerisation Centre, University of Mumbai, Idol Building, Vidynagari, Kalina, Mumbai - 400 098.