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3. KSOU is offering M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes;

The DEC in tune with the gazette notification issued by the UGC directed all Open Universities and Directorate of Distance Education Institutions of dual mode Universities not to offer M.Phil/ Ph.D programmes through distance mode. Despite this the KSOU has issued notification for offering these programmes.

4. KSOU has franchised study centres;

5. KSOU is not observing the policy of DEC on territorial jurisdiction in true spirit.

As per the Act of KSOU available with the DEC, the jurisdiction of the KSOU is the State of Karnataka. In connection with the DEC policy on the territorial jurisdiction, it is pertinent to mention here that the DEC in its 28th Council meeting on 23rd March 2007 decided that DEC will not insist on territorial jurisdiction to be followed by institutions in offering programmes through distance mode and on that matter Universities should be governed by their own Acts and Statutes. The Joint Committee in its 9th meeting held on 17th August 2009 decided that the State Universities (both private and govt. funded) can offer programmes only within the State and Deemed Universities from the headquarters and in no case outside the state.

Subsequently, the Distance Education Council in its 35th Meeting held on 10th March 2010 noted that the distance education and online education cannot have the Territorial jurisdiction and it was decided that in case of Central Universities and the State Universities, the Territorial Jurisdiction will be as per their Act and Statutes for offering programmes through distance mode. The Territorial Jurisdiction in case of Deemed University will be as per UGC which mandates the prior approval of the UGC for opening Centres/ off Campus outside the Headquarters. The above policy of the territorial jurisdiction was notified to KSOU vide letter No. F.No. DEC/2010/6960, dated 29.3.2010.

The DEC does not allow any franchising of study centres by any University. The DEC does not separately accord recognition to study centres of any University. The Study centres are opened by the University as per provisions contained in its Acts and statutes within the territorial jurisdiction as mentioned above. Thus the Study centres are necessarily to be owned/ managed by the concerned University and must be opened with prior permission of the concerned statutory authority of the University in accordance with the norms and guidelines of the UGC and DEC.

The above facts confirm that the KSOU in utter violation of the policy of MHRD, UGC, AICTE and DEC has indulged in the illegal activities and issuing misleading advertisements claiming approval of DEC to offer various programmes, thus jeopardizing the career of the students by way of following:-

1. KSOU has been offering Engineering programmes leading to award of BE/ B.Tech/ ME/ M.Tech/ Diploma in Engg and other technical/ professional programmes.
2. KSOU has been offering M.Phil/ Ph.D programmes through distance mode.
3. The KSOU has entered into collaboration with at least 81 collaborators referred to it as Partner Institutions. The KSOU has opened its study centres all over India and abroad, through the so called Partner agencies. The Partner agencies/ Study centres of the KSOU claim to have the recognition of the DEC, which is absolutely incorrect and misleading. The collaborators of KSOU have further sublet the franchising to recognize other agencies including limited and private

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limited companies and cooperative societies as the study centres of the KSOU. These agencies carry out various activities including admission, conduct of face to face sessions and examinations etc. In turn KSOU is charging a fee between Rs 20,000/- and Rs 80,000/- to make them as study centre of the KSOU. The above act confirms that KSOU has franchised various activities of education which is not permissible by the DEC.

The KSOU is hereby directed:-

1. To stop making admissions in the programmes not recognised by the DEC including M.Phil./ Ph.D./ BE/ B.Tech/ ME/ M.Tech/ Diploma in Engg and other technical/ professional programmes.
2. To submit a detailed report with supporting documents on all the matters mentioned above.

The compliance report of above be submitted to DEC within 15 days of issue of this notice with reasons as to why the recognition accorded by DEC to KSOU may not be withdrawn for alleged irregularities of KSOU.

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