Sub: Creation of Ten supernumerary seats in AICTE approved institutes/colleges offering Under Graduate Programmes for admission of the students of Jammu & Kashmir under the Special Scholarship Scheme with a limit of not more than two seats in one branch.

Dear Sir,

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) as per the guideline issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), New Delhi is implementing the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS). Under the PMSSS, 5000 fresh scholarships are provided to the eligible students of Jammu and Kashmir. Out of these, 4500 scholarships are for general degree courses, 250 for Engineering and 250 for Medical studies. The number of Scholarships for Engineering and Medical studies are kept flexible i.e. more than or less than 250 scholarships per annum, for each stream, subject to the ceiling of 5000 fresh scholarships per annum and subject to the savings accruing from any shortfall in the number of students opting for general degree courses.

During the operation of the Scheme, it was observed that number of scholarship in General Stream is much less than 4500 as a result, the saving accrued from the shortfall in number of scholarship in General Category is being transferred to Medical and Engineering Stream resulting in more than 250 scholarships both in Medical and Engineering.

This issue was also brought to the notice of the Council in its 38th Meeting held on 22.04.2014.

The Council approved the creation of two supernumerary seats in all AICTE approved Institutions/Colleges for admission of the students of Jammu & Kashmir under the Special Scholarship Scheme for 2014-15 and also approved the proposal for relaxing the limit of 250 seats which may be required in lieu of spill over from the unfilled seats from other streams as per the guidelines of the Scheme.

In the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) in its 16th meeting held on 24.11.2015 was of the opinion that AICTE, UGC and other regulators should increase supernumerary seat from two to 10 per institute (with not more than two seats per course) and 20 per University and its Constituent Colleges offering multi-disciplinary programme (with not more than two per course).

The Council in its 44th Meeting held on December 11th, 2015 approved the creation of two Supernumerary seats in approved branch/programmes to a maximum number of 10 seats in AICTE approved Institutions/Colleges offering Under Graduate Programmes for admission of the students of Jammu & Kashmir under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship with a limit of not more than two seats in one branch.

You are requested to convey the decision of the Council to all the AICTE approved Institutions accordingly.

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Yours faithfully,

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