

No.F.4-8/2010-DL
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
Distance Learning Division

New Delhi, dated 15th January, 2010

To
✓ Shri Dharmjeet Singh,
Finance Officer
Human Resource Development Society,
Apex Technology Campus,
Opp. Khalsa College,
Amritsar - 143 001. (Punjab).

Subject: Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 17-12-2009 on the subject mentioned above, the response to the questions is as under:

S.No.	Question	Answer
1.	Whether legally established Foreign Universities need prior approval from MHRD, Govt. of India to enroll students from India for their Online Courses?	Distance Learning Division has not information to furnish. However, the information may be obtained from Distance Education Council (DEC) which is regulatory authority for distance education mode.
2.	Whether the degrees awarded by such legally established Foreign Universities through online mode are Valid for higher Education in India?	The Act of all the universities, usually, empowers them to recognize the academic qualifications awarded by universities/institutions for academic pursuit with them. Therefore, it is up to the university concerned to take a view
3.	Whether the degrees awarded by such legally established Foreign Universities through online mode are Valid for Government jobs in India.	In so far as qualifications obtained from distance mode from Universities/Institutions through distance mode for the purpose of employment under Central Government, the MHRD (Deptt of Higher Education) has clarified its position vide Gazette Notification No.44 dated 1.3.95 (copy enclosed) which inter-alia states that all the qualifications awarded through Distance Education by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislatures, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts,

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	<p>and services under the Central Government, provided it has been approved by Distance Education Council (DEC), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and wherever necessary by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.</p> <p>It may also be added here that Hon'ble Supreme Court in C.A.No. 4173 of 2008 in respect of post facto approval granted to Institutions has nter-alia observed that DEC may be an authority under the Act, but its orders ordinarily would only have a prospective effect. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has further observed that a degree is valid only, if the candidate concerned had the entry level qualification for admission to a course/programme the leading to award to degree in question as per the University Grants Commission's (UGC's) relevant regulations on maintenance of minimum standards in education.</p>
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2. If you are not satisfied with the reply, you may prefer an appeal to Shri N.K.Sinha, Joint Secretary (DL), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001 (Phone No.23387781) within 30 days of receipt of this reply.

Yours faithfully,

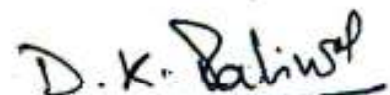


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1. Copy along with RTI application dated 27.10.2009 under reference is forwarded to the Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi for sending the requisite information to the applicant directly.

2. DEA (DL)/ Guard file.



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