F.No. 1-14/2020-TS.II
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
Technical Section-II

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001
Dated: 11.04.2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Advisory to be issued by Ministries and Autonomous Bodies under their administrative control regarding Educational Institutes located in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The undersigned is directed to state that the Ministry is dealing with a matter regarding degree obtained by an Indian Citizen through an Educational Institution located in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the validity of the degree for undertaking Professional Practice in India (copy enclosed).

2. In this regard, a committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (TE) held its meeting on 26.02.2020 and it was decided in the meeting that the Ministries and Autonomous bodies may create mass awareness regarding the status of recognition/approval of Educational Institutes located in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir to rule out any possible future litigation.

3. Therefore, it is requested that in the best interest of students and safeguarding their career prospects in India, an advisory may be issued by the Ministry and Autonomous Bodies under their administrative control, cautioning students against taking admission in such institutes. An advisory issued by University Grants Commission is also enclosed herewith for reference.

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To
The addresses as per list attached.

List of the addresses.
1. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Meharuli Road, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Department of Space, ISRO Headquarters, Antariksh Bhawan, New BEL Road, Bengaluru- 560231
6. Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, New Delhi.
The Ministry of Human Resource Development is seized of the matter that some Indian students have studied in Educational Institutes located in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and later requested the Indian Embassy in Pakistan to consider their degrees as obtained from these Institutes for career prospects.

It is hereby clarified that Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) is an integral part of India and the educational institutes including universities, medical colleges, technical institutes and other educational institute situated in PoJK are neither established by Government of India nor recognised by any statutory authority such as University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Medical Council of India (MCI) etc. Therefore, Indian students are cautioned/advised against taking admission in any college/university/technical institute in any territory under illegal occupation of Pakistan including so-called AJK and Gilgit Baltistan which are currently not recognised in India.

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Advisory cautioning students from taking admission in unapproved Institutions in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK)

The MHRD letter F.No.13-36/2017-ICC/U-Policy dated 26th April, 2019 on the subject refers. Since Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) is an integral part of the Union of India and the educational institutions including universities, medical colleges, technical institutions and other educational institutions situated in PoJK are neither established by Government of India nor recognized by Statutory Authorities such as University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI) etc. Therefore, students are cautioned/advised against taking admission in any college/university/technical institution in any territory under illegal occupation of Pakistan including the so-called AJK and Gilgit Baltistan which are currently not recognized in India.

(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary, UGC