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From: **Naveen Prakash, IAS,**
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To: **The Chairman**
All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasanth Kunj, New Delhi-110067

Sub: Seeking approval of AICTE for introduction of two M-Tech courses at the River Research Institute under Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal

Ref:- 1. This Office Memo No- 103-I dated 19.03.18
2. Memo No- AICTE/AB/ER/VIPREF/2018 dated 09.04.18 of the Member Secretary, AICTE (Prof. Alok Prakash Mittal)
3. This Office Memo No-165-I dated 04.05.2018

Sir,

With Reference to my earlier correspondences as referred to above, the decision of the State Government to introduce two M.Tech courses and a Ph.D (Engineering) course from the academic year 2018-19 at the River Research Institute under the control of the Department to transform it into an institution of excellence, was mentioned. It was also informed that online application for obtaining AICTE approval for the proposed introduction of two M.Tech courses in the AICTE web portal could not be submitted for the academic session 2018-19 within due date i.e. 05.02.18, as the system only allows submission of online application of institutions which run undergraduate courses only. The reasons for non-existence of undergraduate courses at River Research Institute was, however explicitly stated in my earlier correspondence with request to allow submission of the

off-line application for direct introduction of the following two M.Tech courses at the River Research Institute, under Government of West Bengal located at Haringhata, Nadia District, in absence of any corresponding under graduate course, as a special case, from the academic session 2019-20:

- a. M. Tech in Water Resources and Hydraulic Engineering
- b. M. Tech in Water Resources and Hydro-Informatics

2. The matter was discussed with the Regional office of AICTE, Kolkata and also with yourself when our departmental officials met you at Delhi on 22.06.2018. The Regional/Director/AICTE has already visited the campus of River Research Institute during November-2018 and expressed his satisfaction on the progress of infrastructure development works for launching Master Degree Courses. It was advised by AICTE to resubmit the application off-line for the academic session 2019-20, if the online system does not permit submission of such online application because of non running of under graduate courses.

3. As per your advice, a fresh application for obtaining AICTE approval on the launching of aforesaid two Master Degree Courses from 2019-20, has been initiated on 14.01.2019, using the application ID and password provided to us during our last year's attempt (User ID-AICT12082, Password-EESDPRRI123). But the system is not allowing us to submit the application in final shape, since there is no running undergraduate course in the River Research Institute.

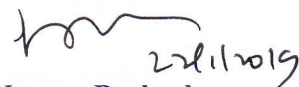
4. It is also informed that the Department has already initiated the process of engaging the required faculty for the introduction of the Master Degree Courses. It will take some time to obtain the formal approval of the State Cabinet on the engagement of new faculty posts, as per AICTE norms. By the time the approval of the State Cabinet is accorded and the faculty is engaged, the Director, Deputy Directors and Research Officers of the River Research Institute, having sufficient education qualifications and experience as per AICTE forms for holding the posts of Professor,

Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, will officiate as faculty for the upcoming Master degree Courses.

5. In view of above, you are requested to make requisite arrangement for submission of online application in the AICTE web portal, as a special case, considering the points as mentioned above. Copies of communications stated above, are enclosed for ready reference.

Encl: as stated

Yours faithfully,



Naveen Prakash
Additional Chief Secretary to the
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3. Chief Engineer (Design & Research), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, 1st floor, Jalsampad Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91.
4. The Director, River Research Institute, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate, Haringhata, Kalyani, Nadia.



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