

No. EDN-A-Ka(1)-3/2015-Part-I.
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Department of Higher Education.

From

The Pr. Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

Shri Rajneesh Bansal, Chairman,
Maa Saraswati Educational Trust,
Sadhuara Road, Kala Amb, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh.

Dated, Shimla- 171 002, the 20th April, 2017.

Subject: 'Letter of Intent' to set up Skill University in Himachal Pradesh.
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter number NIL dated 29th March, 2016 on the subject cited above and to issue the 'Letter of Intent' as per provisions under para-10 of the Guidelines dated 4th July, 2014 & 16th July, 2014 published in Himachal Pradesh Rajpatra on 8th & 17th July, 2014 for establishing 'Himalayan Skill University' in District Sirmour in Himachal Pradesh, subject to following terms and conditions:

1. (a) establish an Endowment Fund of ₹ Three Crores in accordance with the provisions contained in para 11 of the guidelines;
- (b) acquire at least 50 bighas/ 100 Kanals land on ownership basis or on lease from Government/ Government Institutions/ Local Bodies for a lease period of atleast 30 years.
- (c) acquire and construct a minimum of 15,000 Square meters of covered space and that 100 percent of the area should be used for educational and academic purposes;
- (d) purchase books and journals, including subscription thereof, of at least worth ₹Ten Lakh or as per the norms of Regulating Bodies, whichever is higher, and give an undertaking to incur expenditure for library networking and other facilities so as to well equip the library and to provide adequate facilities within first three years which shall not be less than ₹Thirty Lakh or as per the norms of Regulating Bodies, whichever is higher;
- (e) purchase equipment, computers, furniture, other movable and immovable assets and infrastructure facilities ((except buildings, under clause (b)) worth ₹ One hundred Lakh or as per norms of the regulating bodies, whichever is higher, and give an undertaking to procure within the first five years equipment, computers, furniture, other movable and immovable assets and infrastructure facilities other than buildings under clause (b) worth not less than ₹ Three hundred Lakh or as per the norms of Regulating bodies, whichever is higher;

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- (f) give an undertaking to provide at least 25% reservation in admissions in each course to the students who are Bonafide Himachalis on the basis of merit;
- (g) give an undertaking to appoint at least one Professor, two Associate Professors and adequate number of Lecturers alongwith necessary supporting staff in each department or discipline at least one month before commencement of studies;
- (h) give an undertaking to take up co-curricular activities like seminars, debates, quiz programmes and extra-curricular activities like games, sports, National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps. etc. for the benefit of students as per the norms laid down by the Regulating Bodies;
- (i) give an undertaking for the establishment of provident fund and to take up welfare programmes for the employees;
- (j) give an undertaking not to dissolve the University before fifty years of its establishment;
- (k) fulfil such other conditions and provide such information as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) or any other statutory body established by the Law of the Central or the State Government;
- (l) give an undertaking that the Vice Chancellor will be appointed as per the Guidelines of University Grants Commission/ State Government;
- (m) give an undertaking that the assets of the University without liabilities free from all encumbrances will vest with the Government if the University is dissolved before fifty years;
- (n) give an undertaking that assets without liabilities free from all encumbrances will vest with the Government if the University is dissolved on account of contravention of the provisions of Act, Rules, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, directives of the Government/ other bodies;
- (o) Essentiality Certificate will be issued after issuance of Letter of Intent by the Government. The Government will also fix an upper limit of land for issue of Essentiality Certificate in view of the Project Report;
- (p) Deviation from courses for which the Letter of Intent has been issued will only be allowed with the prior approval of the Government;
- (q) give an undertaking that 80% of the Class-III and Class-IV posts to be filled in from the Bonafide Himachalis. In other posts also Bonafide Himachalis will be given preference;
- (r) fulfil such other conditions and provide such information as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India

- Council of Technical Education (AICTE) or any other statutory body established by the Law of the Central or State Government;
- (s) Trust/ Society/ Company which is the Governing Body should get its subsidiary Trust/ Society registered in the State of Himachal Pradesh to run its private University in the State;
 - (t) Infrastructure requirement of building, labs, libraries etc. should be further truncated into requirement of each course of study that the University wants to start;
 - (u) The Endowment Fund should be accompanied by an undertaking (in the form of an affidavit) and instructions to the Bank that the FDR will be automatically renewable;
 - (v) Post of Pro- Vice Chancellor may not be approved as per University Grants Commission (UGC);
 - (w) The Sponsoring Body shall seek approval of the concerned statutory Regulatory Authorities before starting the courses;
 - (x) The Certificate courses may not be approved for private Universities;
 - (y) The twinning programmes with Foreign Universities are not approved for the time being. The sponsoring body should supply the details for reconsideration of the same.
2. (i) The sponsoring body shall establish an Endowment Fund for the University with an amount of ₹ Three crores which shall be pledged to the Government;
- Provided that if the University is to be established in a Tribal Area, the amount of Endowment Fund shall be ₹ One Crore.
- (ii) The endowment fund shall be kept as security deposit to ensure strict compliance of the provisions of these guidelines and the provisions under the Act enacted for the University, Rules, Regulations, Statutes, Ordinances made thereunder.
 - (iii) The Government shall have the powers to forfeit, in the prescribed manner, a part or whole of the Endowment Fund in case the University or the Sponsoring body contravenes any of the provisions of these guidelines and the provisions under the Act enacted for the University, Rules, Regulations, Statutes, Ordinances made thereunder.
 - (iv) Income from Endowment Fund shall be utilized for the development of infrastructure of the University but shall not be utilized to meet out the recurring expenditure of the University.
 - (v) The amount of Endowment Fund shall be kept invested, until the dissolution of the University, by way of Fixed Deposit Accounts in any Scheduled Bank subject to the condition that this Fund shall not be withdrawn without the prior approval of the State Government.

3. The Sponsoring body shall fulfil the requirements and conditions specified in Para-I above and any other condition specified later within a period of two years from the date of issue of 'Letter of Intent' and report compliance to the Government.
4. On receipt of compliance report, the Government shall refer it to the Committee constituted under para-4, of the guidelines dated 4th July, 2014 & 16th July, 2014 to verify the compliance report and to submit its report to the Government within one month from the date of receipt thereof from the Government specifying whether the sponsoring body has fulfilled the requirements and conditions laid down in para-10 of the guidelines.
5. If the sponsoring body fails to comply with the provisions of para-1 above and para-10 of the Guidelines, its proposal shall stand rejected and the 'Letter of Intent' issued under the Guidelines shall stand cancelled.
6. The Government may further extend the time up to six months to the sponsoring body if there exists sufficient reasons for the delay.
7. For purchase of land, you should apply to the Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government for issue of Essentiality Certificate and any Essentiality Certificate issued earlier shall stand withdrawn.
8. You are, therefore, requested to fulfil the above requirements and conditions within a period of two years from the date of issuance of this letter and report compliance.

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Copy forwarded to following for information and further necessary action:

1. The Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.
2. The Joint Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110 002.
3. The Secretary, HP PEIRC, Happy Nest, Below Kangnadhur, BCS, Shimla-9.
4. The Registrar, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-171 005.
5. The Registrar, Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur, HP.
6. The Secretary, HP PEIRC, Happy Nest, Below Kangnadhur, BCS, Shimla-9.
7. All the Members of the Committee (By Name).
8. Guard File.

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