



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002

F. 6-86/2004(CPP-I)

March  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section-3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission, has declared '**Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology**' (PRIST), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, comprising '**Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College**', Thanjavur, Tamilnadu as Deemed to be University for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, provisionally for a period of five years vide notification No. F. 9-14/2004-U.3 dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 with effect from the date the Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College is disaffiliated from its affiliating university, namely, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamilnadu, subject to a condition that the status conferred upon the PRIST will be reviewed after five years by the UGC with the help of an Expert Committee. The status shall be confirmed only on the basis of the performance report of the UGC's Expert Review Committee and the recommendations of the UGC thereon. The declaration is subject to further conditions which are as follows:-

1. The PRIST should, as per the undertaking given by it with respect to creation of Corpus fund, immediately convert the requisite deposit into the joint name of PRIST and the UGC in consultation with the UGC. The Corpus fund should be an escrow account and irrevocable in nature. A report on compliance in this regard shall be submitted to the UGC and MHRD at the earliest.
2. The management of the trust formed to manage the deemed-to-be-university and that of the Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College should be the same.
3. All the moveable and immovable assets of Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College, Thanjavur should legally be transferred and vested, if not already done, with the PRIST, the Trust formed to manage the 'deemed-to-be-university' institution, and registered as such in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education. A report on compliance in this regard shall be submitted to the UGC and MHRD at the earliest.
4. The PRIST shall immediately finalize its Memorandum of Association (MoA) & Rules in line and in accordance with the model MoA/Rules prescribed by the UGC, and in concurrence with the UGC. A compliance report in this regard along with a copy of the revised MoA/Rules as approved by the UGC, shall be furnished

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to MHRD at the earliest. The specific changes / amendments, if any, suggested by the UGC or the Government of India shall be carried out by the deemed-to-be-university institution in its MoA/Rules with the approval of the UGC. As and when necessary, the deemed-to-be-university institution shall also suitably amend and update its MoA/Rules in consultation and in concurrence with the UGC.

5. The PRIST shall not undertake any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature

6. The PRIST shall take appropriate action to complete the procedural requirement, as provided for in its Trust Deed, to obtain approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax, Income Tax Department in respect of the amendment made in its Trust Deed through the Codicil of the Trust executed on 05.11.2007.

7. The academic programmes offered or to be offered by the PRIST / Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the respective Statutory Councils such as the UGC, AICTE, etc.

8. The PRIST shall start courses / programmes only in accordance with the relevant prescribed norms and guidelines of the UGC, AICTE, etc. Such courses / programmes started by it for the purpose of awarding degrees should also be in conformity with the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

9. The PRIST, as a deemed-to-be-university shall award degrees in respect of the courses run by the Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu only to those students who are admitted to the said college subsequent to the date on which this Notification takes effect for the purpose of the UGC Act, 1956. Accordingly, the PRIST shall make admission and enrolment of students to the academic courses of the Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College under it only with effect from the ensuing academic year (i.e. from 2008-2009).

10. As for those students who were already admitted prior to this notification and are pursuing their studies at the Ponnaiyah Ramajayam College presently, they shall continue to pursue their courses of study under affiliation to the present affiliating university, namely, the 'Bharathidasan University', Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, which shall agree to continue to conduct examinations for them and also to award degrees to them upon successful completion of the courses / programmes of study they are pursuing at the said institution presently.

11. The PRIST shall not offer / award, as the case may be, any degrees that are not specified by the UGC. The PRIST shall also ensure that the nomenclatures of the degrees to be awarded by it are specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

12. The PRIST shall take appropriate measures to start innovative academic programmes. The PRIST shall also take appropriate steps to strengthen its research activities and research ambience as is required of a deemed-to-be-university institution as per guidelines of the UGC.
13. All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils and other authorities concerned in the matter of admission of students, intake capacity of students, starting of new courses / programmes, renewal of approval to the courses, etc. will continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by the University and its constituent unit.
14. The PRIST shall take all the required steps to get valid accreditation in terms of instructions issued by the UGC vide circular No. F. 6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I) dated the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.
15. The By-laws, MoA and Rules of the PRIST shall also clearly specify the name of the Ponnaiah Ramajayam College.
16. The PRIST shall, in accordance with the affidavit dated 30.05.2007 submitted by it to the UGC, include a suitable provision in its MoA/Rules to make way for the UGC to take control of assets, etc. of the institution concerned, without any condition binding on them, in the event of winding up of the PRIST, at any point of time in future.
17. The PRIST or its constituent unit shall not conduct any distance education programmes without prior approval of the UGC and Distance Education Council (DEC). The guidelines issued by both the DEC and the UGC in the matter of imparting education through distance mode from time to time have to be strictly complied with by the Institute.
18. The PRIST shall not run any study centre / off-campus centre without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC / Government of India, as the case may be.
19. The PRIST shall take necessary action to fully rectify the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC's Expert Committee that visited and inspected the institution in February, 2006. Other suggestions, if any, made by the UGC's Expert Committees shall also be complied with by the PRIST to bring about overall improvement.
20. The PRIST and its constituent unit will abide by all the norms and guidelines laid down by the UGC, and other relevant Statutory Councils such as AICTE, etc. from time to time pertaining to the institutions notified as Deemed-to-be-Universities.

Neither the Government of India nor the University Grants Commission shall provide any Plan and Non-Plan grant-in-aid to Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology, Thanjavur or its constituent teaching units.

s/d

(S.C.Chadha)  
Deputy Secretary

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