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Subject: Clarification regarding Diploma in Engineering awarded through distance learning mode by four Deemed to be Universities.

AICTE is receiving number of representations/enquires from various Govt./Private organisations and students regarding the recognition/ validity of Diploma in Engineering and Technology awarded through distance learning mode by 4-Deemed to be Universities i.e. i) JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan, ii) Institute of Advanced Studies Education, Rajasthan (IASE), iii) Allahabad Agricultural Institute, (AAI) and iv) Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Tamil Nadu, (VMRF).

In this regard, it is informed that, it has been the policy of AICTE not to recognize the qualification acquired through distance mode at Diploma, Bachelors and Masters level in the field of Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Town Planning, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts and Crafts. The courses in Management, Computer application and Travel & Tourism is recognised by AICTE.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in MA No(s).1795-1796 of 2017 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 of 2017 case pertaining to Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd V/s. Rabi Sankar Patro and Ors., opined vide its judgement dated 22.01.2018 that the Judgment dated 03.11.2017 for the courses leading to Diploma was not the subject matter of the judgement while considering the validity of degrees awarded by these 4-listed Deemed to be Universities to candidates who were enrolled up to 2001-2005 for which AICTE-UGC conducted the examination for revalidating the Degree awarded by aforesaid Deemed to be Universities as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

AICTE as such has not given approval for conducting Diploma courses in Engineering through distance education mode to any technical institutions. Hence, AICTE cannot validate the diplomas awarded by these institutions. Hon'ble Supreme Court stated that Diploma course in Engineering is not under the purview of the aforesaid case.

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