#### TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED

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### ABSTRACT

TSTRANSCO – Regulations – Recognition of Degrees awarded by Deemed to be Universities & IGNOU – Amendment – Orders – Issued.

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T.O.O.(Jt-Secy-Per) Ms.No.923

Dt.14.12.2020 Read the following

- 1. BP Ms.No.596 dt.6-6-1978.
- 2. BP (P&G.PER) Ms.No.354 dt.12-12-1994.
- 3. T.O.O.(Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.69, dt.06.07.2007.
- 4. T.O.O.(Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.195, dt.14.12.2007.
- 5. Memo.No.Addl.Secy/DS(L&P)/AS(L)/PO(Reg. & HRMS)/JPO/457/07, dt.17.03.2008.
- 6. T.O.O.(Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.134, Dt.11.09.2008.
- 7. T.O.O.(Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.186, Dt.27.10.2008.
- 8. Memo.No.Addl.Secy./DS(L,IR&R)/AS(L,IR&R)/PO(Reg & HRMS)/ JPO/430/10, dt.16.12.2010.
- 9. Circular Memo.No.Addl.Secy./DS(L,IR&R)/AS(L,IR&R)/PO(Regulation)/ JPO-1/468/12, dt.13.09.2013.
- 10.T.O.O.(Jt.Secy-Per) Ms.No.151, Dt.13.10.2017.
- 11. Judgment dt.03.11.2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal Nos.17869-17870 of 2017.
- 12. Judgment dt.22.01.2018 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in M.A.Nos.1795-1796 of 2017 in Civil Appeal Nos.17869-17870 of 2017.
- 13. Judgment dt.11.03.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in M.A.No.3092 of 2018 of Writ Peition (C) No.382 of 2018.
- 14.T.O.O.(Jt-Secy-Per) Ms.No.400 Dt.06.07.2019
- 15.Lr.No.1218/HR.A1/2019-2 dt.17-2-2020 of Special Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.
- 16.T.O.O. (Jt.Secy-Per) Ms.No.740 dt.26-03-2020.
- 17.Lr.No.CMD/CGM(HRD)/GM(S)/AS(Estt.)/PO-A/275-A3/2020-1 dt.07-09-2020.
- 18. Judgment dt.13-08-2019 in CC (C) Nos.408-209 of 2019 in CA Nos.17869-17870 of 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 19. Judgment dt. 18-09-2020 in WP (C) No. 1341 of 2019 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 20. Judgment dt.10-11-2020 in WP No.19947 of 2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana.

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# **ORDER:-**

In the references 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> cited, orders were issued regarding recognition of Degrees / Diplomas awarded by Universities / Deemed Universities / Institutions through Regular / Part Time / Distance Education Modes for considering Recruitment, Promotion, Incentive Increments or any other service benefits and also ordered that the Degrees / Diplomas awarded to the programmes offered through Distance Education Mode by Institute of Advance Studies in Education (IASE), Rajasthan are not recognised degrees for recruitment, promotions, incentive increments or any other service benefits.

- 2. In reference 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> cited, orders were issued that the degrees awarded to the courses offered under distance mode through study centers by other State Universities beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the respective State are not legally valid and the degrees awarded by IASE, Rajasthan Deemed to be University were not considered for Recruitment, Promotion, Incentive Increments or any other service benefits.
- 3. Certain Employees Unions / Associations have requested to consider the B.Tech. Degree awarded by Four Deemed to be Universities i.e., (1) JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur, Rajasthan (2) Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, (3) Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh (4) Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation Selam, Tamilnadu for promotions and consequential benefits as per the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in reference 11th and 12th cited and also requested to consider the B.Tech Degrees/Diplomas awarded by IGNOU to those cases who were admitted up to the academic year 2009-2010 for recruitment, promotion or any other service benefits as per the Judgment referred at 13th cited.

- 4. The above issue was discussed in the TSPCC Meeting held on 14.06.2019, wherein it was decided to consider the B.Tech Degrees awarded by Four Deemed to be Universities and the B.Tech Degrees / Diplomas awarded by IGNOU as per the judgments 11th, 12th & 13th cited respectively. Accordingly, in T.O.O. 14th cited orders were issued to consider the B.Tech Degrees awarded by Deemed to be Universities and B.Tech Degrees / Diplomas awarded by IGNOU prospectively.
- 5. Thereafter, the Law Department, Government of Telangana vide letter 15th cited opined that the candidates who have cleared the Special Examination conducted by UGC-AICTE within the stipulated time (i.e., first attempt or second attempt) have to be restored all the advantages / benefits and their degrees will stand revived fully and amendment be issued to T.O.O. 14th cited. Accordingly, in terms of the opinion of Law Department, Government of Telangana, amendment was issued to para 6 (iii) (b) of T.O.O. 14th cited and ordered that the candidates who have cleared the Special Examination conducted by UGC-AICTE within the stipulated time (i.e., first attempt or second attempt) shall be restored all the advantages / benefits and their Degrees will stand revived fully, duly deleting the orders issued at para 6 (iii) (c) and also ordered that the existing para 6 (iii) (d) shall be read as para 6 (iii) (c) in T.O.O 16th cited.
- 6. In letter 17<sup>th</sup> cited, the Chairman & Managing Director / TSNPDCL sought certain clarification for implementation of the Judgment 18<sup>th</sup> cited passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India:

"the concened candidates who had not attained any particular status, as on the date when the judgment was passed, the width of the directions was not to confer any additional advantage which was not even enjoyed as on the date. It was not the idea to hold the candidate to be entitled to certain additional benefits which the candidates were, as a matter of fact, not even enjoying on the date of the judgment. If the degrees stood restored in terms of the directions in the Judgment and the Order, the candidates would certainly be eligible to such entitlements as are available in accordance with law, but "restoration" would only be of those benfits, which they were enjoying as on the date of the Judgment. In short, the intent was to restore status quo ante and not to confer any additional advantage by the Judgment and the Order".

- 7. In the TSPCC Meeting held on 03-11-2020 it was decided to validate the Degrees / Diplomas awarded by IGNOU for the Academic Years 2010-11 & 2011-12 i.e., as per the Judgment dt.18-09-2020 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (Civil) No.1341 of 2019 and decided to extend the relief prospectively.
- 8. In the judgment 20<sup>th</sup> cited, the Hon'ble High Court ordered that "the amendment carried out to para 6 (iii) (b) of T.O.O. (Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.186 dt.27-10-2008 vide proceedings dt.16-04-2020 is suspended, as the same is contrary to the judgment of the Hon'ble Suprme Court in Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation Limited V. Rabi Sankar Patro and others reported in 2018 (1) SCC 468"
- 9. After careful examination and in supersession of the orders issued in T.O.O. (Jt.Secy-Per) Ms.No.400 dt.06-07-2019 and T.O.O. (Jt.Secy-Per) Ms.No.740 dt.26-03-2020 TSTRANSCO hereby issues the following amendment to T.O.O. (Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.186 dt.27-10-2008:

#### **AMENDMENT-I**

The existing para 6(iii) of T.O.O.(Addl.Secy-Per) Ms.No.186, dt.27.10.2008 shall be read as follows:

Para 6(iii): The B.Tech Degrees awarded by the Deemed to be Universities i.e., (i) JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur, Rajasthan; (ii) Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarsahr, Rajasthan; (iii) Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh; and (iv) Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation, Selam, Tamil Nadu shall be treated as valid for recruitment, promotions, incentive increments or any other service benefits, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The employees should have obtained NOC to pursue B.Tech Degree through distance mode and enrolled during the academic session 2001-05 in the above four Deemed to be Universities and cleared Special Examination conducted by UGC-AICTE in the months of June / December'2018;
- b. The candidates who were extended the advantages / benefits, if any, prior to 03-11-2017 on the strength of their degrees obtained from the above Deemed to be Universities shall not be reviewed/disturbed.
- c. The B.Tech Degrees shall be validated and the advantages / benefits shall be extended prospectively i.e., from the date of issuance of T.O.O.(Jt.Secy-Per) Ms.No.400, dt.06-07-2019.
- d. The B.Tech Degrees awarded by the concerned Deemed to be Universities after the academic session of 2001-2005, shall be treated as not valid for the purpose of recruitment, promotions or any other service benefits.
- e. The conversions shall be in terms of Note (2) of Service Regulation-6 of APSEB Service Regulations Part-III as adopted by TSTRANSCO.

### **AMENDMENT-II**

After the para 6(v) of T.O.O. (Addl.Secy-Per)Ms.No.186 dt.27-10-2008 the following shall be inserted:

- Para- 6 (vi): The B.Tech Degrees/Diplomas awarded by IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) to the candidates who were admitted upto the academic year 2009-2010 shall be considered for recruitment, promotion or any other service benefits w.e.f. 06-07-2019 (i.e., from the date of issuance of T.O.O. (Jt.Secy-Per) Ms.No.400 dt.6-7-2019), subject to the condition that the employees should have obtained NOC prior to their admission to pursue B.Tech/Diploma from IGNOU.
- Para- 6 (vii): The B.Tech Degrees/Diplomas awarded by IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) to the candidates who were admitted during academic year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 shall also be considered for recruitment, promotion or any other service benefits prospectively i.e., from the date of issuance of this order, subject to condition that the employees should have obtained NOC prior to their admission to pursue B.Tech/Diploma from IGNOU.
- 11. These orders are also available on TSTRANSCO website and can be accessed at the address www.tstransco.in.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LTD.)

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