

# **Reply to the observations/comments by the State Governments based on the Inspection Committee Report vide its letter No.EDN-A-Ka(5)-1/2011 dated 28 June, 2011.**

**1. B.Pharma Course:** The discontinuity of the course on the assumption that it lacked the approval of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) requires rectification as the approval of PCI is available for running the said course. The enclosed letter mentioned below has been sent to the Principal Secretary (Hr. Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

The Principal Secretary (Hr Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Shimla-171002

Sub: Regarding inspection of the private university established in the State of Himachal Pradesh – Permission of PCI for B.Pharma

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No.EDN-A-Ka(5)-1/2011 dated 28 June, 2011 on the subject cited above.

The course has been approved by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) under Section 12 of the Pharmacy Act 1948 (Copy enclosed), which authorizes the University to run the B.Pharma programme.

It is, therefore, requested that we may kindly be allowed to admit students in the B.Pharma.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**VICE CHANCELLOR**

Encl: Reproduced below:

Sub: Consideration of approval of B.Pharma course & examinations:

Sir,

This is a reference to the subject cited above. In this connection, I am directed to state that matter regarding approval of your institution was placed in 87<sup>th</sup> Central

Council of the PCI in its meeting held in February, 2011, which decided as under:-

- It was decided to-

- i) grant approval from 2008-09 to 2011-2012 academic session for 60 admissions for the conduct of Ist. IInd IIIrd and IVth year B.Pharma course.
- ii) allow 60 admissions for 2011-12 academic session (subject to submission of affiliation fee per annum to the PCI within the stipulated time period.

- It was further decided to inspect the institutin for considering final approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

For guidelines regarding “SIF submission last date” ;and “Affiliation fee”, kindly refer to Council’s website [www.pci.nic.in](http://www.pci.nic.in)

You are requested to follow the instructions of the PCI regarding submission of affiliation fee and Standard Inspection Form (SIF) within the stipulated time period as fixed by the PCI.

It is further directed to submit-

- a) duly filled in SIF in triplicate.
- b) duly attested affidavit for consideration of approval by the PCI u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to the effect that –

- Institute will restrict admission to sanctioned intake by PCI & will not admit students beyond sanctioned intake without prior approval of the PCI.
- Institute will not start additional Pharmacy Programme/start 2<sup>nd</sup>/evening/additional shift in the existing pharmacy institution.
- Institution shall comply with statutory norms and standards prescribed by the PCI from time to time.
- The entire consequences of failure to comply with the undertaking shall rest on the institution and PCI in no way shall be responsible for the same.

Sd/-  
(Archana Mudgal)  
Registrar-cum-Secretary, PCI

## **2. M.Pharma:**

As per HP Government permission of PCI for M.Pharma course in Mandatory. But after scrutinizing the relevant record, it is appealed that the

matter requires reconsideration particularly when e.mail from AICTE (GPAT) reproduced below does not attribute to it:

Mr. Yadav to me

PCI Approval is not required for starting M.Pharm course. But AICTE approval is certainly required for this.

Coordinator

--- On Sun, 3/7/11, vishal anand <[anand.silb@gmail.com](mailto:anand.silb@gmail.com)> wrote:

From: vishal anand <[anand.silb@gmail.com](mailto:anand.silb@gmail.com)>

Subject: Fwd: Urgent Clarification on M Pharma approval for Private State University Departments

To: [gpat2011@yahoo.com](mailto:gpat2011@yahoo.com)

Date: Sunday, 3 July, 2011, 6:02 AM

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The aforesaid e.mail from AICTE (GPAT) Coordinator explicitly explains that the PCI approval is not mandatory. However, the requirement of AICTE approval is required but in case of Universities it is not applicable as per the AICTE notifications (Annexure-I)

**Other supporting facts are:-**

(i) Shoolini University has been approved under section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948. (Annexure A-II) (Please see annexure under B.Pharma)

(ii) The approval is for running the B. Pharmacy programme & examination.

(iii) Shoolini University has been inspected and given approval by UGC.(Annexur-III)

(iv) The UGC team comprised of a nominee of the Pharmacy Council of India and favourable remarks have been given post inspection with respect to Pharmacy Department running B Pharma, M Pharma and Ph D programmes. (Annexure -III) (Please consult the website of UGC)

(v) The Pharmacy Act 1948 u/s 12 clearly states that the regulation is pertaining to qualification for registration as a pharmacist under this Act. (Annexure-IV) (Please consult website of Pharmacy Council [www.pci.nic.in](http://www.pci.nic.in))

(vi) PCI clearly states that "registration as a pharmacist" requires B Pharma programme duly approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948. (Annexue-IV)

(vii) Education Regulations 1991 framed under section 10 of Pharmacy Act defines the qualification for registration as a pharmacist – A Diploma in Pharmacy or a Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy under section 12 of Pharmacy Act 1948.(Annexure-V)

(viii) The Act does not mention M Pharmacy education standards or approval at any stage.(Annexure A-V)

(ix) There are no formats or application or notification for approval of M Pharma programme on PCI web site.

(x) GPAT the official Examination Body of AICTE for M Pharma in its reply to one of the questions regarding the approval of University Departments for running M Pharma, reiterates the fact that for M Pharma PCI approval is not mandatory.(Annexure -VI)

(xi) The notification issued by the PCI instructing the educational institutions to appoint such teachers who have passed M.Pharma from the Institutes which are duly approved by the PCI. Here, it means that those institutes which have approval of the PCI for running B.Pharma course and no where it indicates that for M.Pharma the approval of PCI is mandatory (Annexure-VII).

(xii) Unlike MCI which is the regulatory body for medical education, research and profession (including registration of MBBS students), the PCI is only authorized to control professional education for the purpose of registration of Pharmacy graduates i.e. at Diploma and Degree level. However, the authority to set up a new institute in Pharmacy lies within the jurisdiction of AICTE both for B.Pharma and M.Pharma in line with B.Tech and M.Tech programmes. Hence the comparison of PCI with MCI does not speak of equivalence.

### **3. Faculty Deficiency in Engineering courses [B.Tech Electronic and Communication Engineering (ECE), Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) and Mechanical Engineering (ME) and M.Sc. Physics]**

#### **A. Engineering Courses**

(1) As per the AICTE norms, the teacher-taught ratio is 1:15. In first year of the technology courses the subject matter includes two components i.e. core and Basic Sciences and Humanities subjects. The following table, computed from the course curriculum of HP University, Shimla, for the first year embodies 58 per

cent course contents in basic sciences and humanities and the remaining 42 per cent belong to core subjects.

### B.Tech. syllabi (Himachal University) First Year

Group A (CSE & IT)	Group B (ECE & EEE)
1. Applied Maths –I	1. Applied Maths –I
2. Applied Physics-I	2. Applied Physics-I
3. Engineering Graphics Drawing	3. Chemistry
4. Comm. & Professional Skills	4. Science, Technology & Society
5. Basic Electronics	5. Basic Electrical Engineering
6. Introduction to Computers & Programming in C	6. Basic Mechanical Engineering
<b>Engineering Subjects = 03</b> <b>Science/Hum. Subjects = 03</b>	<b>Engg. Subjects = 02</b> <b>Science/Hum. Subjects = 04</b>

**Total Engineering Subjects in Group A & B = 05**

**Total Science/Humanities Subjects in Group A & B = 07**

**Weightage of Engineering Subjects = 42 %**

**Weightage of Science/Humanities Subjects = 58**

(2) In engineering faculty, out of a total of 335 students registered till date (2009-10 and 2010-11), 252 belong to first year. According to AICTE norms, the engineering faculty requires 22 teachers whereas in Shoolini University the strength is 26, including four from biotechnology faculty. Details are summarized below.

#### AICTE norms regarding teacher: taught ratio = 1:15

Students detail	No.of students	Faculty as per norms	Faculty in position		
			Total	Core	Basic Sc.& Humanities
Total students registered	335	22	26	18	8
Total students strength in CSE, ECE & ME	166	11			
M.Tech. qualification			17	9	8
M.Tech+one B.Tech + 2 MCAs			20	12	8

(3) As per AICTE norms, eight teachers from basic sciences and humanities constitute the requirements. The details are given below.

1. Mr Virender Partap, Associate rofessor (Physics)
2. Dr Poonam Sharma, Assistant Professor (Maths)
3. Mr Neeraj Gandotra, Assistant Profesor (Maths)
4. Mr Srinivas Thota, Assistant Professor (Math)
5. Mr Pankaj Sharma, Assistant Professor (Chemistry)
6. Ms Shelly Thakur, Assisnat Professor (Communication Skill)
7. Ms Shailja Verma, Assistant Professor (Maths)
8. Mr :Sunil Kumar, Assistant Professor (Chemistry)

(4) For the remaining 42 per cent, one teacher each in mechanical engineering, ECE and CSE is the actual requirement.

The course-wise comments on the deficiency shown in the Inspection Committee Report are explained below:

### **1. Electronic and Communication Engineering:**

The course was introduced in 2010-11 with 70 students, five teachers served this Department.

1. Er Himanshu Monga, M. Tech Associate Professor (Electronics)
2. Er Raj Kumar Saini, M.Tech, Associate Professor (Electrical Power System)
3. Es Jyoti Bhola M.Tch. Assistant Professor (Electronics)
4. Er Tarun Sharma, M.Tech (Communication Electronics)
5. Er Lalit Sharma, B.Tech. Teaching Assistant (Electronics)

*New Appointments: Appointment letters issued, likely to join in July, 2011*

6. Er Rajan Sharma, Associate professor, ECE
7. Er Raheem Khan, Assistant Prof. ECE
8. Er Parveen Kumar, Assistant Professor, ECE

It is not understandable as to how the Inspection Committee has shown deficiency of teaching faculty. The teaching load of basic sciences, taught by basic sciences and humanities teachers are additional.

The matter requires re-consideration.

### **2. Department of Computer Science & Engineering:**

The department started functioning in 2009-10 and a total of 33 students are representing the combined strength of first and second year. Five teachers were representing the department in 2011-12 in the core faculty. Of these, two

are MCAs. (System analysts). Two more teachers have joined after inspection. The following teachers currently constitute the faculty.

1. Er Surinder Sharma, MCA, M.Tech, PGDBM, Associate Professor (CSE)
2. Er Pankaj Vaidya, ME, Associate Professor (CSE & EEE)
3. Er Madan Singh, M.Tech, Associate Professor (CSE)
4. Er Gaurav Gupta, M.Tech, Assistant Professor (IT)
5. Er Vandana Mohindru, M.Tech, Assistant Prof (CSE)
6. Ms Meenu Sood, M.Sc. BCA, System Analyst (IT)
7. Ms Bharti Thakur, MCA, System Analyst (IT)

*New Appointments: Appointment letters issued, likely to join in July, 2011:*

8. Er Tanvi Arora M.Tech, Associate Professor (CSE) (Likely to join shortly)
9. Er Mukesh Kumar, M.Tech Assistant Professor (Likely to join shortly)

Thus the departmental strength of three core teachers (along with two MCAs) and another three from basic sciences and humanities is higher than the AICTE requirement for a total of 33 students in 2010-11.

### **3. Department of Mechanical Engineering:**

The Department was started in 2010-11 with 70 students and core faculty of two teachers and another three belong to Basic Sciences and Humanities. The following teachers are currently serving the core disciplines of the Department:

1. Er Vishall Jagota, ME, Assistant Professor (Mech Engg)
2. Er Gaurav Sharma, M.Tech, Assistant Professor (Mech. Engg)

*New Appointments: Appointment letters issued, likely to join in July, 2011:*

3. Er Mithilesh Sharma, ME, Assistant Professor (Mech Engg)
4. Er Snehsheet Sharma, M.Tech, Assistant Professor (Prod. Engg)
5. Er Praveen Sharma, ME, Assistant Professor, (Mech. Engg)
6. Er Amardeep Singh Kang, ME, Assistant Prof (Mech. Engg)

The indiction by the Inspection Committee cannot be substantiated from the aforesaid explanation.

### **4. M.Sc. Physics:**

The degree programme was introduced in 2010-11 with 12 students. 19 credits constitute the teaching load in each semester. Three teachers, (one Professor, One Associate Professor and one teacher on contract basis) were responsible for imparting academic instructions to M.Sc. Physics. The allocated teaching load prescribed for a teacher is 18 hours a week by the

UGC. Only two teachers were sufficient in first year. Two more teachers have joined recently. The current faculty includes the following teachers:-

1. Prof J.D.Sharma, Ph.D., Professor
2. Mr Rajesh Sharma, MSc. M.Phil. Assistant Professor
3. Dr Yoginder Pathania, PhD. (assigned B.Tech. teaching)
4. Ms Parul Sharma, M.Sc. M.Phil, Assistant Professor

*New Appointments: Appointment letters issued, likely to join in July, 2011:*

5. Dr Atul Thakur, Ph.D. Assistant Professor (Nanotechnology)
6. Dr Preeti Thakur, Assistant Professor Physics (Electronics & nanotechnology)

In view of the position explained above, the deficiency with regard to the faculty pointed out by the Inspection Committee may kindly be set aside and we may be allowed to start admission in these courses.

#### **New Courses:**

1. The Academic Council and the Board of Management of this University have approved to introduce the following new courses from the academic session 2011-12 as already intimated to your goodself vide this office letter No.SUBMS/11-5231 dated 24-02-2011 to permit the induction of three new courses of which M.Phil and Ph.D. Economics have been dropped while for Ph.D. Chemistry, permission stands granted during 2010-11 (four subjects i.e. Botany, Zoology, Chemistry and Physics).

- 1.M.Phil and Ph.D. in Economics,
2. B.Tech in Civil Engineering and
- 3.Ph.D in Chemistry

With regard to admission in B.Tech (Civil Engineering), it is to bring to your kind notice that necessary permission was sought immediately after the receipt of amendment in Section 31 of the Shoolini University Act, vide this office letter No.SUBMS/11-5231 dated 24-02-2011 (copy enclosed). After waiting for a considerable period, we advertised the B. Tech (Civil Engineering) course and have already admitted 45 students through entrance test in this course. The process of admission is further continuing.

It may be added that in B.Tech (Civil Engineering), the students would be studying in the first year of Engineering which is common to all branches of Engineering and courses in Basic Science are primarily taught in the first year and the University has adequate number of teachers and infrastructure. There is no course in core Civil engineering in the first year. At least one senior teacher will be appointed to develop the department in first year. Required infrastructure and faculty in Civil Engineering would be arranged subsequently as per the

requirement in different semesters. The University is submitting an undertaking in this regard.

- (i) Since the deficiency shown in CSE, ECE and Mechanical Engineering is a case of misinterpretation, we may be allowed to undertake teaching in the aforesaid technology courses and M.Sc. Physics.
- (ii) The Civil Engineering, as a new subject, may also kindly be allowed to be introduced from the academic session 2011-12 in view of the position explained above.

**Sd/-**  
**Vice Chancellor**