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Sub: Special Provision for Reservation to SCs/STs and OBCs in Educational Institutions including private Educations Institutions – reg...

- Ref: 1. e-mail from AICTE dated 11-3-2026
2. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's order dated 12-3-2026

With reference to the above, please find enclosed herewith the aforesaid e-mail letter of AICTE for further needful action at your end.

This is for information and needful.

Encl: as above

To:

- 1 The Principals of all Engineering Colleges (Constituent, Affiliated, Autonomous) under ambit of VTU, Belagavi
- 2 The Chairpersons and Programme Coordinators of VTU PG Departments

Copy to:

- 1 Parliament Cell, AICTE, New Delhi
- 2 All the Regional Director(I/C) of VTU Regional Offices for information and needful.
- 3 All the Concerned Special Officers and Case-workers of Academic Section, VTU, Belagavi.
- 4 The Director(I/c), ITISMU, VTU, Belagavi- to upload on VTU website
- 5 The Secretary to VC, VTU Belgaum

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To,

All The Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and
All The Directorates of Technical Education
All The Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions

Sub: 370th Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports on "Implementation of Article 15(5) of Indian Constitution regarding Special Provision for Reservation to SCs/STs and OBCs in Educational Institutions including Private Educational Institutions" – reg.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the AICTE!

This is to bring to your notice that the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended that Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), including private unaided HEIs, mandatorily collect data on the caste category of all applicants seeking admission as well as admitted students in their institutions.

The Committee has observed that such data is important for HEIs as well as the concerned Department to understand the social composition of the student body and the prospective pool of applicants seeking admission to various programmes. It has also been noted that the current system of making caste declaration optional may lead to caste-blindness in the admission process. However, applicants and students may be given the option to declare that they do not have a caste identity, if they so choose. All these forms may be uploaded in the institutions web portal.

Accordingly, all AICTE approved institutions are advised to incorporate suitable provisions in their admission/application forms and related process for the collection of caste category details from all applicants as well as admitted students as recommend by the above Committee.

Institutions are further advised to ensure that the data so collected is maintained with due confidentiality and utilized strictly for statistical, policy planning and analytical purposes in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

All AICTE approved institutions are requested to take note of the above and ensure necessary compliance.

PFA: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bC6VQaAx51MNclKTUzp2lq_Tk8L4rjeY/view?usp=sharing

With Thanks and Regards

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