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Patna, Dated 15/06/2023

Subject: Regarding B.A/B.SC/B.Com (Honours) Four-Year Programme

This is in reference to the Letter No.- BSU(UGC)-02/2023-687, dated-15.05.2023 issued by the office of the Chancellor. It appears that vide the said letter, the Hon'ble Chancellor has been pleased to approve the Ordinance and Regulations for the Bachelor of Arts/Science/Commerce (Honours) 4-Year Programme under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) as per UGC Regulation (Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes) for its introduction in the Universities of Bihar under relevant provisions of the Bihar State Universities Act, 1976, Patna Universities Act, 1976, Nalanda Open Universities Act, 1995 and Aryabhatta Knowledge University Act, 2008 as amended up-to-date.

It may be worth mentioning that the capacity of the Universities to conduct a new programme has to be seen in totality, particularly in terms of their ability to conduct and successfully complete the existing on-going programmes. The State Government is of the view that the Universities of the Bihar, presently, do not have the capacity in terms of faculty, support staff and necessary classroom infrastructure to take up any new programme, given that their existing regular courses are running behind schedule. The delay with respect to the existing 3-Year graduate programmes extends from few months to more than a year. The post-graduate programmes are even more delayed.

In other words, most of the Universities are behind in terms of the academic calendar.

The State Government is taking every step to ensure that the Universities become up to date with respect to their academic calendar within next few months. And for that purpose, it proposes to issue an examination schedule, vide an official Gazette, for all the Universities under Section 30 of the Bihar State University Act, 1976. It may further be added that the Universities have to adhere to the said Gazette notification and the timelines mentioned therein. The Gazette notification shall contain all existing on-going graduate programmes, post-graduate programmes, vocational courses and other programmes being conducted by the Universities. *Thus, the State Government expects the Universities to strictly adhere to the Gazette notification likely to be issued shortly and not to conduct any examination not duly notified by the State Government.*

Given the circumstances, the State Government is of the view that the Universities should first complete the on-going courses, particularly the delayed ones. ***Thus, the State Government does not support the afore-mentioned four-year programme.***

In the light of the above, the State Government hereby requests the Hon'ble Chancellor's office to reconsider their letter no. 687 dated 15.05.2023.

Yours Sincerely
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(K.K. Pathak)

To,

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Memo No. 147/87 Patna, Dated 15.06.2023

Copy to:- The Vice-Chancellors, all the Universities of Bihar (except BAU/BASU) for information and necessary action.

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