

**Before H. P. Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission,  
Shimla -171009.**

Case No: 09 of 2020

Date of Institution: 09.06.2020

Date of Decision: 04.12.2021

In the matter of:

Rohit Bhagwat

.....Petitioner

*Versus*

Indus International University, Bathu, Distt. Una.

.....Respondent

**ORDERS**

The Commission received a complaint from the Petitioner through an email and mainly raised three irregularities of Indus International University, Distt.-Una, H.P.

1. Qualification of Vice- Chancellor.
2. Fake degree related to Lekh Raj (HOD Civil Engg.)
3. Degree awarded to four employees namely, Kulwinder Kaur, Jagriti, Shilpa Thakur and Sanjeev Dhiman.

The Petitioner had submitted various documents like resume of Mr. Subramanian Raman Iyer, e-mails by Indus University etc. as the evidence of his complaint.

The issue of qualification of Vice chancellor of respondent namely Dr. Subramanian Raman Iyer was dealt by the Commission and in the compliance of the direction issued by the Commission vide letter No. HPPERC/25/Indus/ Vol-II/2018-12746 dated 11.11.2020, the Respondent University removed Subramanian Raman Iyer from the post of Vice-Chancellor and consequently the issue was dropped during the hearing.

For remaining issue Commission constituted an inquiry/inspection committee on 10-06-2021. As per the findings of the inquiry committee, the Commission also provided opportunity to Respondent to defend the inquiry committee report. The Respondent filed objections to the report submitted by the Committee and submitted that Inspection committee failed to consider the entire martial produce before the committee and stated that committee has not assigned any reasons in its reports to make the observation that there was sheer

violation of ethics in examinations system. However, the Respondent failed to submit any supportive documents in their defence. After admitting the case since 30-09-2020, Respondent University did not submit the copy of FIR lodged by the Respondent against Lekh Raj and failed to provide any documents elucidating approval from UGC or any regulatory authority to award regular full time degree to their full time employee simultaneously.

**On the basis of inquiry report and document submitted by both the parties, Commission observe as under.**

1. The Bio data submitted to the Respondent University by Lekh raj clearly shows that his teaching experience as an Assistant Professor from Global Group of Institute is contradictory to the period as he obtained the M.Tech Degree from Manav Bharti University Solan. One individual cannot be present at different places at one time.
2. The Respondent University could not produce any document on record which shows that Indus University has got approval from any regulatory/ affiliating body through which they can allow their full time non-teaching employee for pursuing full time regular degree (M.Tech and M.B.A.) simultaneously.
3. Documents clearly shows that the erstwhile Registrar of Indus University has claimed SC/ST scholarship of their full time regular employee namely Sanjeev Dhiman by showing him a regular student of M.Tech Programme. And during this tenure, Sanjeev Dhiman got full salary from the Indus University for his service as an employee (Network Administrator) and also got scholarship from HP Govt. under SC/ST scholarship scheme as regular full Time student of M.Tech. course.
4. It is also found that the then Registrar has also awarded a fake certificate to Ms. Kulwinder Kaur on 28/09/2018 for Government job. As per the record she was working as Assistant Examination department of Indus University since her appointment from 14-12-2012 till 9-April-2016. But the University authority issued an experience mentioning that she worked as Assistant Professor in Computer Science department in Indus University from 17-12-2012. This certificate was issued to Ms. Kulwinder Kaur so that she can apply for any Govt job.

**After perusal of all records, the Commission hereby pass the following order:**


1. The matter related to fake degree of Lekh Raj is already before Honourable High Court in C.W.P. No 888 of 2020.

2. The matter related to quashing of degree of four employees namely Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Ms Jagrit Kaul, Ms Shilpa and Sanjeev Dhiman be forwarded to the University Grant Commission as the HP-PERC lacks the jurisdiction.
3. The matter related to scholarship claimed by the then Registrar Indus University for Mr. Sanjeev Dhiman be forwarded to Director of Higher Education, Shimla and Director General of Police, HP for further inquiry and appropriate action.
4. The matter related to experience certificate issued to Ms. Kulwinder Kaur be forwarded to UGC and Director of Higher Education for appropriate action.
5. The Commission also request Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh to direct Una Police to re-investigate in FIR 67/2020 lodged against Indus University by Asutosh at Police Station, Horoli, Distt.-Una and facts and finding of this Commission must take into consideration in this FIR.
6. The Commission impose penalty to the tune of 3.00/- lakhs for malpractices irregularities on the part of respondent University which will deposited in the Bank account of HP-PERC within 30 days from the issuance of this order.
7. University must avoid such malpractice and irregularities in future so that the qualification of education must be maintained in the state.

The above shall order come into the power with immediate effect.

Matter stand adjudicated. Representations / applications, pending if any, in this matter also stand disposed off. Orders be uploaded on website of the Commission. File after completion be consigned to record room.

Announced.

(Major General  Atul Kaushik)  
Chairman

(Prof. Shashi Kant Sharma)  
Member