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शिक्षा, उच्च शिक्षा, प्रशिक्षण एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा,  
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एवं भाषा, पर्यटन, जनसंपर्क, सेवाएँ  
एवं सतर्कता मंत्री

Respected *Sharmendra Pradhan ji,*

I would like to bring to your kind notice the issues related to the governance of 12 colleges located in Delhi and affiliated with the University of Delhi. We look forward to your support in finding a viable solution to their ongoing problems, but also lay down a path for them to attain excellence in higher education as envisaged by the National Education Policy 2020.

As you know, these colleges are governed under Delhi University Ordinance XVIII. This ordinance lays down the framework for colleges other than those maintained by the Government of India. There are 12 colleges in Delhi which are affiliated to University of Delhi and funded by the Government of NCT Delhi, i.e not maintained by the Government of India.

In last few years, Directorate of Audit, Government of NCT Delhi has noted several serious irregularities and procedural lapses involving hundreds of crores from public exchequer. Some examples of these irregularities are as follows:

1. Colleges have created posts and engaged teaching and non teaching staff without the approval of their administrative department and Finance Department of Government of NCT Delhi.
2. Salaries worth several crores are being paid who were never appointed through the established procedures.
3. Unauthorised appropriation of funds from GIA- Salary to GIA- General.
4. Arbitrary and irregular payments towards sanitation & security services, allotment of canteen and other contractual services.
5. Despite having crores of funds lying in their corpus, many of these colleges have not taken any initiative to pay the salaries or other dues of their staff, in a timely manner.

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In my view these are symptoms of a larger malice that plague these colleges. Though these colleges are affiliated with University of Delhi, they are not answerable to it for judicious utilisation of their grants. On the other hand, they also do not feel answerable towards Directorate of Higher Education of Government of NCT Delhi, which is their administrative department, because they are affiliated to University of Delhi, a central University. As a result, neither the University of Delhi nor the Government of NCT of Delhi seems to have any reasonable oversight in the affairs of these colleges. As a result, even the Government of NCT of Delhi has felt constrained to take action against the management of these colleges even in the face of such established malpractices.

While I firmly believe that colleges should have reasonable autonomy to run the institution in the best interest of its current and future students, no government can be expected to be unaccountable towards public exchequer.

Therefore, in order to address this situation and to find permanent solution that balances accountability of colleges with autonomy, may I offer two options for your kind considerations:

**Option 1:** The Government of India may direct the University of Delhi to de-affiliate these 12 colleges. Subsequent to that, the Government of NCT Delhi (GNCTD) will designate them as campus of 'Ambedkar University' or 'Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University'. The GNCTD will thereafter provide full funding to these institutions. Over the years, these colleges may become an autonomous degree granting colleges (AC) as envisaged in section 10.3 of the National Education Policy 2020.

**Option 2:** If these colleges remain affiliated to University of Delhi, the Government of India may take the responsibility to fully fund these 12 colleges directly through UGC or the proposed Higher Education Grants Council (HEGC) in future. If the colleges remain affiliated to and under the administrative control of University of Delhi, Government of NCT Delhi will not allocate any Grant in aid fund in its Annual Financial Statement for these 12 colleges starting from the next financial year i.e 2024-25 onwards. Accordingly, the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of NCT Delhi will cease to be the administrative department for these colleges.

I request you to kindly consider any of these two options. While, we prefer option 1 in view of the fact that our Government is committed to provide quality education to all students of Delhi and many students from remote areas of Delhi take admission in these colleges. However, it will not be possible for us to do that unless the Government of NCT of Delhi is fully responsible for their administrative, financial and academic functions. Nevertheless, we would be fine with option 2 as well in case the Government of India finds that to be more suitable.

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In either case, we request you to kindly work out a time bound transition so that this uncertainty is removed within the remaining months of the current financial year itself. Accordingly, I request you to kindly take decision within a month about which of the two options would the Government of India like to exercise. Thereafter, in next three months, i.e. before March 31, 2024, the transition based on the decision may be operationalised.

To conclude, let me assure you once again that we intend to work closely with the Ministry of Education, Government of India to find a lasting solution for effective governance of these 12 colleges so that they meet the aspirations of its students.

  
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To

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