F. No. AICTE/Centralized Counselling/ 2022-23

Sub: Admission of students under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) for the students of UTs of J&K and Ladakh during Academic Session 2022-23.

Sir / Madam,

Greetings from All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

The Prime Minister’s Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) is an ambitious scheme launched by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and entrusted with the responsibility of administering the Scheme for the students of UTs of J&K and Ladakh. The main objective of the scheme is to encourage the youth of J&K and Ladakh to pursue higher studies outside the UTs. In this regard, total 5000 scholarships were awarded to the students in Institution / Colleges of the country for General / Professional / Medical streams courses to study undergraduate programmes. The admission under the Scheme is given on the basis of supernumerary seats created by Regulatory Bodies of Government of India like All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), University Grants Commission (UGC), Indian Nursing Council (INC), Pharmacy Council of India, Council of Architecture etc.

The online counseling process for academic year 2022-23 is going on and meritorious students were allotted seats / colleges and are now approaching the respective institution / college for online / offline admission formalities. Some of the beneficiary students have sent their grievances to the Council that some Institutions / Colleges are not entertaining the allotment letter issued by the AICTE, New Delhi by saying that they are not aware of PMSSS and asking for academic fee in advance.

In this context, it is informed that the PMSSS Scholarships covers the academic fee (with a limit of Rs. 30,000/- (General Courses), Rs. 1.25 Lakh (Professional Courses) and Rs. 3.00 Lakh (Medical Streams) or equal to the actual fee prescribed by the State Fee Regulatory Body / Institution whichever is less) directly in the College account and release maintenance allowance in 10 equal installments of Rs. 10,000/- each in beneficiary students saving bank account to meet the hostel / mess and other incidental charges. Therefore, Colleges are requested not to ask the students to pay any academic fee, except refundable security deposits.

All the colleges / institutions to which students under the PMSSS Counselling 2022-23 have been allotted admission are hereby directed to admit them for their studies. The last date of joining the institute is available in calendar of events on AICTE website.

By not admitting the student in the course / institution may lead to cancellation of seats and have serious repercussions on his / her career path. You are, therefore, requested to facilitate the student approaching you with our allotment letter and complete the admission formalities.

Your co-operation on the above matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(Prof. Rajive Kumar)

All the Principals of the Colleges/ Institutions