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To

All Vice chancellors of Technical Universities,

Subject: Clarification on NOC Requirement for AICTE Approvals

Greetings from AICTE.

This communication aims to provide clarification regarding the requirement of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for institutions seeking AICTE approval. Recent instances have highlighted the need for clarity on whether institutions must obtain prior NOCs from State Governments or affiliating bodies before applying for AICTE approval for establishing new institutions or increasing in intake capacity.

As outlined in the AICTE Approval Process Handbook, obtaining an NOC from State Governments or affiliating universities is not mandated as a prerequisite for AICTE approval. Institutions are, however, required to adhere to applicable Central, State, and Local regulations, as well as the norms prescribed by other regulatory bodies, to ensure compliance and facilitate smooth operations following approval.

AICTE's approval process is designed to prevent duplication and delays by focusing on adherence to uniform national norms and standards. This ensures a transparent and efficient approval mechanism, fostering equitable growth in Technical Education across all states. Institutions are encouraged to independently fulfill any state-specific requirements in parallel with AICTE's approval process.

This policy reflects AICTE's commitment to upholding national standards while respecting the administrative processes at the state level. By adopting this approach, AICTE ensures that institutions can efficiently proceed with their plans without compromising on quality or compliance.

We appreciate your continued support in advancing the technical education landscape in India. Should you require further clarification or assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

(Prof. Rajive Kumar)