



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

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BCI:D:2024/2020

Date: 24.08.2020

To,

Prof. (Dr.) Vandana,
Head & Dean,
Faculty of Law,
University of Delhi,
New Delhi.

Dear Ma'am,

This is to bring to your kind attention that we are in receipt of your two emails dated 21.08.2020, addressed to the undersigned.

By virtue of your two emails, you have intimated that all students of LL.B in all three Centers of Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, have already appeared in their odd semester exams i.e., I/III/V semester held in December, 2019.

You have sought a clarification as to whether intermediate years students can be promoted on the basis of their previous performance only. You have further stated that they should not be subjected to writing any further assignments for promotions, as they have to appear in the end semester exam ultimately, as in these difficult times of the corona pandemic, it would be rigorous for the students to be subjected to double scrutiny by inducting an Internal examination component that does not exist otherwise in the normal circumstances.

It is hereby clarified that the BCI Circular dated 27.05.2020 bearing number BCI:D:1401/2020 and Press Release of 9th June, 2020 issued by the Bar Council of India had specified that All Students, except Final year students pursuing Law Degrees, should be promoted on the basis of performance of previous year's marks and marks obtained in the internal examination of the current year.

This measure was adopted solely due to the corona virus which has led to the pandemic Covid-19, that necessitated social/physical distancing and taking other precautionary measures to keep the virus at bay/to prevent the spread of the virus. Thus this step was taken to safeguard the students from being exposed to the risk of contracting the virus and also so that they can begin classes for the next academic session/year without any unnecessary delay.


Your emails and clarifications sought were placed before the General Council of the Bar Council of India on 23.08.2020, by way of video conferencing.

As per the decision of the Council, it is, thus, hereby clarified, that semester exams held previously may kindly be treated herein as akin to the term internal exams and no other further internal exams are required to be conducted, for the purpose of promoting such category of students to the next semester/year and all students categorized in our above referred circular and Press Release may kindly be promoted to the next year so that they can begin classes for the next academic session, without delay.

However, as has been clarified in our above referred Press Release of 9th June, 2020, it is also reiterated that after reopening of the three Centers of Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, the University shall conduct the end semester examination with respect to the year from which they/students have been promoted, within a reasonable period of time, though, such promoted students shall continue to study in the year to which they have been promoted, and in case, they are unable to pass/clear any such paper of such end semester exam of the year from which they have been promoted, they shall have to clear the same, before they are granted the degree.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

(Srimanto Sen)
Secretary