

Jawaharlal Nehru University
Clarifications Regarding 5th May 2016

UGC Gazette Notification

In view of queries raised on certain issues related to M.Phil/Ph.D. admission policy, the Administration seeks to put certain facts before the entire JNU Community.

The University Grants Commission issued a new notification on 5 May 2016 regarding “Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M. Phil/Ph.D. Degrees”, which was published in the Gazette of India on 5 July 2016, “in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M. Phil/ PhD Degree) Regulation, 2009

It says:

“They shall apply to every University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act, or a State Act, every affiliated college, and every Institution Deemed to be a University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956. They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Gazette of India.”

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 7th October 2016 and its adjourned meeting held on 20th October 2016 adopted UGC 5th May 2016 notification published in the Gazette of India on 5th July 2016. The same was endorsed by the Executive Council on November 22, 2016. .

After this, a comparative statement on existing provisions and proposed amendments was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on 23rd and 26th December 2016 for incorporation in the relevant ordinance. After the approval by the AC, the same was placed before the EC, which approved it on 3rd January 2016.

The university will now implement this new regulation.

Significantly, unless the 5th May 2016 regulations are followed, JNU will not be able to give the provisional certificate to the students since the UGC regulation 13.2 says:

“Prior to the actual award of the degree, the degree-awarding Institution shall issue a provisional Certificate to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of these UGC Regulations, 2016.”

In this regard, it may be noted that JNU partially adopted the UGC 2009 Regulations only in 2012. The students who were awarded Ph.D. degrees during 2009-2012 are now facing difficulties. Their applications for jobs in educational institutions are being rejected for want of a compliance certificate saying that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of 2009 UGC Regulations. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the students that the UGC Gazette Notification of 2016, which is mandatory for all universities, be implemented soon.

Concerns of teachers and students regarding some provisions in 2016 UGC Gazette Notification will be noted and the UGC will be approached for clarifications, if needed.