PUBLIC NOTICE

NCTE has been made aware that the attendance of Teacher – Pupils studying in various NCTE recognized programmes, is not being properly monitored by the affiliating bodies / universities, etc. As a result students with less than desirable attendance records have been reportedly allowed to appear in examinations. NCTE is committed towards ensuring quality teacher education and for this purpose directions are hereby issued to all recognized Teacher Education Institutions (hereafter TEIs) to implement a bio-metric attendance system which must accurately capture the presence of students on all working days.

It is directed, on the basis of powers available under Regulation, 2014, 8(13) read with 8(14) and Section 17 of the NCTE Act, 1993 (please see Annexure), that all recognized TEIs shall strictly follow the below mentioned directives:

i) Bio-metric attendance equipment must be installed within 30 days of the issue of this notice to accurately capture the attendance of appointed teaching faculty and each teacher-pupil enrolled for all NCTE recognized programmes offered in each TEI.

ii) Such record of attendance must be displayed on the website of the TEI always, with updates on a weekly basis, to enable regular monitoring by NCTE designated staff / organization.

iii) Non-compliance in this regard shall merit action for withdrawal of recognition under Section 17 of the NCTE Act, 1993, after following the due procedure laid down thereunder.

Copy to:

1. All Principal Secretaries Higher Education / School Education in State Governments for circulation.
2. All Directors, SCERT for circulation.
3. All Central Universities running NCTE recognized Teacher Education Programmes
4. All Regional Directors for ensuring that recognized TEIs under their jurisdiction are made aware of this Notice for strict compliance.
Regulation 8(13):

The institution shall maintain records, registers or other documents, which are essential for running an educational institution especially those prescribed under the relevant rules or regulation and norms and standards and guidelines or instructions of the Central or State or Union territory administrations, affiliating or examining bodies.

Regulation 8(14)

The institution shall adhere to the mandatory disclosure in the prescribed format and display up-to-date information on its official website.

Section 17 of the NCTE Act, 1993

Contravention of provisions of the act and consequences thereof

1) Where the Regional Committee is, on its own motion or on any representation received from any person, satisfied that a recognized institution has contravened any of the provisions of this Act, or the rules, regulations, orders made or issued thereunder, or any condition subject to which recognition under sub-section (3) of section 14 or permission under sub-section (3) of section 15 was granted, it may withdraw recognition of such recognized institution, for reasons to be recorded in writing:

Provided that no such order against the recognized institution shall be passed unless a reasonable opportunity of making representation against the proposed order has been given to such recognized institution:

Provided further that the order withdrawing or refusing recognition passed by the Regional Committee shall come into force only with effect from the end of the academic session next following the date of communication of such order.