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The Registrar,
Hazara University,
Mansehra.

Sub: Permission/Ratification for launching LL.M. programme in terms of Rule 13 of the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015.

Dear Sir,

This refers to application of your University, on the above cited subject.

As you are aware that Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council, in its meeting held on 31-08-2024, considered the above matter, in presence of representative of your University. The decision so taken is reproduced hereunder for your kind information, compliance and necessary action please.

“Mr. Zakria Khalid, Deputy Registrar, was present to represent the applicant University.

The Chair placed the above cited matter before Members and apprised that Legal Education Committee, in its meeting held on 10-05-2024, considered the matter of Hazara University Mansehra for approval of its LL.M. programme and the decision so taken is reproduced as under;

“Mr. Zakria Khalid, Deputy Registrar and Dr. Sara Qayum, HOD Law, were present to represent the applicant University.

The Chair placed the above cited matter before Members and apprised that the Committee on 14-07-2021 considered the matter of ratification/approval of LL.M. programme of Hazara University, Mansehra, when recommended to the Pakistan Bar Council to grant ratification/approval to the Hazara University to conduct LL.M. programme, subject to certain conditions deposit of penalty of Rs.0.5 Million, engage full fledge Law Faculty (permanent and visiting) and also comply with other conditions mentioned in Rule 13 of the Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, 2015. This decision was also approved by the Pakistan Bar Council on 05-08-2021, in its 234th meeting, but formal letter for approval of LL.M. programme could not be issued to University, since it did not comply with that decision/conditions in letter and spirit.

He further informed that the University has deposited the amount of penalty and also furnished list of Faculty Members without their qualification and teaching as well as practice experience.

On query of the Committee the representatives of the University furnished a letter dated 09-05-2024 alongwith list of Faculty Members appointed for LL.B. as well as LL.M. programmes but their appointment letters and contracts were not provided with the said list. On asking, they informed that the University has 5 affiliated Law Colleges and new admissions in LL.M. programme will be made in Fall, 2024. The

Committee noted that Hazara University itself and its affiliated Law Colleges have not registered their students with the Pakistan Bar Council.

After deliberations the representatives of the Hazara University, was directed first of all, register all existing students of LL.B. programme of the University with the Pakistan Bar Council before 31st July, 2024, with their requisite particulars (name, parentage, CNIC number, date of birth and date of admission in LL.B. programme) and fee. It was decided that University will charge Rs.1,000/- as registrarion fee from each student upto session 2022, whereas from a student of session 2023 and onward, it will charge Rs.3,000/- and same will be remitted to this Council and they were also directed to issue directions to its affiliated Law Colleges to register their students forthwith with the Pakistan Bar Council and University will ensure their registration too. It will also register students of its LL.M. programme with the Pakistan Bar Council till 31st July, 2024. The list of Faculty Members with their qualification, teaching and practice experience, year of obtaining law degree/s, copies of their appointment letters, contracts/agreements and last pay slip of each one will also be furnished to this Council and this will be done on or before 31st July, 2024, thereafter, the matter will be placed before Committee for consideration. Adjourned accordingly."

The Chair further apprised that the above decision was communicated to the University, vide this office letter No.1643/PBC/SEC/2024 dated 27-05-2024 but the University has not responded as yet and reply is awaited, despite lapse of considerable long time. Furthermore, the University has also not made compliance to above decision and neither registered students of its LL.B. and LL.M. programmes nor furnished list of Faculty Members etc. till date.

On query, the representative of the Univeristy informed that the matter for registration of stuents has been placed before relevant body of University for approval, which is still awaited. The University has sent a letter to the Pakistan Bar Council on 29th August, 2024 in this regard, however, the Council did not receive that till date.

The Members, expressed their serious concerns upon the lethargic conduct of University in respect of non-compliance of decision of the Pakistan Bar Council, therefore, the Committee, after due consideration, decided to impose ban on new admissions of LL.B. as well as LL.M. programmes of Hazara University, Mansehra, and directed not to admit any student in LL.B. and LL.M. programmes in future till final decision of this Committee, since it neither registered students of its law programme nor asked its affiliated law colleges to register students with the Pakistan Bar Council. Adjourned Accordingly."

In pursuance of the above decision, you are asked to immediately stop to take further admissions in LL.B. and LL.M. programmes of your University and furnish detailed reply to this office in this regard fortnight.

Regards,


(Gulzar Ahmad)
Secretary