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The Registrar, Lahore Leads University, Kamahan Road, Off Defence Phase V, Lahore.

- Sub: (i) <u>Permanent recognition of LL.B. programe of Lahore Leads</u> <u>University</u>, Lahore.
 - (ii) Enhancement of seats for LL.B. programme of Lahore Leads University, Lahore.

Dear Sir,

This refers to applications of your University, on the above cited subjects.

I am directed to inform you that Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council, in its meeting held on 26-07-2024, considered the above matters, in presence of representative of your University, the decision so taken by the Committee is reproduced hereunder for your kind information, compliance and necessary action please.

"The above both items being inter-connected were taken up together.

Dr. Muhammad Ramzan Wattoo, HOD Law, was present to represent the applicant University.

The above cited letters dated 08-10-2021 and 01-12-2021 of Lahore Leads University, Lahore, seeking permanent recognition and enchancement of seats from 100 to 200 per annum for LL.B. 5 years programme, were considered by the Committee.

The Chair apprised that the Lahore Leads University was provisionally recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council way back in March, 2015 for one year, in terms of Sections 13(1)(k) and 26(c)(iii) of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973, for LL.B. 5 years programme, when 50 seats for an academic year, were allocated to the said University for the time being. He further apprised that the University has applied for enhancement of seats from 100 to 200.

The Committee, enquired that as per lists of students received on 15-12-2022, 27-04-2023 and 22-11-2023, from University for their registration, under Rule 4(v) of Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, which reveals that it has 73 students in 5th Semester, 77 students in 7th Semester, in the year 2022, 135 students in 3rd, 4th & 6th Semester and 57 and 43 students of 3rd semester in the year 2023. The representative of the University in response informed that it is correct that University has admitted more than 50 students in these academic years and he is not aware about number of seats granted by the Pakistan Bar Council to University at the time of recognition.

The Committee expressed its displeasure that how the University granted over and above admissions in LL.B. programme, when it was allowed 50 students intake in an academic year and University has also submitted undertaking in this regard, so has violated

Rules and decision of the Pakistan Bar Council as well as its own undertaking. After deliberations, the Committee decided to impose fine of Rs.4.5 Million upon University and it will grant admissions on only 50 seats in LL.B. programme, from the current academic year and that admissions will also be subject to payment of penalty imposed upon it, firstly it will pay penalty, thereafter, process of admissions on 50 seats will be started. The University will submit/furnish complete detail/lists of admitted students year-wise from the date of recognition i.e. 14-03-2015 till 26-07-2024."

You are, requested to please ensure compliance of the aforementioned decision and remit amount of penalty imposed of Rs.4.5 Million & furnish all required information/doccuments, at the earliest, so that matter may again be considered.

Regards,

Gulzar Ahmad) Secretary