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The Registrar,
The Islamia University of Bahawalpur,
University Chowk, Gulshan Colony,
Bahawalpur.

Sub: Commencement of Shariah and Law Programme by The Islamia University, Bahawalpur.

Dear Sir,

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

I am directed to inform you that Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council, in its meeting held on 10-05-2024, considered the above matter, in presence of representatives of your University, the decision so taken by the Committee is reproduced hereunder for your kind information, compliance and necessary action please.

"Prof. Dr. Rao Imran Habib, Dean, Faculty of Law and Mr. Muhammad Muneeb Raza, Lecturer, were present to represent the applicant University.

The Chair placed the above cited matter before Members and apprised that the Committee, in its meeting held on 27-03-2023, nominated Ch. Tahir Nasrullah Warracih, learned Member to conduct inspection of Law Department of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. As the University has commenced Shariah and Law Programme since 2020, without recognition of the Pakistan Bar Council, in addition to its LL.B. 5 years programme.

Ch. Tahir Nasrullah Warracih, learned Member, placed his inspection report before the Committee and informed that he visited The Islamia University, Bahawalpur on 24-11-2023, when found that the University has admitted 100 students in 2021 and this year number of students in Shariah and Law Programme had risen to 250 and it also gave admissions to 150 students in LL.B. programme and total strength of students enrolled in LL.B. programmes is more than 600. Further, the University had enrolled 60 students in LL.M. programme too, out of which 40 students are doing their course work and rest 20 thesis work.

The learned Member, has mentioned in inspection report that University has allocated only 7 Class Rooms at first floor for law programme and Library is also not well equipped with a requisite number of Books, Law Journals/Reports, local and Foreign Journal since 2014 and has only 30 Computers for law programme.

He further apprised that the University in violation of Rules and without approval of the Pakistan Bar Council, started LL.B. Shariah & Law programme in 2020, therefore, a Show Cause should be served to the University, since it has committed gross illegality and misconduct & is playing with the future and career of the students, it does not deserve any lenient view.

On query of Committee, the Dean, Faculty of Law informed that the University in last year admitted 150 students in each LL.B. 5 years and LL.B. Shariah & Law programmes and total strength of Shariah programme is 250. When enquired who was the then Vice-Chancellor, he informed that Prof. Athar Mehbob, was the then Vice-Chancellor of the

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University and his policy was to expand admissions in a public sector University. In 2019, when he took charge as a Vice-Chancellor, the strength of students in University was 15,000 and within four years it goes up to 60,000 and due to this policy of the Vice-Chancellor, the University started and granted admissions in LL.B. Shariah & Law programme too, however his tenure has been expired now. The University has 8 to 10 affiliated private Law Colleges.

It was noted that the list of Faculty Members provided by University reflects that HOD Law does not meet the requisite experience as per Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules. The Committee asked about his qualification and experience being HOD Law, he informed that he did Ph.D. in 2016 and joined this University on 18-04-2022, but before that he did practice as an Advocate about 9 years and served at Gillani Law College about 14 years. He joined this University two years earlier and has total experience about 25 years. He was asked why University has not registered students of LL.B. programme with the Pakistan Bar Council, so far, the HOD Law informed that he has already communicated it three times to Registrar office, but the matter is still pending, there. The Committee expressed its displeasure why Registrar of the University despite notice has not attended this meeting, even the notice of meeting was addressed to him.

The Committee, considered the matter and expressed its dismay and serious concerns on the blatant violation of Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council by the University and decided that The Islamia University of Bahawalpur shall provide complete record of Law Department of University i.e. number of students admitted in each programme, updated Faculty list permanent as well as visiting with their qualification, experience and year of obtaining law degree, date of appointment with copy of contract/agreement and Law Library detail etc. Further, the University will also provide record of all of its affiliated Law Colleges along with detail of their Faculty (permanent & visiting), detail of admitted students, date of affiliation, copies of inspection reports of affiliated Private Law Colleges, number of students admitted in each College and seats allocated and whether they have registered their students with the Pakistan Bar Council. The Committee imposed complete ban on new admissions in LL.B. 5 years programmes of the University of Bahawalpur and directed to immediately close down LL.B. Shariah & Law Programme and no further admission will be made in this programme. The University will provide all the aforementioned record including its affiliated private Law Colleges to this office, within one month and thereafter the matter will be placed before Committee, when the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, will have to personally attend the meeting and apprise the Committee, that why their University is not complying Rules of the Pakistan Bar Council. It has to register students of its LL.M. programme too with the Pakistan Bar Council along with requisite particulars and fee. Adjourned accordingly."

This is for your information and compliance please.

Regards,


(Gulzar Ahmad)
Secretary