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**SUB: DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME BEING CONDUCTED IN
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCE STUDIES, RAWALPINDI.**

Dear Sir,

As you are aware that Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council considered the above cited matter, in your presence, in its meeting held on 28-02-2025 and arrived at the following decision:-

"Mr. Junaid Elahi, Chairman, Ms. Maryam Rani, H. R. Head and Mr. Ishfaq Ali, Legal Advisor were present to represent The Centre of Excellence in Advance Studies (CAS), Rawalpindi.

The Chair placed the above cited matter before Members and apprised that The Centre of Excellence in Advance Studies, Rawalpindi is conducting external law programme and has also recently again advertised on social media for admission but all this is being done without NOC/approval of the Pakistan Bar Council. The Directorate of Public Instruction (Colleges), Punjab has issued NOC to it for other programmes, not for law programme. The Chair further apprised that the Committee earlier considered the matter on 22-01-2025, and adjourned with direction that in next meeting Mr. Junaid Elahi, Chairman of Centre, should appear personally before Committee.

The Committee enquired from representatives about the status of Centre, law programme, examination system & affiliating Foreign University. Mr. Junaid Elahi, Chairman, informed that The Centre of Excellence in Advanced Studies (CAS) is registered with SECP as company and it is affiliated with Awards for Training and Higher Education (ATHE), U.K. which is recognized body of Regulatory authorities in U.K to offer two years diploma in law and they are not offering LL.B. (external programme) but is offering Level 4 and 5 extended Diploma in Law, which is to be awarded by ATHE, U.K. and student has opportunity to convert this diploma into LL.B. degree, while getting admission in final year of LL.B. 3 years programme with Bloomsbury Institute London, the affiliated Institute of Wrexham University. They accept holder(s) of Level 5 Extended Diploma in Law (awarded by ATHE) to the 3rd year of LL.B. and grant admission in their campus in London.

The Members said neither Bloombury Institute London, nor Wrexham University are recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council, how their degree/diploma will be acceptable in Pakistan, either it would be of 2 or 3 years. He responded that CAS does clear to every student before granting admission that it is offering only two years diploma not three years LL.B. degree and if any student would like to get it convert into three years LL.B. degree, then he has to move to U.K. for admission in final year of LL.B. programme with Bloombury Institute London or any recognized University for which the Centre will facilitate.

He further apprised that the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad has notified "Transnational Education (TNE) Policy, 2024" in June, 2024, where in all the local educational institutions, collaborating with foreign Higher Education Institutions (HEI's), shall seek accreditation from the HEC, within a period of six months. Accordingly, the CAS has applied through its letter dated 25-02-2025 to the HEC, Islamabad for accreditation to offer foreign qualification.

The Committee considered the matter and expressed its serious concerns for conducting the law programme without permission of the Pakistan Bar Council, since no Institute in Pakistan can conduct diploma or any other law programme without its approval.

After deliberations, Committee directed Mr. Junaid Elahi, Chairman, The Centre of Excellence in Advanced Studies, Islamabad to stop law programme/diploma already being conducted and if he is interested to conduct Foreign/external LL.B. programme, then first he should take affiliation with any foreign University, which exists in the list of Universities recognized by the Pakistan Bar Council and thereafter, apply to the Higher Education Commission (HEC), under its TNE Policy, 2024 for NOC then apply to the Pakistan Bar Council for NOC. The Committee asked that they should not play with future of innocent students and name of the Centre will remain published/displayed on Council's website for awareness of parents and students. Adjourned."

This is for your information please.

Regards,


(Gulzar Ahmad)
Secretary