To,

1. The Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities imparting Legal Education
2. The Registrars of all the Universities imparting Legal Education
3. The Principals of all the Centre of Legal Education/Law Institutions

Sub: Grant of affiliation order to the Centre of Legal Education/Law Institutions imparting legal education.

Sir/Ma'am,

The Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India after generally considered the matters regarding granting affiliation to the law colleges by the Universities reached the following conclusion and resolved as follows:-

That it is very unfortunate that inspite of repeated circulars being sent to the Universities, the affiliation order of the university for the concerned colleges are not granted when the matter comes up for consideration before Bar Council of India. Rules are very clear, Bar Council of India merely approves affiliation granted by the University. The Bar Council of India neither grants degree nor affiliates. Unless affiliation is granted by the University question of granting approval of affiliation never arises. Statutory Rules 16 of the Legal Education Rule-2008 is very clear, under which University has to inspect the concerned colleges then grant affiliation only thereafter the Bar Council of India can inspect and grant approval of affiliation to the concerned affiliated colleges. The University has to approve the affiliation by or before 31st December preceding the year in question for which approval of affiliation is sought from the Bar Council of India. Delay's in granting affiliation by the University which leads to further delay in granting approval of affiliation by Bar Council of India would affect's the career of the students. This pattern of delayed affiliation continues with the Mumbai University.

Many other universities delay affiliation too. Furthermore, affiliation granted, if feasible should be more than one year if all requisite conditions are fulfilled. University should always proceed to grant affiliation order much before 31st December, as aforesaid for future.

In view of the above, you are requested to comply with the above said resolution and grant affiliation order much before 31st December of the preceding year in question.

Yours Sincerely,

(Srimanto Sen)
Secretary