TO

1. The Vice Chancellors of all the Universities awarding law degree and imparting legal education.

2. The Registrars of all the Universities awarding law degrees and imparting legal education.

Sub: Conducting surprise inspections and forwarding the inspection report to the Bar Council of India.

Sir(s),

The standard of Legal Education has to be maintained at any cost.

The Bar Council of India is aware of the order of Hon’ble High Court of Madras and the comments from various corners in relation to improvement of legal education and to stop the mushroom growth of law colleges.

2). After thorough discussion, the Council at its meeting held on 5th June, 2016 has decided to request and direct the various Universities (where large number of law colleges are affiliated) to conduct surprise inspections of the law colleges affiliated by them. These Universities are requested to send a report about the requirements of law colleges in their respective local areas and also to suggest how to control the mushroom growth of legal institutions and how to improve the infrastructure of these institutions?
3). The inspecting teams of your University should consist of at least two teachers of the rank of Associate Professor for each subject and one teacher for law subject, if possible, one member of the state Bar Council or an experienced / senior advocate may also be included in the team.

4). Inspection should be done surprisingly without giving any prior notice to the concerned college / institution.

5). You should keep in mind that at the time of inspection by the team of Bar Council of India, the law colleges manipulate the things and manage to show the infrastructure facilities like faculties, books, etc as per the norms, but after some time, it is informed that they were all hired only for the day of inspection by the Bar Council of India. The colleges are not maintaining the norms. They are not paying proper salary to the teachers, if any faculty resigns, they do not make fresh appointments on time.

6). Therefore, you are requested to make the surprise inspections of law colleges under your University and prepare an exhaustive report with regard to every college and send it to the Bar Council of India. The report to be prepared on the following points:

   i). Whether the college is running properly according to the timings fixed by the Bar Council of India

   ii). Whether the law college is maintaining the student – teacher ratio, and law teachers and non law teachers (social science subject teachers) are regularly taking classes as per the norms of Bar Council of India?
iii). What is the sanctioned strength of students and how many of them are attending the classes at the time of surprise inspection?

iv). Whether the college is having permanent Principal or not?

v). What are the qualifications of the teachers?

vi). Whether the college has sufficient class rooms, common room, moot court hall and other facilities / requirements prescribed by the Bar Council of India?

7). The Bar Council of India shall withdraw the approval of those institutions that have no proper / required infrastructures. The Council is therefore waiting for reports of the institutions.

8). Therefore, you are requested to make arrangements for the surprise inspections of all the law colleges under your University immediately and forward the report on or before 15th July, 2016 to the office of Bar Council of India.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely

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