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His Excellency Sri Arif Muhammed Khan
Chancellor of the University of Calicut and the Governor of Kerala
Kerala Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram

Respected Sir

Sub: Illegal award of marks to SFI leader in the University of Calicut

We would like to invite your kind attention to the illegal award of 21 marks to Ms Dayaana K, who was a state leader of the Students Federation of India (SFI) and a few others in the University of Calicut. We are pleased to note that you have in the past actively intervened in such matters to set right such matters in the Universities in Kerala starting from the beginning of your tenure as the Governor and the Chancellor of the Universities in Kerala. In fact, the illegal award of marks took place nearly 10 years after these students passed out from the University, apparently to help her to get undue advantage in the selection and appointment as teacher in the University, in the ongoing selection procedure in the University.

The issue dates back to the period 2007-09 when Ms. Dayaana, the then state leader of SFI, was a student of the Department of Women Studies in the University of Calicut. During the third semester, based on her attendance, she was granted 3 marks (out of 4) for each of the four papers as the attendance component to the internal marks in accordance with the provisions of the University regulations. She and another student, Ms. Anaswara, filed a complaint before the Dean, Students Welfare that she deserved 4 marks. The Head of the Department produced all the relevant documents and convinced the Dean that she was awarded the marks based on the official records. However, the Dean, apparently due to political pressure, issued an order U. O. No. 4039/2020/Admn dated 11.04.2010 directing the Head of the Department to issue even marks to all the students.

In fact, the Dean, Students Welfare has no such powers. Also, the order did not say how many marks should be awarded to the students. In view of this, the Head of the Department put up a file to the then Vice Chancellor Ms. Anwar Jahan Zuberi with all the details. The Vice-Chancellor examined the matter and disposed of the matter with the observation that the marks awarded by the Department were in accordance with rules. The matter was also communicated to the Controller of Examinations. Much later, in 2018, Ms. Dayaana, who was then working as a Guest Lecturer in the Department of Women Studies, approached the then Head of the Department with the U.O. No. 4039/2020/Admn dated 11.04.2010 requesting her to increase the internal marks awarded to her. Knowing fully well that the earlier Vice-Chancellor had in effect nullified the order of the Dean in 2010, the Head of the Department forwarded the request to the Controller who placed the matter in the Syndicate Standing Committee for Exams. It may be noted that the Syndicate committee was dominated by the CPI (M) linked members. The Standing Committee awarded full marks to Dayaana and others for the third and fourth Semester.

Interestingly, Ms. Dayaana had availed condonation for the attendance while appearing for the fourth semester exams and in fact, as per the C.U. rules, did not deserve even a single mark towards the attendance component of the internal marks. Thus Dayaana was awarded 5 marks (1 each for each of the 5 papers) for the III Semester) and 16 marks (4 each for the 4 papers) for the IV Semester),

thus totalling an illegal grant of 21 marks. A few other students too got benefited from this illegal award of marks.

Universities should be the treasure houses for building values for the society and is highly regarded and protected by the society. Such shameful attempts to take politics above academic values destroy the internal quality of the academic institution and thus, cannot be tolerated.

We request your kind self to intervene in the matter urgently, conduct an independent inquiry into the matter, quash the illegal award of marks, and to take action against those responsible for it and suppressed facts to facilitate the process.

Thanking you

Sincerely

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Signed on 04.07.2020

