Report of COVID-19 Committee

Meeting of RGNUL Covid -19 Committee was held on 10th June 2020 to discuss various issues including the grievances of the students and the Bar Council of India guidelines regarding examinations.

Committee discussed the guidelines of the Bar Council of India circulated vide letter dated 27th May 2020 and further clarifications issued on 09th June 2020. BCI has recommended regarding first years of B.A. LL.B. course as under:

"All Students, except Final year students, will be promoted on the basis of performance of previous year's marks and marks obtained in the internal examination of the current year. However, it is clarified that after reopening of the colleges/Universities, the Universities shall conduct the end semester examination with respect to the year from which they have been promoted, within a reasonable period of time, though, such promoted students shall continue to study in the year to which they have been promoted, and in case, they are unable to pass/clear any such paper of such end semester exam of the year from which they have been promoted, they shall have to clear the same, before they are granted the degree. In the case of students who have been promoted to the final year as LL.B students, they shall have to pass all papers in order to obtain their degree/s."

Members pointed out that, RGNUL Covid-19 Committee in its report dated 01st May 2020 had already decided that all students of the first four years for the academic session 2019-2020 shall be promoted to the next class. The recommendation of the Covid Committee was approved by the RGNUL Academic Council. This fact was again reiterated in the RGNUL Academic Council meeting dated 28th May 2020 wherein it was stated that modalities for promotion shall be worked out.

The RGNUL Covid-19 Committee discussed in detail the guidelines of Bar Council of India and after thoughtful deliberation it was decided that RGNUL shall adhere to the mandatory BCI guidelines. Accordingly, it is recommended in consonance with the previous recommendations that all students except final year students shall be promoted to next class and that in consonance with BCI guidelines, RGNUL shall conduct the end semester examination with respect to the year from which students have been promoted, within a reasonable period of time after reopening of the colleges/Universities, though, such promoted students shall continue to study in the year to which they have been promoted, and in case, they are unable to pass/clear any such paper of such end semester exam of the year from which they have been promoted, they shall have to clear the same, before they are granted the degree. In the case of students who have been promoted to the final year as LL.B students, they shall have to pass all papers in order to obtain their degree.

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Members also discussed various emails sent to the members of the RGNUL Covid-19 Committee and found that maximum numbers of emails are pertaining to two main issues i.e. suggestions regarding promotion without examination and fee reduction/relaxation in fee.

Regarding examinations and promotion to next class, RGNUL Covid-19 Committee has already recommended in consonance with BCI guidelines. Regarding fee reduction/relaxation/relief in fee, members of the Committee were of the view that there is an environment of economic distress and people are passing through tough economic conditions. Keeping in view recessionary tendencies and tough economic environment, Committee sympathises with the students but feels that the matter is in the domain of Finance Committee of RGNUL and accordingly, it is decided that the matter be referred to Finance Committee, RGNUL for consideration.

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