

**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT**

(Department of Higher Education)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 6th April, 2009

G.S.R. 240(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (g) of sub-section (2) of Section 25 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), and in supersession of the University Grants Commission (Inspection of Universities) Rules, 2004, except in respect of things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the University Grants Commission (Inspection of Universities) Rules, 2009.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.—(1) In these rules unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Act" means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956);
- (b) "Central University" means a University established by or under an Act of Parliament;
- (c) "Committee" means the Inspection Committee constituted under rule 3;
- (d) "Council" means a regulatory body established by or under an Act of Parliament for maintenance of standards in a particular field of education and includes,
 - (i) All India Council for Technical Education;
 - (ii) University Grants Commission;
 - (iii) Medical Council of India;
 - (iv) Indian Council for Agricultural Research;
 - (v) National Council for Teacher Education;
 - (vi) Dental Council of India;

- (vii) Pharmacy Council of India;
- (viii) Indian Nursing Council;
- (ix) Bar Council of India;
- (x) Central Council of Homeopathy;
- (xi) Central Council for Indian Medicine;
- (xii) Council of Architecture;
- (xiii) Distance Education Council;

- (e) "Financial Year" means the year commencing on the 1st day of April and ending on the 31st day of March of the following calendar year;
- (f) "NAAC" means the National Academic and Accreditation Council;
- (g) "section" means section of the Act;
- (h) "State University" means a university established by or under an Act of a State Legislature but does not include a Private University established under a State legislation;
- (i) "University" means an academic institution defined under clause (f) of Section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

(2) Words and expressions used and not defined herein but defined in the Act, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Inspection Committee.—(1) The Commission shall appoint an Inspection Committee, as provided under Section 13 of the Act, for the purpose of ascertaining the financial needs of a University or its standards of teaching, examination and research, or for both.

2. The Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (i) two Vice-Chancellors, either serving or retired, from any Central or State University.
- (ii) not less than three and not more than five members, out of which one member shall be a woman, from amongst professors in any University, having special knowledge of the courses being conducted in the University to be inspected:

Provided that none of the members of the Committee under clauses (i) and (ii) shall be employee, whether past or present, of the University to be inspected.

- (iii) one member from each of the Councils exercising jurisdiction over the courses being conducted in the University to be inspected.
- (iv) one member from National Academic and Accreditation Council or an equivalent authorised accreditation agency.

(3) The Commission shall nominate one of the members appointed under clause (i) of sub-rule (2) to act as the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) The Commission shall nominate one of the members appointed under clause (ii) of sub-rule (2) to act as the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

4. Periodicity of Inspections.—The periodicity of inspections of a University shall be as under:

- (1) A University which has been accredited by National Academic and Accreditation Council or an equivalent authorised accreditation agency and which has been rated as Class "B" or above or its equivalent, need not be inspected by the Commission till the date of validity of such accreditation.
- (2) A University which has been in existence for a period not exceeding five years and not covered under sub-rule (1) shall be inspected annually.
- (3) A University which has been in existence for a period exceeding five years and not covered under sub-rule (1) shall be inspected once in every two years:

Provided that a University may be inspected before the expiry of the period specified in this rule on account of any exigency, to be specifically recorded by the Commission, which, in the opinion of the Commission, warrants such inspection.

5. Scheme of Inspection of University.—(1) The Commission shall notify a scheme for inspection of all the Universities in the month of January every year.

(2) The scheme of inspection prepared under sub-rule (1) shall also be made available on the website of the Commission for general information.

(3) The Commission shall communicate to the University in the Form annexed to these rules, the period during which the inspection shall be carried out by the Committee.

6. Consultations with the University.—(1) The Committee shall hold consultations with the University to be inspected so as to facilitate the University to provide its views on the subject-matter of such inspection.

(2) For the purpose of such consultations, the University shall nominate not more than three representatives who may include the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar or such other officers or teachers as may be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, and who shall represent the views of the University, and their names shall be communicated to the Commission.

(3) If the Committee proposes to physically inspect any faculty or department or any part or parts of the University, the nominees of the University shall be associated in such inspection but the nominees of the University shall not be considered as members of the Committee.

Form

(See Rule 5)

Sl. No.	Name and particulars of University proposed to be inspected	Period of proposed Inspection		Details of records/papers required for Inspection	Name of the Members of the Inspection Committee constituted under Rule 3	Names and particulars of the authorities, officers, teachers of the University to be consulted/ associated under Rule 6	Any other additional information that may be required	Remarks
		From	To					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

Secretary,
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