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Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)
U.3(A) Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an Institution of Higher Learning as a "Deemed-to-be-University".

2. And whereas, a proposal was received from Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry seeking status of 'deemed-to-be-university', as a 'De Novo' Institution, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, comprising the following institutions:

- (i) Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry,
- (ii) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry
- (iii) Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, and
- (iv) Bharathiyar College of Engineering & Technology, Karaikal, Puducherry;

3. And whereas, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in the matter of conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, this Ministry had declared Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry, comprising Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry, as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University', under De Novo category, for the purposes of the aforesaid act, provisionally for a period of five years, vide this Ministry's notification of even number dated the 4th August, 2008, subject to a review at the end of each year;

4. And whereas, on a subsequent advice of the UGC, 'Sri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute' located at Nellikuppam Village in Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu, had been brought under the ambit of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Institution Deemed-to-be-University), Puducherry, vide this Ministry's notification No.F.10-22/2008-U.3(A) dated 20th February, 2009, subject to certain conditions;

5. And whereas, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth had represented to this Ministry in August, 2008 for including (i) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry, (ii) Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental

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Sciences, Puducherry and (iii) Bharathiyar College of Engineering & Technology, Karaikal, Puducherry, under its ambit. The said representation was also sent to the UGC for appropriate examination and recommendation;

6. And whereas, the UGC, upon consideration of the representation referred to in Para 5 above, has recommended to this Ministry to include (i) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College and (ii) Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences under the ambit of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Institution Deemed-to-be-University). The UGC has not recommended inclusion of Bharathiyar College of Engineering & Technology, Karaikal, under the ambit of the Vidyapeeth, but has instead advised that the 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University' may submit a revised proposal after rectifying the deficiencies pointed out by the Expert Committees of both the UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi, which physically inspected the said colleges during October, 2007;

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the UGC referred to in Para 6 above, hereby declare that Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry, which was declared as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University', under De Novo category, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, provisionally for a period of five years, shall comprise in addition to 'Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry' and 'Sri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute' located at Nellikuppam Village in Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu, two more institutions, namely, (i) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Pillaiyarkuppam, Puducherry and (ii) Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Pillaiyarkuppam, Puducherry, as constituent teaching units, under its ambit, with effect from the date of disaffiliation of these two colleges from their affiliating university, viz., Pondicherry University, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) All the conditions stipulated in this Ministry's notification of even number dated the 4th August, 2008 and those stipulated in notification No.F.10-22/2008-U.3(A) dated 20th February, 2009 that govern the status of 'deemed-to-be-university' conferred on Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry, shall continue to be in force, and shall also be applicable to Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, wherever relevant;
- (ii) The annual reviews to be conducted by the UGC at Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry and recommendations of the Commission thereof, shall also form the basis for confirmation of the status of 'deemed-to-be-university' conferred on Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry, after five years;
- (iii) The declaration as made above shall cover those academic courses that are conducted presently by (i) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, under affiliation to the Pondicherry University, Puducherry, and those courses that the 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University' concerned may start in future at the said Nursing College and the Dental