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Ms. Atishi Singh,
Chief Minister
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Sub: Release full Grant-in-Aid and save 12 financially sick Delhi Govt funded Colleges and filling of all teaching positions on permanent basis (Regularization)

Dear Madam,

DUTA wishes to draw your kind attention on wrong and baseless allegations of financial irregularities against the Twelve Colleges of the University of Delhi, which are funded by the NCT Delhi government. It has been observed that, in regular audits, no such financial irregularities have been reported.

It may be further noted that a high-power committee has been constituted by the DHE of Govt. Of NCT of Delhi based upon the representations of DUPA and DUTA and two meetings held on 3.12.2023 and 26.2.2024 with Hon'ble LG of Delhi. A meeting of the 'High Power Committee' was held on 03.04.2024. However, decision/minutes of the committee have not been made public. Instead, the Govt of NCT of Delhi has ordered special audit for these colleges. In 2019 also Govt of NCT of Delhi got special audit done by a private firm and till date its report has not been made public.

With reference to the letters No. Min (Edu)/2023/5748-5750 dated 01.12.2023 and letter dated 19.1.2020 by Ms. Atishi, MoE, Higher Education, the Govt. of NCT of Delhi, a committee was constituted by Executive Council of University of Delhi. The committee examined the allegations of financial irregularities and illegal appointments in 12 Delhi Govt. funded colleges and the question of de-affiliation of these 12 colleges from University of Delhi. The committee stated that the allegations made by the Delhi Government Minister, Ms Atishi are unsubstantiated and therefore found to be wrong and untenable based on documents submitted by the principals of all the 12 Colleges. On the issue of de-affiliation, the committee agreed in its report with DUTA demand that these constituent colleges are integral part of University of Delhi and therefore, there is no question of de-affiliation of these colleges.

The NCT Delhi government has used arm-twisting tactics to delay or cut grants for 12 DU colleges, forcing them to agree to any of two options presented by the Minister. The Minister of Education claims that there are 939 unapproved teaching positions, which DUTA condemns and rejects. The irregular funding has resulted in delayed payment of salaries and pensions, as well as other statutory dues for staff, such as retirement benefits, medical bills reimbursement, children's education allowance, and arrears on 7th pay revision and promotions. Most colleges are facing a financial crisis, with a deficit of 3 to 25 Crores. The grant cut is seen as a way of penalizing staff and students for agreeing to become part of a State University. There is also a court case pending in the

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Hon'ble High Court regarding salary and other dues payment, and interim orders directing the State Government to release adequate GIA.

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DUTA condemns and rejects letters of Ms. Atishi and demands for the withdrawal of both letters. DUTA reiterates that the colleges have made appointments of all the teaching and non-teaching staff members on the basis of norms laid down by UGC and University of Delhi against the duly created and approved posts.

Further, as per the estimates (see annexure) these colleges need approximately 585 Crores whereas only 400 Crores have been sanctioned by Delhi Govt for the financial year 2024-25. There is a deficit of approximately 185 Crores in the budget allocation, hence, the said deficit amount must be sanctioned in Revised Estimate Budget of Delhi. There are no grants to pay salaries and other dues for the month of December 2024. DUTA demands that the fourth quarter grant of Rs 100 Crores and additional grant of Rs 185 Crores (a total of Rs 285 Crores) must be release immediately to pay salaries and pending dues to the staff.

DUTA also demands from Govt of Delhi:

- **To ensure full funding for these Public funding institutions in the best interest of students and society and withdrawal of letters of Ms. Atishi, Minister of Education on the question of de-affiliation and declaring teaching positions illegal.**
- **To immediately release GIA and deficit amount (100+185= 285 Crores) to 12 colleges to pay salaries and other dues.**
- **To ensure that the correct budgetary provisions such as GIA for General, Salary and Capital Assets are made for the twelve 100% Delhi Govt. funded colleges in future.**
- **To start the process of Appointment (Teaching and Non-teaching) in 12 colleges as the posts passed by the Governing Bodies of these Colleges.**

Regards,

(Prof A K Bhagi)
President, DUTA

(Mr. Anil Kumar)
Secretary, DUTA

Copy to: Sh. Vinai Kumar Saxena, The Lieutenant Governor, Delhi

Encl:

Estimate Budget of 12 Colleges for FY 2024-25