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SC/ST and Minority Policy



POLICY ON SC/ST AND MINORITY COMMITTEE

Preamble:

India is a country of diversity. It is a hub of different religions, castes and cultures. However, the Indian society is characterized by a highly-entrenched system of social stratification. Social inequalities have led to denial of access to materials, cultural and educational resources to the disadvantaged groups of societies. Higher education is a tool for social and economic equality; therefore, the institute has constituted SC/ST Committee which would help in eliminating the social disparities.

A Manual has been prepared by AICTE in order to guide the students to optimally utilize the benefits of the schemes offered by the Government of India.

SC/ST Committee:

The scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) Cell in an institute promotes the special interest of students in the reserved category and to provide special inputs in areas where the students experience difficult.

The cell regularly have to conduct remedial coaching classes on life skills, personality development, writing assignments and making presentations and also have to organize interactive sessions and informal meetings with students to attend to their personal, social and academic problems.

The SC/ST/OBC students can approach the Chair person of the Cell for redressal of any grievance(s) regarding academic, administrative or social problems. The Section Officer/Liaison Officer will meet the concerned students, understand their problem and take necessary action and/or render them necessary advice/help to resolve the matter.

Objectives:

According to the UGC Guidelines of 1998, following are the objectives of the Committee is as follows

- i. Circulate GOI and Commission's decisions and to collect regularly, on an annual basis, information regarding course-wise admissions to candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the College.
- ii. Analyze information on admissions, education, training and employment of SCs and STs; prepare reports for transmission to the Ministry of Human Resource Development/University Grants Commission and such other authorities as may be required.
- iii. Function as a Grievances Redressal Cell for the grievances of SC/ST students and employees and render them necessary help in solving their academic as well as administrative problems.
- iv. To promote higher education among these two communities suffering economic, social and educational deprivations.

Duties of Chair person:

The Chair person, on behalf of the Cell, facilitates the overall welfare of the students, staff and faculty as per the guidelines issued by AICTE. Frequency of Meeting: According to the regulations framed by AICTE, the Committee meets at least two times in a year and the decisions arrived at is mandatory to be implemented. The Committee functions under the Chairmanship of the Director.

SC/ST and Minority Committee at EPCET:

EPCET in compliance with the UGC and AICTE guidelines has constituted SC/ST Committee to help the SC/ST categories integrate with other communities of the institute and to remove difficulties, which they may be experiencing.

