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MOST URGENT

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Dear Prof Lal,

I am enclosing letters from the Economics teachers of two colleges of the university (Annexures A & B), complaining that the Economics courses of the B.Com. and B.Com (Hons) are being assigned to teachers of the Commerce Department. Teachers of several other colleges have approached me with similar complaints.

As you know, this matter has come up repeatedly in earlier years, and the consistent stand of the University has been that the status quo must be maintained (see Annexures C & D). This was also the decision at the meeting of the Heads of the two departments held in your office in January last, at which you directed the Heads not to make unilateral announcements on this subject. Unfortunately, the Head of the Commerce Department has issued a circular (Annexure E) allocating all economics courses of B.Com (Hons.) & B.Com under CBCS to the commerce department. The status quo principle should be applied to the courses of the CBCS syllabus, as these courses replace the economics courses of the FYUP syllabus and the 2011 semester-based syllabus, which were being taught by the Economics teachers in colleges.

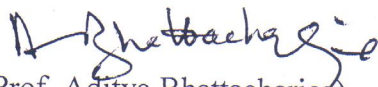
I have already forwarded to you vide despatch No. Econ – 556 dated 15.7.2015 a similar complaint by Economics teachers of Kalindi College, where the situation is more serious as permanent positions advertised by the Commerce Department include the vacancies against posts meant for teaching Economics courses. These courses have been so far filled by ad hoc teachers of Economics, who might not be considered for the permanent vacancies as they do not have an M.Com. degree.

It has also been brought to my attention that some colleges are insisting that B.Com. (Hons) students should take both the Discipline Centered and Generic Elective courses of the Commerce Department. This is clearly a violation of the philosophy of the CBCS, which was to give greater choice to the students. Commerce students should take only Generic Elective courses of other departments. If students can take Discipline Centered and Generic Elective courses of the same department, this should be clearly announced so that the same facility is available to students of other departments as well.

Another official clarification from the University is urgently required on these issues as colleges are determining their workloads for the current semester. I may point out that the UGC may not approve of degrees in which Economics courses are taught and examined by teachers without M.A. and NET qualifications in Economics.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Encl. as above.