



VISVA-BHARATI  
SANTINIKETAN

**NOTIFICATION**

**Sub :** Exemption from seeking approval of Cabinet for entering into agreement with foreign agencies for cooperation in field of education

The undersigned is directed to convey for information of all concerned that the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Higher Education, MHRD, New Delhi vide his letter F.No.19-39/2015-Desk-U dated 21.07.2015 communicated that the Cabinet Secretariat [vide OM No.1/48/7/2015-Cab dated 09.07.2015] granted exemption from Cabinet approval for entering into an agreement with foreign agencies for cooperation in field of education as specified hereunder :

1. (a) In the cases of agreement at Institutional level, where there is a provision in the Act (under which the Institution has been established) to enter into an agreement with the foreign institution, the Institutions are exempted from taking approval of Ministry/Cabinet and are allowed to enter into the agreement with the approval of Board of Governors as per the extant practice provided it conforms with the National Educational Policy, Acts of Parliament and any other laws of the land in vogue.
- (b) If there is no provision in the Act of the Institution for signing agreement with the foreign agency, agreement may be signed with the approval of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
2. In the case of agreement between Government to Government, approval of the Cabinet may continue to be taken in terms of extant instructions and after completion of the laid down process.

It may be mentioned here that the provision as specified at Sl. No. 1(a) above exists under Clauses No. 5A (2) and 6 (4) of Visva-Bharati Act, 1951.

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