Visva-Bharati Estate Office

NOTICE

Estate/TL-1/350/2017-18

Dated 7 October 2017

Attention of all concerned is hereby drawn to earlier circulars (Estate/200/09-10 dated 11-4-2009 and Estate/200/47/11-12 dated 21-4-2011) issued by the Registrar regarding observance of certain formalities while permitting canteen/ eatery etc in Bhavanas/ Departments/ Centres/ Guest Houses etc. It is seen that several canteens or similar facilities are in operation without observing such formalities, putting the safety of students/ users at risk and inviting legal complications.

As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a Central Act and as per the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Regulation of Food Business) Regulations 2011 notified by the Gov't of India on 1 August 2011, read with subsequent amendments, canteen, eatery, food vendor etc operating at educational institutions are required to have licence/ registration from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and also to meet certain standards as regards quality of food, hygiene, storage facility.

FSSAI and its designated authorities have been inspecting educational campuses to enforce the regulatory norms. Violation of regulatory norms stipulated by the aforesaid Act and Rules is punishable with imprisonment, fine etc.

It is requested that immediate steps may be taken by all Bhavana/ Dep't/ Office/ Centre/ Guest House etc so as to ensure that canteens/ eateries/ food vendors permitted or engaged by them are complying with the licensing and other regulatory norms under the FSA Act 2006, the FSSLRFB Rules 2011 and other applicable laws, rules, orders, including those outlined in our in-house circulars, as referred to above.

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