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The Registrar,
Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST),
Mirpur (AJK).

Sub: Grant of permanent recognition to Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), and its LL.B. degree in terms of Sections 13(1)(k) and 26(c)(iii) of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973.


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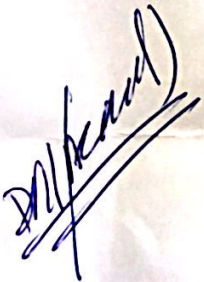
Please refer to application of your University, on the above cited subject.

I am to enclose herewith a copy of inspection report submitted by Mr. Haroon-ur-Rashid, the then Vice-Chairman, Pakistan Bar Council for your information please.

Please fulfill the deficiencies pointed out by the inspection team and inform this office, accordingly.


Regards,


(Gulzar Ahmad)
Secretary



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**INSPECTION REPORT OF LAW DEPARTMENT OF
MIRPUR UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST), MIRPUR, AJK.**

The undersigned was nominated by the Legal Education Committee of the Pakistan Bar Council on 08-09-2023 to visit the Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mirpur, to ascertain about infrastructure, physical facilities, the Law Faculty (permanent and visiting) their qualification, students admitted in LL.B. programme as well as Library and Computer Lab etc. as per the "PBC Legal Education Rules, 2015" and submit report for consideration of the Committee.

In pursuance of the said decision, the undersigned along with Secretary, Pakistan Bar Council visited the above University, on 01-11-2023 and we were welcomed by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younus Javed, SI(M), Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Khizar-ul-Haq, Registrar, Mr. Justice @ Muhammad Younas Tahir, HOD Law and other Faculty Members of the University and had meeting with them & held detailed discussions regarding Law programme of the University and they gave briefing on multimedia/projector and informed about existing infrastructure and facilities available to students in the University.

It is a public sector University of AJK and law department was established in 2010 in its main campus at Mirpur and has sub-campuses at Bhimber & Palandri. The Pakistan Bar Council granted provisional recognition for one year to it on 16-01-2020 for LL.B. 5 years programme. The admissions in LL.B. programme are granted once in a year and about 400 law graduates have been pass out and it grants admissions on 100 seats once in a year. The classes are held five days in a week from 08:30 a.m. to 04:30 p.m.

The Department of Law was shifted into a new building situated at Jari Kas in Mirpur in October 2021, and classes are being held there in a separate block allocated for law department that consists upon 6 class rooms on 1st floor and 3 on ground floor, it has HOD office, Moot Court Room, Common Room for faculty etc. The Law Library has 5676 Books and also has facility of digital Library & Foreign Law Journals in soft form. Mr. Muhammad Sarfraz, Librarian is Bachelor in Library Sciences (BILS). The Computer Lab consists on 50 Computers with access to Law Site. The Faculty offices are common in another Block and it looks very difficult to sit there in summer season without AC. "The Faculty offices, Library and Computer Lab should be in same block allocated for law department."

There are six permanent Faculty Members including Mr. Justice @ Muhammad Younas Tahir, HOD Law, who is Former Judge of Supreme Court & High Court of AJ&K and has 40 years' experience and from last six months is working on this position. It is noted that HOD Law are being changed frequently after provisional recognition. Remaining

five permanent Faculty Members have LL.M. degrees with sufficient experience. M/s Nafees Ahmed Khan, Arooj Aziz Malik, Saiqa Naseer and Ahsan Iqbal, permanent Faculty Members were initially appointed in 2018 for a period of two years and after expiry of that period, they were re-appointed on contract basis as Lecturer in BPS-18.

The University has 7 visiting Faculty Members having sufficient qualification and experience, out of which M/s Syed Shair Abbas, Muhammad Waqar, Fouzia Khaliq and Bushra Nawaz were appointed on contract only for the period of three months from 31-10-2023 to 31-12-2023 and some of them, namely M/s Aamir Manzoor, Asad Nawaz, Sidra Atta Gondal, Muhammad Usman Subhani, Arooj Aziz, Raja Mazhar Iqbal and Kamran Tariq were appointed as Lecturers just for spring semester, 2023. The documents pertaining to experience of the aforementioned Faculty Members provided during inspection, when re-examined/matched them with the documents provided by the University some time ago, certain discrepancies/mistakes were found in respect of experience of Faculty Members, which was brought into notice of authority of University, they apologized for that and assured that University will submit fresh correct detail of experience of Faculty Members.

Thereafter, University vide its letter dated 11-12-2023 sent updated list of Faculty Members pertaining to 13 permanent Faculty Members including Mr. Justice® Muhammad Younas Tahir, HOD Law and 5 visiting Faculty Members and all have requisite qualification and experience.

During inspection it was noticed that the University is not paying non-practicing allowance to its permanent Faculty Members and attendance of students is being marked manually which as per Rules should be Bio-Metric. However, the University meet the minimum criteria of Pakistan Bar Council Legal Education Rules, therefore, it is recommended that its provisional recognition may be extended for three years with 100 seats, subject to Rules and its should be asked to shift and establish Law Library, Computer Lab and Faculty offices in block allocated for law department and it should have separate Law Library and Computer Lab.

10-11-2023

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Vice-Chairman,
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