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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
dated, the 16th August, 2018

To

The Director,
National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK),
Surathkal, Karnataka - 575025.

Subject:- Entrustment of Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA)
Scheme for the academic year 2019 - 2020.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme was notified by the Ministry of HRD in May, 2001 for implementation in the Central Engineering Institutes (other than IITs) to facilitate the Foreign Nationals (FNs) studying in any country (including India), wards of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Non - Residents Indians (NRIs) to pursue Technical Education in India. The guidelines and procedure prescribed under the Scheme are as under:-

- (i) The admissions under DASA scheme are made in NITs and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (excluding IITs) on the basis of valid SAT Subject Test Scores.
- (ii) All foreign nationals studying in any country including India, PIOs, OCIs and NRIs who fulfill prescribed admission criteria shall be eligible.
- (iii) Prescribed admission criteria for Indian Nationals shall be at least two years of education, inclusive of 11th and 12th or equivalent (not beyond), in a foreign country during the last 8 years and must pass the qualifying examination from abroad [~~Letter F.No.35-9/2016-TS.III~~ dated 9th January, 2018]. This should be followed for the academic year 2019 - 2020 only.
- (iv) SAT-II score of 1800 and 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale or 60% aggregate in all subjects of the qualifying examination shall be the

academic eligibility criteria for admissions to under graduate programmes in NITs and other participating Institutions under DASA [Letter F.No.35-10/2013-TS.III dated 8th March, 2017].

- (v) Number of seats reserved for this category of students in different Institutions shall be nearly 15% of the total number of seats offered for admission [Letter No.F.35-10/2013-TS.III dated 13th February, 2014]. This shall be available in different disciplines proportionately. These seats shall be supernumerary.
- (vi) For admissions under DASA Scheme, the Registration / Application Fee is US\$ 300 and the Tuition Fee is US\$ 8000 as per approval of the Council of NITSER [Letter F.No.36-3/2015-TS.III dated 16th February, 2015].
- (vii) As per the present policy, nationals of SAARC countries (except India) are eligible for 50% tuition fee waiver provided they have passed the qualifying examination in SAARC countries [Letter No.F.24-8/2010-TS.III dated 2nd December, 2010].
- (viii) The students belonging to Children of Indian Workers in the Gulf (CIWG) category and taking admissions in the undergraduate programmes of the NITs and IEST, Shibpur under the DASA Scheme will pay tuition fee of Rs.1,25,000/- per annum either in Indian Rupees (INR) or equivalent US Dollars at existing exchange rate [Letter F.No.41-12/2017-TS.III dated 14th June, 2017].


2. The DASA Scheme was administered by Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh) for the academic year 2018 - 2019 as per decision of the Council of NITSER. For the forthcoming academic year 2019 - 2020, it has been decided that the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme shall be administered by National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal (Karnataka).

3. The other terms and conditions, in operation, for implementation of the DASA Scheme will remain same as conveyed vide this Ministry's letter No.F.22-12/2007-TS.III dated 4th March, 2010 (copy enclosed).

4. As resolved by the Council of NITSER in its previous meetings, the selection of students for admissions in the NITs and other CFTIs under DASA Scheme shall continue on the basis of SAT scores. The Scheme would be taken on self-sustenance basis and no extra funds would be provided from this Ministry in this regard. The Institute should make all out efforts so as to ensure fullest utilization of the capacity under the Scheme.

5. The parents, living in India or abroad and willing to pay fee(s) prescribed under the DASA scheme in Indian Rupees at existing exchange rate in place of US Dollars, may be allowed to pay the prescribed fee in INR. A copy of the communication dated 1st May, 2017 issued in this regard is also attached for ready reference.
6. The Directors of Institutes, which administered DASA Scheme previously, shall be responsible for any residual liability including Court Cases, if any. The Court Case, if any, arising out of the process of DASA - 2019 will come under the jurisdiction of High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore. Consequent upon completion of process, the DASA - 2019 shall submit its closure report to the Council of NITSER.
7. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



[Madan Mohan]

Deputy Director General (HE)

Encls. : as above.

Copy to:-

- (i) The Chairman, DASA - 2018 and Director, MNNIT, Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh) - with a request to kindly provide necessary details / records pertaining to DASA - 2018 to the Chairman, DASA - 2019 and Director, NITK - Surathkal (Karnataka).
- (ii) The Directors of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) - for information.
- (iii) The Director, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST), Shibpur (West Bengal).
- (iv) The Registrar, NITK, Surathkal (Karnataka).
- (v) The Webmaster, MNIT, Jaipur - for uploading the communication on the website of the Council of NITSER [www.nitcouncil.org.in].
- (vi) Guard File.



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