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CIRCULAR:

Sub: Circular for Transgenders.

Sir/ Madam,

This is circular with reference to the Supreme Court order pertaining to Transgenders in National Legal Services Authority V/s the Union of India, writ prition (Civil) No.604 of 2013, where the judgement in the said case was delivered by Justice K. S. Radhakrishnan.

The Judgement reads thus " We are in this case, concerned with grievances of the members of Transgenders Community (for short T. G. Community) who seek a legal declaration of their gender identity than the one assigned to them, male or female, at the time of birth and their prayer is that non-recognition of their gender identity Violated Article 14 and 21 of the Consitution of India. Hijras/Eunuchs, who also fall in that group claim legal Status as a third gender with all legal and constitutional protections.

"We are well aware that the Transgenders are deprived of social and cultural participation and hence restricted access to education, health care and public places which deprives them of the constitutional guarantee of equality before law and equal protection of laws. Further, it was also pointed out that the Community also faces discrimination to contest election, right to vote employment, to get licences etc; and in effect treated as on outcast or untouchable. Hence, the State cannot discriminate then on the grounds of gender violatems Arts14 to 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

Falling in line with the above mentioned judgement, the University of Mumbai direct the Principals/Director of the affiliated Colleges and Institutions to make necessary amendments in the admission forms and all the other proforma, where the institution asks for the gender/sex and to add the category of Transgenders.

As a part of basic necessity, it is essential to provide separate rest rooms to the students belonging to transgender Community. Provision of Counselling to transgenders and the other students so as to enable them to assimilate as one Student Community will be a healthy practice for the University.

It is also directed that cases of grievance Transgender Students be addressed by the Grievance Committee within 24 hrs or the next working day whatever may be the earlier.

You are requested to assign one teacher as a mentor for the T. G. Students.

Place : Mumbai - 400 020.
Date : 18th April, 2015.


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