EDITORIAL

WHY DEEMED UNIVERSITY AT ALL?



The Hon'ble Supreme Court while hearing a law suit of 2006 questioning the misuse of deemed universities status by many institutions, has asked the Government if the country needs any deemed universities? Which have mushroomed amid complaints that instead of imparting quality education many of them have been exploiting students. The bench of Hon'ble Justice Dalveer Bhandari and Justice Mukundka... Sharma while questioning the misuse of the deemed university status by many institutions bench asked "why deemed university at all. Don't you think that the status of deemed university should be abolished in the states.

Responding to this observation of the bench solicitor general Gopal Subramanium submitted that this aspect of the subject is also being looked into by the Government, Questioning the government policy on deemed universities advocate Sanjay Hegde accused Government of misusing the provision of the UGC act, which provides grant of the deemed university status to educational institutions of excellence. In fact this provision was enacted on a recommendation by a committee headed by Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan in 1948. The advocate Hegde contended that the Government, however, has significantly diluted the stipulations for giving this status to educational institutions resulting into mushrooming growth of such sub standard institutions without any quality control.

The Government of India in process of educational reforms in the country need to deliberate the use and misuse of this provisions of the UGC act providing for grant of the deemed university leading to mushrooming of such institution not caring for excellence virtually exploiting students, selling degree for a price. An act recommended by committee headed by an educational mentor of India Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan in 1948 with a noble gesture to set up centres of excellence in the country should no more be allowed to be misused or exploited by unscrupulous institutions with ulterior motive.

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