

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Collegiate Education – Admissions into UG programme to the holders of 2 year Diploma awarded by the Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University and P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University – permission – Accorded- Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (CE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.113,

**Dated:15-07-2022
Read the following:-**

1. UGC Regulations 2003 (UGC Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the First Degree through Formal Education Regulations, 2003).
2. From the Secretary, TSCHE Lr.No.TSCHE/CETs/Diploma Horticulture/2022, dt.11.03.2022.
3. From the Secretary, TSBIE Lr.No.61/ERTW-III/2003, dt.16.03.2022..
4. From the Secretary, TSCHE Lr.No.TSCHE/CETs/Diploma Veterinary/2022, dt.17.05.2022.
5. From the Secretary, TSCHE Lr.No.TSCHE/CETs(A)/Diploma-Degree/2022, dt.04.06.2022.

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ORDER:

The Government noted that Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University and P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University have been offering 2 year Diploma programmes in the relevant disciplines and allowing the qualified candidates for admission into UG Programs in their Universities. Whereas, the other Universities in the State of Telangana are not considering these Diploma Holders for admission into regular B.A., B.Com, B.Sc courses etc. and hence these Diploma Holders are deprived of access to higher education.

2. In the reference 1st read above, the UGC has prescribed Regulations for Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the First Degree through Formal Education Regulations, 2003 wherein the Regulation stated that no student shall be eligible for admission to a first degree programme in any of the faculties unless he/she has successfully passed the examination conducted by a Board/University at the +2 level of schooling (either through formal schooling for 12 years, or through open school system) or its equivalent.

3. In the reference 2nd read above, the Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad has informed that the Registrar, Sri Kondal Laxman Telangana Sate Horticultural University has furnished the remarks on eligibility of 2 year diploma in Horticulture into relevant degree programmes and syllabi, pattern of examination, duration of diploma course, access to Higher Education, Degree courses for which eligibility for admission and he has stated that Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Sate Horticultural University came into existence through Telangana Legislature Act and empowered to award certificates, diplomas and degrees in such branch of learning and the said University is admitting the Horticultural Diploma holders of their University for admission into B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture programme of their University. Hence, the Universities in Telangana cannot have dual admission policy and admission procedures for admission into other UG programmes of the Universities and requested to issue appropriate orders permitting 2 year diploma Horticulture holders for admission into relevant UG programmes offered in the Universities/Colleges/Institutions of the State of Telangana.

4. In the reference 3rd read above, the Secretary, Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education, Hyderabad has informed that as per the 41st Board meeting held on 30.03.1996 and 52nd Board Meeting held on 23.12.2002, the Diploma courses are not considered as equivalent to two-year Intermediate course of Telangana State. He has also stated that the Diploma in Horticulture is not considered as equivalent to two year Intermediate course of TSBIE.

5. In the reference 4th read above, the Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad has informed that the Registrar, PV Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University has furnished remarks on eligibility of 2 year diploma holders in Veterinary into relevant degree programmes and syllabi, pattern of examination, duration of diploma course, access to Higher Education, Degree courses for which eligibility for admission and he has also stated that PV Narasimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, Hyderabad came into existence through Telangana State Legislature Act and empowered to award certificates, diplomas and degrees in such branch of learning and he has requested to issue appropriate orders permitting 2 year Animal Husbandry Diploma Holders for admission into 1st year level of B.Sc. Biology Stream programmes/combinations, B.Voc. programmes in Veterinary and other relevant disciplines, B.Com and B.A. without Mathematics and Statistics that are conducted in the Universities/Colleges/Institutions of the State of Telangana.

6. In the reference 5th read above, the Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad has informed that the Registrar, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad has requested the TSCHE to recommend the entry of Diploma Holders qualified from the following Diploma Courses into B.A., B.Com and BBA courses offered in Degree Colleges in the State in order to improve job potential for the Diploma holders:-

1. Diploma in Agriculture (2 years)
2. Diploma in Organic Agriculture (2 years)
3. Diploma in Seed Technology (2 years)
4. Diploma in Agriculture Engg (3 years)

7. Further the Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education has informed that admissions to the above Diploma courses were given to SSC pass outs through POLYCET Entrance Test on merit basis. The said Diploma programmes are offered by Agricultural Polytechnics which are under the jurisdiction of the University and at present 15 % of supernumerary seats are made available by PJTSAU for admissions of said Diploma holders (a) B.Sc. (Honors) Agricultural Courses and (b) B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering) through separate entrance tests held by the University. He has also stated that the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Rt.No.17, HE(CEA1)Dept. dt.10.02.2021 has provided admissions of such Diploma Holders to certain Degree Programmes and he has requested the Government to consider the proposals of the University for entry of the Agriculture Diploma holders into 1st year of B.A./B.Com/BBA programmes offered in Degree Colleges of the state and issue appropriate orders in this regard.

8. The Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education in the references 2nd and 4th read above has informed that the 2 year horticulture diploma programme and Animal Husbandry (Veterinary diploma holders) are offered to the students completing 10th standard that is after 10 years of formal education. The condition of formal schooling for 12 years including the duration of the diploma programme is satisfied and further submitted that, the 2 year diploma programme is similar to any intermediate and vocational intermediate course. He has also stated that the state has been considering 3 year diploma holders of SBTET for admissions into 2nd year programme in technical and non-technical courses vide sub clause (vi) clause 1 of G.O.Ms.No.12, Higher Education (CE) Department, dt.20.04.2018 (Guidelines into UG admissions of the University through DOST Online portal) and the University do not come under the definition of a Board where the Board of Intermediate has the power to equate the Diplomas awarded by the Boards to that of Intermediate.

9. In the circumstances stated above and with a view to provide the equity and access of higher education to the Diploma holders and after careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby accords permission to the Universities, Colleges & Institutes etc. to admit 2 year diploma holders awarded by Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University and Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University and P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University into B.Sc. Biology Stream programs/combinations, B.Voc programmes in Agricultural & Horticulture programmes and other relevant disciplines, B.Com and B.A. without Mathematics and Statistics.

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10. The Registrars of the Universities in the State of Telangana are requested to implement these orders with the approval of the respective statutory bodies of the University.

11. The Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad and Registrars of the Universities in the State of Telangana and the Commissioner of Collegiate Education shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**KARUNA VAKATI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
All Registrars of Universities.

Copy to:-

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Education,
The P.S. to Secretary to Government, Education Department.
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