

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **OPECA GOT AN INTERIM STAY FROM HON'BLE HIGH COURT ON MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPEARING OJEE-2011**

OPECA filed a case against Government in Hon'ble High Court on Minimum Eligibility Criteria For appearing OJEE-2011. The case was filed & mentioned on 18.3.2011. The Hon'ble court considering the urgency called for hearing the matter on 22.3.2011. The Case was heard today (22.3.2011). We presented before the court the fact that AICTE has changed the Minimum Eligibility Criteria Norm hurriedly. It has not taken into confidence the stake holders. Further states like Andhra Pradesh , who are leading states in Technical Education has not followed the AICTE Guidelines of 50% Minimum Eligibility Criteria for studying B. Tech & MCA. Further In our state when Orissa Professional Educational ACT-2007 is in force, Government decided to follow the new AICTE guideline. In case of Eligibility Criteria, even after receiving opposition from the representatives of Professional Colleges in Policy Planning Body. So considering all these facts , Hon'ble court passed an Order in our favour. The Hon'ble Court ordered an Interim stay on the Eligibility criteria on requirement of minimum 50% marks for being eligible to appear for OJEE-2011.

So now students below 50% marks can appear for OJEE. Through this press release we request all students who interested to study Engineering or MCA, but have secured Less than 50% marks in +2 Science or +3 can now avail the opportunity to apply for OJEE-2011 based on the Interim Order from the Hon'ble High court.. So all interested students are requested to apply soon without losing any time.

**(BINOD DASH)  
HONORARY SECRETARY  
ORISSA PRIVATE ENGINEERING COLLEGE ASSOCIATION**

3rd April 2011

**PRESS RELEASE**

**ILLEGAL RANKING by BROKERS**

It has come to our attention that some brokers and mischief mongers are creating confusion in **the minds of Students & their Parents who are aspiring for** Engineering education in Orissa. The so called Ranking of Engineering Colleges by these brokers and mischief mongers is absolutely un-authorized and has no relevance in reality. The Government or our Technical University, BPUT nor any association has never authorized any such ranking or assessment.

**So we request all students & parents not to get carried away with such** illegal and absurd ranking. Rather we would like to advise the aspiring students and their parents to visit various Colleges to assess the ground reality and to collect information from students & faculty members before deciding the choice. This would give them a better picture about the college rather than getting convenience by such baseless, un-authorized ranking of the Technical Colleges by miscreants. We would further request students and Parents to collect details of brokers and pass it to OPECA so that police complaint is filed for defaming person/persons.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Request for Hon'ble Chief Minister's Intervention for Approval of Participation by Self Financed Technical Institutions in TEQIP-II, a World Bank Project**

Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-II) is a World Bank Project. In this project 200 govt. and 40 private technical colleges in India shall be given grant from World Bank, under the scheme TEQIP-II to improve the Technical Education in the Country. The grant for Government colleges is around 10 crores and Private colleges are 4 Crores. In this project only 97 Government Colleges and 264 Private College have applied from all over India.

Out of 264 Private colleges, 6 private Engineering colleges from our state Odisha have applied for this grant. We have been struggling since last 5 months to get an NOC from our government to participate in this World Bank Project.

Earlier we had requested Hon'ble Chief Minister's intervention in this matter. With his intervention, Industries Department had sent a letter in January 2011 has to how to monitor the proper implementation of this World Bank draft.

To this we informed that in every state there is a SPFU (State Project Facilitation Unit), which is directly responsible for management, coordination, implementation and monitoring of the project Further we also sent to the department the detail process of monitoring the implementation of the project. But since then our government has not take any decision.

Here we would like to inform that we are of knowledge from the NPIU website that the last date for submission for TEQIP-II Project is 30 April 2011. So we request immediate action from our government to send NOC to NPIU. We know our department has given a positive signal for private college participation in the project but we are yet to get the NOC letter. So through this press release we request for Hon'ble Chief minister's intervention once again so as to send NOC to NPIU by **29 April 2011** if really government is interested for improvement of quality of Technical education in the state, otherwise the 6 Private Engineering colleges shall be debarred from participating this project & government shall lose 24 Crores grant from world bank through this scheme and there shall not be any quality development in technical education in the state and other states shall move forward in development of Technical education with the help of this grant from World Bank.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

1 July 2011

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **DEMO PRESENTATION of E-COUNSELLING PROCESS**

Odisha Private Engineering College Association (OPECA) had organized for a demo Presentation of E-counselling process. This one day workshop on E-counselling process that would be followed for JEE counseling this year was held on 29.6.2011.

This one day workshop was attended by all member Engineering, MCA, Pharmacy & Management colleges.

Principal Secretary, Industries, Sri. T. Ramachandru inaugurated the one day workshop. The other officials present were Sri. Ratnkar Rout, Joint Secretary, Industries Chairman JEE, Dr. L. Panda ,State Head of NIC, Dr. S. K. Panda & S.K. Bhol & other Officials of JEE & NIC .

The NIC Officials along with Chairman JEE gave the demo Presentation of the E-counselling process. Sri. T. Ramchandru, Principal Secretary himself cleared all the queries of all members of Private Technical colleges. He further explained how the software for E-counselling has been prepared & how advertisement would be given so that a common man can easily understand. The workshop started from 10.30a.m. to 1.30a.m.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **OPECA's Request to Government for consideration of other +2 Science courses as optional subjects like Electronics/ Computer Science/IT/Statistics/ Geology apart from Chemistry/ biology/ Biotechnology for studying Engineering.**

This year ( 2011) JEE Authorities while giving provisional admission to students in Engineering course are considering Physics, Mathematics as compulsory subjects & Chemistry/ Biology/Biotechnology, anyone out of the 3 as optional subjects for eligibility Criteria for admission to Engineering Course (i.e. 45% for admission to Engineering) as mentioned in JEE Brochure of 2011.

Here we would like to mention that under such circumstances many students are being debarred from taking admission in engineering course because they apart from Physics & Mathematics as compulsory subjects they have Electronics/ Computer Science/IT/Statistics/ Geology as their optional subjects and not Chemistry/ Biology/ Biotechnology as their optional subjects

Further if Chemistry/Biology/ Biotechnology are being considered as optional subjects for study of engineering then other courses of +2 Science like Electronics/ Computer Science/ IT/ Statistics/ Geology should also be considered as optional subjects for admission to engineering course as these subjects are part of engineering course.

Further we would like to inform that in the year 2008,2009 & 2010 OJEE had considered Computer Science as one of the optional subjects besides Physics & Mathematics as compulsory subjects for admission to engineering Course .So we fail to understand that this year if the JEE authorities/ Government allow students with other optional like Computer Science/ Information Technology/Electronics/ Statistics/ Geology, what loss they have to face and moreover if for last 3 years it was being considered then why not this year. Just due to typographical mistake in OJEE Brochure-2011 several aspirants for studying Engineering are being debarred.

We have requested the government to advice JEE Chairman to consider other +2 Science optional subjects, such as Electronics Computer Science, IT, Statistics, geology apart from Chemistry/Biology/Biotechnology along with Physics & Mathematics as compulsory subjects for admission to Engineering course. By this many students shall meet the minimum eligibility criteria and they can study Engineering.

Further by considering the aforesaid subjects like Electronics/ Computer Science/IT/Statistics/ Geology as optional subjects there shall be no compromise in quality of engineering education rather quality shall improve as these courses are part of engineering Course.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Hon'ble High Court Order against the Appeal filed by OPECA challenging the judgment dated 19.8.2011 on Minimum Eligibility Criteria**

Hon'ble High Court on 26.9.2011 passed a verdict against the appeal filed by OPECA challenging the judgment dated 19.8.2011 passed by Hon'ble Single judge of High Court in W.P(C ) No. 6939 of 2011.

In its verdict it has stated that the court has observed that many students who have not fulfilled the eligibility criteria of securing minimum cut off marks in the qualifying examination for under graduate and post -graduate courses have been permitted by an interim order passed by the high court on 22.3.2011. to take the entrance examination and have got higher ranking than the candidates who have secured the cut off marks. It is contended by the learned counsel for students that they having secured higher ranking than the candidates who have secured the cut off marks, unless they are permitted to take admission, great prejudice would be caused to them and considering the aforesaid fact & keeping in view the fact that the State is a poor & backward State and there will be seats in undergraduate course and post graduate course available, the State may take a decision in this regard to make a request to AICTE to fill the unfilled seats in the institutions by the aforesaid students. We hope that the State may consider the relevant aspects and take appropriate decision in this regard to accommodate the students who have been permitted to take entrance examination although they have not secured the cut off Marks in the qualifying examination but have secured higher ranking.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Request to our government to Accept Hon'ble Union Minister for HRD, Sri Kapil Sibal's Proposal to adopt the Common Entrance Test- Indian Science-Engineering Eligibility Test ( ISEET) from next academic Session-2013**

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Hon'ble Union Minister for HRD Sri Kapil Sibal proposed to conduct a Single Common Entrance test Indian Science-Engineering Eligibility Test (ISEET) all over India for admission to Engineering seats from next academic Session-2013. The same has been accepted in the recently held all India Education Ministers Meeting.

He has further mentioned that a Common merit list be prepared by giving 60% weightage to Common Entrance Test & 40% weightage to +2 Marks.

But we are of the knowledge that only states namely Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Pondicherry & West Bengal has requested for time to study on the said Proposal

We as an association for all Self Financed Un-aided Engineering Colleges in Odisha- OPECA Propose before the government to accept the aforesaid proposal of Hon'ble Union Minister for HRD, sri Kapil Sibal as this proposal shall

- i) Benefit the students and parents aspiring to study Engineering from appearing multiple entrance test.
- ii) A Common Merit List will help us in a Fair & transparent Admission process The process can be Completed in less time

Further with regards to giving weightage to Entrance Test marks & +2 marks a proposal was given by OPECA to your Government in the year 2008 vide It. no. OPECA/2008-09/78/79, dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 to the then Industries Minister & Higher Education Minister. We had requested for 50%:50% weightage. We have no objection that union minister has given the proposal of 60% :40%. This proposal should also be accepted as this will make Engineering aspirants more careful / serious for their +2 marks which shall help them to fare better in the engineering studies later.

Further union Minister has also given the option to the states to adopt their own Weightages for admission to state level institution. These issues can be discussed in due course

Going through the Union Minister Proposal our only request to our government is to give its acceptance immediately to adopt the Common Entrance Test-Indian Science-Engineering Eligibility Test (ISEET) from next academic Session-2013

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

20 March 2012

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Non-implementation of Hon'ble High Court order dated 7.3.2012, by Technical Education Department, Govt. Of Odisha**

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In a PPB Meeting held on 2 January 2012 Education Secretary, Principal Secretary, Industries, VC, BPUT, Chairman JEE, DMET & DTET were present & a decision was taken that 10% lateral Entry seats shall be filled by outside state Candidates. The same was approved by Chief Secretary. But Hon'ble Industries Minister rejected the PPB decisions. Aggrieved by this decision OPECA Filed a case in Hon'ble High Court.

Hon'ble High in its interim order in misc case no.3234 of 2012 on 7.3.2012 passed a verdict directing govt, to allow outside students to appear lateral entry exams and to publish this notice by 13.3.2012.

But till date Our Present, Government (Technical Education Secretary) has not implemented the court order.

When we met Technical Education Secretary he took the plea that he is waiting for law department view

It seems govt. is always in a way to trouble the private Engineering colleges. Every year we keep fighting for our rights during admission.

Further we fail to understand if the Diploma students of outside states are allowed to study then what is the problem when large no. of seats are lying vacant. It is a clear cut violation of High Court Order.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**



31 MAY 2012

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **OPECA APPEALS FOR CLEAR CUT ADMISSION GUIDELINES BEFORE START OF COUNSELLING**

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Odisha JEE 2012 Results have been declared. We are of the knowledge that around 63,634 have qualified OJEE in the Engineering, 3,535 in MCA, 16,859 in Pharmacy & 6,916 In MBA The result is not at all satisfying. Last year qualified number was 53936 in Engineering category. Compared to last year the % increase of qualified candidates is negligible.

We had anticipated that this year qualified candidate number would reach around 1 lakh, but it his much below our anticipation. From the result declared we presume that this year also large number of seats will fall vacant. Hence we appeal Hon'ble Chief Minister, who is also the Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education that before the commencement of E-Counseling process for the present academic year, clear cut guidelines be notified with regard to filling up of vacant seats Including Vacant NRI seats. We further appeal that at least this clause in The Orissa Professional Educational Institution ACT-2007 be amended immediately by an ordinance to save the Technical Colleges in the state

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

5 July 2012

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Government are Policy makers & Policy breakers**

Government polices & laws are not meant for government organization. This is clearly visible in the field of Technical Education. State Universities and Autonomous Colleges are running without AICTE Approval. As per AICTE ACT no technical programme of any kind can be run in any Institution including Government Institution or Universities without AICTE approval. But Government College of Engineering (Estd..2009), Bhawanipatna & Parala Maharaja Engineering College (Estd.2009), Berhampur, affiliated to BPUT is running since last 4 years without AICTE Approval.

Further Utkal University, Berhampur University, Sambalpur university, Fakir Mohan University, North Odisha University, Ravenshaw University, Khalikote College ,BJB College, Gangadhar Meher College, Dhenkanal College , SCS College & lot of other Autonomous Colleges are running MCA & MBA programme without AICTE Approval.

Further these Universities & Autonomous Colleges are not under the ambit of the ORISSA Professional Educational Institutions ACT, 2007 which is the only ACT governing all Technical Institutions of Odisha. They are charging their own arbitrary fees without any approval from the FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE which is a must as per the OPEI ACT -2007,Supreme Court and AICTE guidelines

Moreover the above universities & Colleges are taking students directly at their level through local advertisement, etc. Their procedure is against the Supreme Court Judgment of Transparency, Merit Based Admission and Centralized Counseling. Hence they are violating the Supreme Court orders. Further many colleges/ universities are running programme with help of private agencies which is violation of AICTE Rules

OPECA appeals to Hon'ble CM to intervene into such type of illegal activities that are being carried out under the name of Government universities & Colleges. We further request to ask these Universities & Colleges to follow the law of land give equal opportunity to all.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**

9 August 2012

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Dream for a Better Technical Education Scenario under the leadership of Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education, Employment & Training Sri. Pratap Keshari Deo.**

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A nine member Delegation of OPECA headed by Honorary Secretary Sri. Binod Dash met Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education, Employment & Training, Sri Pratap Keshari Deo on 8 August 2012.

The OPECA delegation first welcomes the newly appointed Minister for Technical Education, Employment & training. Then in a hour long meeting with the hon'ble minister, his positive attitude towards development of Technical education in the state was clearly expressed by him. He promised to take up steps to strengthen BPUT, & make Odisha the Technical educational Hub of Eastern India.

Then the delegation met the Chief Secretary to discuss regarding filling up of vacant seats. In a hour long meeting with the chief secretary he assured to take steps to fill up the vacant seats as per law.

He also assured that he would look into the pending amendment file at the earliest.

OPECA through this paper thanks both Hon'ble Minister & Chief Secretary for giving their valuable time to discuss on Technical education. OPECA further thanks both for their positive outlook towards development of Technical education in the state of Odisha. We dream to see the Technical Education scenario in the state in a new height with sincere cooperation from Hon'ble Minister & The Chief Secretary.

**BINOD DASH**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**OPECA**