

**Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)**

May kindly see the online application of Sri Ashok Kumar Singh-VIII, Joint Registrar (J) (Computer), High Court, Allahabad regarding grant of permission to pursue Master of Arts in Public Administration through ODL (Open Distance Learning) mode from Indira Gandhi National Open University.

In his application, Sri Ashok Kumar Singh- VIII has stated that his work is related to administrative work and he wants to pursue Master of Arts in Public Administration from Indira Gandhi National Open University through ODL (Open Distance Learning) mode. This course would be beneficial for him while discharging his official duty. He has also stated that being the last date of the admission for academic session January-2023, he is submitting the admission form in anticipation of the approval of Hon'ble Court. He has also added that he would bear all financial burden related to this course. Thereafter, through online objection, the officer has been asked about the academic session, status of taking study leave, declaration regarding no attendance requirement etc. In reply, the officer has stated that he has taken admission in Master of Arts in Public Administration Course conducted by IGNOU in anticipation of permission by the Hon'ble Court and academic session is January-2023 and the admission is valid upto December 2026. He has further stated that he does not require study leave to pursue the said course and also attached the prospectus and his declaration saying that he may do the course without attending any day to day class, which can be seen as attachments. He has, therefore, requested for grant of permission to pursue the Master of Arts in Political Science from IGNOU.

In this connection, it is stated that the officer has joined the Uttar Pradesh Higher Judicial Services on 08.06.2009. There is circular letter dated 4.11.11, which provides that if any Judicial Officer during the course of his Service, requests to pursue higher studies, he has to apply for grant of 'Study Leave' as per rules which will be subject to the discretion of Hon'ble the Chief Justice. In the instant case, the officer has declared that he does not need any study leave for pursuing the course and also no day to day classes is required to him. It is also pertinent to mention here that as stated by the officer, he has taken admission in the stated course in anticipation of permission of Hon'ble Court; thus now, It is on the discretion of the Hon'ble High Court either to grant ex post facto permission for his admission and permission to pursue the stated course to the officer or to pass any such order which deems to be proper. Here, it is also pertinent to mention here that normally such type of matters are submitted to Hon'ble the Administrative Judges concerned but as the applicant is a Judicial Officer, presently posted on deputation in Hon'ble High Court. As per the resolution passed in the meeting of the Hon'ble Administrative Committee held on 12.07.2013, he is under exclusive administrative control of Hon'ble The Chief Justice and as such this matter is likely to be placed before Hon'ble The Chief Justice. It is also submitted that a Judicial Officer can be accorded permission to attend academic classes and specialized higher studies in terms of G.O. No.24/1066-Appointment (B) dated 21.08.1967, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Government work should not suffer in any way.
2. The academic classes, if any are held outside office hours.
3. No preferential treatment will be given in the matter of leave postings and transfer.
4. The permission can be withdrawn without notice if; it is found at any time that the government servant neglects his normal work or that public work suffers, in any way.

May, therefore, if approved, the instant matter may be laid before Hon'ble The Chief Justice, for His Lordship's kind perusal and if His Lordship approves :-

A) Sri Ashok Kumar Singh- VIII, Joint Registrar (J) (Computer), High Court, Allahabad may be granted ex-post facto permission for his admission and permission to pursue the Master of Arts in Public Administration through ODL (Open Distance Learning) mode from Indira Gandhi National Open University, starting from the academic session January 2023 with exemption of the requirement to take study leave for the same and without entering into the fact whether the University is recognised by University Grants Commission or not and without reserving any future claim of the Officer regarding his qualification if the University is not recognised.

Or

B) To pass any other order which His Lordship deem fit and proper .

Archana Awasthi

Review Officer

Munmun Narang

Section Officer

Meetu Verma

Assistant Registrar, Admin A-4

**Hon'ble The Chief Justice**

My Lord,

Submitted for His Lordship's  
kind perusal & order

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