

### **Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)**

May kindly see the online application of Smt. Jaya Priyadarshini, Civil Judge (Senior Division), Auraiya regarding grant of permission to pursue bachelor's degree (B.A.) in Psychology from Indira Gandhi National Open University .

In her application, Smt. Jaya Priyadarshini has stated that she wants to pursue Bachelor's Degree (B.A.) in Psychology from Indira Gandhi National Open University. She has also stated that the University offers distance learning programme, so there would be no need to attend the classes in physical mode and the study material would be provided online. Thereafter, through online objections, the officer has been asked to intimate her status of taking study leave, academic session and her declaration regarding no attendance requirement. In reply, the officer has submitted following information/ details:-

- The academic session for B.A in Psychology is for 3 years from Indira Gandhi National Open University and from the prospectus and relating papers (can be seen as attachment), it appears that she is willing for the academic session of July 2023 as for this session admissions can be taken till August-September (as mentioned in the attachment heading 'Academic session Information').
- She would not require to avail 'Study Leave' as the proposed programme is through Online Distance Learning (ODL) and she would be provided the study material at her home address.
- Her Purpose of doing this course is to gain insight of human psychology and due to her interest in the subject. It would also help her to understand the psyche of advocates and litigants and serve the litigants better.
- She has also declared that she would not attend any physical classes related to the course as the course is through ODL and added that she would not let hamper her judicial work due to study.

She has therefore, requested to place her application before the Hon'ble Court for grant of permission to pursue the aforesaid course.

In this connection, it is stated that the officer has joined the Uttar Pradesh Nyayik Sewa on 28.02.2015. There is a circular letter dated 04.11.11, which provides that if any Judicial Officer during the course of his/her Service, requests to pursue higher studies, he/she 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 stated he would not avail any study leave for the said Course as the same would be done through open distance learning programme wherein the study materials would be provided to her at her home address. She has also added that the purpose of doing this graduate course is to gain insight of human psychology and her interest in the subject. Now its upto the discretion of Hon'ble Senior Judge (J-1) either to grant her permission to pursue the three year correspondence Bachelor's degree course in Psychology or to pass any other order. 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 her normal work or that public work suffers, in any way.

It is further to mention here that recently, vide order dated 23.04.2023 regarding reconstitution of different Committees, Hon'ble The Chief Justice has been pleased to form a single Hon'ble Judge Committee i.e. Hon'ble Senior Judge (J-1) to deal with the matter of grant of permission to Judicial Officers to pursue academic courses.

May, therefore, if approved, the instant matter may be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Prakash Kesarwani, Senior Judge (J-1), for His Lordship's kind perusal and if His Lordship approves :-

(a) Smt. Jaya Priyadarshini, Civil Judge (Senior Division), Auraiya may be granted permission to pursue three year Bachelor degree (B.A.) course in Psychology for the academic session starting from July 2023 from Indira Gandhi National Open University, with exemption of the requirement to take study leave for the same and without entering into the fact whether the University is recognised by UGC or not as well as without reserving any future claim of the Officer regarding her qualification if the University is not recognised and also subject to the conditions mentioned in the above noted G.O. dated 21.8.1967 and all other Rules, Regulations, Circulars and Government orders, if any.

Or

(b) to pass any other order which His Lordship deems fit and proper.

Archana Awasthi, Review Officer  
Munmun Narang, Section Officer  
Meetu Verma, Assistant Registrar  
Admin A-IV

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Prakash Kesarwani,**

**Senior Judge (J-1)**

Submitted for kind perusal & order

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