

Registrar (J) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Smt. Veena Narain, Addl. Principal Judge (Family Court), Meerut regarding grant of permission to pursue Ph.D. in Law from Shobhit Institute of engineering & Technology, deemed to be University, Meerut.

In her application, Smt. Veena Narain has stated that she wants to pursue Ph.D. from Shobhit University, Meerut for the academic session 2024 and the entrance examination and interview of the same is scheduled on 22nd and 23rd June and it would not hamper her judicial work. Thereafter, through online objection, the officer has been asked to intimate her status of admission, status of taking study leave, papers relating to attendance requirement and papers relating to UGC recognition status of the university. In reply, the officer has stated that she has appeared in the said examination in anticipation of Hon'ble Court's permission and stated that the classes of the Ph.D. program would be online & after office hours (copy of letter from the vice chancellor of the institute can be seen as attachment). She has also stated that minimum three years are required for completion of Ph.D., however her retirement is scheduled just after 1.25 years, so she would not take any study leave for this course. She has also enclosed papers relating to the recognition of the University by the UGC, which can be seen as attachments. She has therefore, requested to place her application before the Hon'ble Court for grant of permission to pursue Ph.D. course in Law from Shobhit Institute of engineering & Technology, deemed to be University.

In this connection, it is stated that Smt. Veena Narain has joined the U.P Nyayik Sewa on 20.12.2003. There is circular letter dated 04.11.11, which provides that if any Judicial officer during the course of her service, requests to pursue higher studies, 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 that the classes for the course is to be held in online mode after office hours and she is also going to be retired soon i.e. prior to the minimum period required for completion of Ph.d. Now, It is on the discretion of the Hon'ble High Court either to grant her permission to pursue Ph.D. from Shobhit Institute of engineering & Technology, deemed to be University or to pass any such order which deems to be proper. 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.

Recently, vide order dated 01.07.2024 relating to re-constitution of

Committees, Hon'ble The Chief Justice has been pleased to change the single Judge Committee appearing at sl. no. 65 of the list of Committees dated 01.07.2024, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra is nominated in the said Committee, to deal with the matters relating to grant of permission to Judicial Officers to pursue academic course.

May, therefore, if approved, the file may be laid before single Judge Committee of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra, as per order dated 01.07.2024 of Hon'ble The Chief Justice relating to re-constitution of Committees, for His Lordship's kind perusal and if His Lordship approves:-

(a) Smt. Veena Narain, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Meerut may be granted permission to pursue Ph.D. in Law from Shobhit Institute of engineering & Technology, deemed to be University, Meerut, starting from the academic session 2024 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 and without reserving any future claim of the Officer regarding her qualification if the University is not recognised, subject to the conditions mentioned above.

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 Anjani Kumar Mishra, जयते

Nominated Judge

submitted for kind perusal & order

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