

## **REGULATION (Amended)**

### **FOR THE**

### **Admission, Evaluation and Award of**

### **DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

(As per the provisions of Ph.D. Ordinance of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya and UGC Regulations 2016)

#### **PREAMBLE**

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV) offers Ph.D. programs leading to the award of Ph.D. degree through its Departments / Research Centres. The award of Ph.D. degree is in recognition of high academic achievements, independent research and application of knowledge to the solution of problems in Applied Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Computer Applications and Management or in recognition of high academic achievements, independent research in Arts, Social Science, Humanities or other branches of knowledge as prescribed by the University from time to time. Creative and productive inquiry is the basic concept underlying the research work.

The academic programme leading to the Ph.D. degree is broad-based and involves a minimum course credit requirement and a dissertation. The University also encourages interdisciplinary areas through a system of co-supervision through its academic departments and research centres and provides excellent opportunities for such Programmes. The University undertakes sponsored research and development projects from industrial and other organizations in the public as well as private sector.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall be abbreviated as Ph.D. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is granted for research work in areas recognized by the Academic council of the University, subject to the conditions and regulations contained hereinafter.

In exercise of powers conferred by Statute 14 (d) of Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act 2009, No. 25 of 2009 Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya hereby amends the Ph. D Regulations. This Regulation may be called **“GGV, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Regulations, 2017.”**

In order to regulate the minimum standards and procedures for award of Ph.D. degree in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph.D. Degree ) Regulations-2016, Dated 05 May, 2016, the following Regulation is promulgated to make provisions for Ph.D. admission in different schools of the University. This Regulation shall come into effect from 2017 onwards, in supersession of all the previous Ph.D. Regulations. They shall come into force from the Academic Session 2017-18. Those candidates who have been registered for Ph.D. before the promulgation of this Regulation would be governed by the earlier Ordinance/Regulation issued from time to time under which he/ she had been admitted.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur shall be conferred on a candidate who fulfills all the requirements specified in the relevant Ordinance/ Regulations. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy will be awarded on the research work carried out by the candidate as per the evaluation process described in this regulation.

A candidate shall ordinarily be permitted to pursue research for the Ph.D. degree in the subject in which he/she holds Master's degree. For post graduate degree in allied/ interdisciplinary subjects, eligibility would be ascertained as per following regulations.

Ph.D. programme through distance education mode is not allowed by the University.

## **R 1. Short title, Application and Commencement:**

1.1 These Regulations may be called **“GGV, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Regulations, 2017.”**

1.2 They shall apply to all categories of students/ candidates pursuing courses of study and research leading to the Ph.D. degree in Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV).

1.3 They shall come into force from the date of its adoption by the Executive Council of the University.

## **R 2. Definitions**

- i. **"Applicant"** shall mean an individual who applies for admission to the Ph.D. programme of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur on a prescribed Application Form (Annexure-1) and get admitted through the process prescribed hereinafter.
- ii. **"Candidate"** shall mean a person registered for the Ph.D. degree and who has successfully completed the course requirement or equivalence and submitted an approved research plan.
- iii. **"Caretaker Supervisor"** shall mean a member of the academic staff appointed to look after the candidate's research interests in the absence of the Supervisor.
- iv. **"Centre"** shall mean Research Centre approved / recognized by the University, where research work is permitted to be pursued.
- v. **"Co-supervisor"** shall mean an additional supervisor approved by the Departmental Research Committee on the recommendation of supervisor to help in the accomplishment of the research work of the student/candidate.
- vi. **"Course Work"** shall mean courses of study prescribed by the Board of Studies to be undertaken by a student before his/her registration for the Ph.D. Degree.
- vii. **"DRC"** shall mean Departmental Research Committee.
- ix. **"Degree"** shall mean the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur
- x. **"Research Advisory Committee"** shall mean Research Advisory Committee of the

candidate.

- xi. **"Educational Institution"** shall mean those colleges which offer Bachelor's or higher Degree.
- xii. **"Full-time Research Student/Candidate"** shall mean a person registered for the Ph.D. Degree devoting full time for completing the degree requirements.
- xiii. **"Minimum Registration Period"** shall mean the minimum period for which a candidate must be registered, including the time spent as student before becoming a candidate, prior to submission of the thesis.
- xiv. **"ODC"** shall mean Oral Defense Committee.
- xv. **"Part Time Research Student / Candidate"** a person who is registered for the Ph.D. degree and will devote part of his time towards this pursuit and devote part of time towards the discharge of his official obligations.
- xvi. **"Registration Period"** shall mean the length of time span commencing with the date of initial registration at the University / Research Centre on full-time basis.
- xvii. **"Residency"** shall mean the minimum period for which a student/ candidate must attend the University / Research Centre on full-time basis.
- xix. **"Sponsored Research Student / Candidate"** shall mean a full time research student/ candidate except that he (she) receives complete financial support from the sponsoring organization his (her) employer.
- xx. **"Student"** shall mean person registered for the Ph.D. degree prior to becoming a candidate.
- xxi. **"Supervisor"** shall mean a member of the academic staff of the University or any other person fulfilling R.8 of the Regulations and approved by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of Dean of the University / Research Centre to guide / supervise the research / academic work of the student / candidate.
- xxii. **"University"** shall mean the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur.

**Note:** 'He' & 'His' imply 'he' / 'she' and 'his' / 'her', respectively hereinafter.

### **R.3. ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding

statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

*Provided* further that the students appearing for final year or final semester of their post-graduate degree examination will also be eligible to appear for the admission process subject to the fulfillment of minimum eligibility criteria in the final result thereof.

3.2 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

3.3 Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.

#### **R. 4. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION**

**4.1** There would be two streams of applicants, namely

1. Applying against seats which shall be filled **by Vishwavidyalaya Research Entrance Test (VRET)**
2. Applying against seats which shall be filled by candidates not appeared in VRET i.e. called VRET-Exempted category

75% of Total seats available in a department will be reserved for VRET Candidates and remaining 25% seats will be reserved for VRET-Exempted category. This percentage will also be maintained while distributing seats among teachers of the department.

In case, at any point of time VRET exempted category candidates are not available after two continuous admission notices of that seat, seats may be filled by VRET category.

4.2 University will notify well in advance in the website and through advertisement in at least two (2) national newspapers the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test(s) shall be conducted and all other relevant information for benefit of the candidates adhering to the National level reservation policy.

4.3 University will admit candidates by a two stage process through:

A. An Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. The VRET would be of 120 minutes duration. There would be a single question paper of 100 marks having 100 multiple choice questions for assessing the subject proficiency and research aptitude of the candidate. **The eligibility or qualifying marks will not be a guarantee for admission.**

The syllabus of the VRET will be the same as prescribed for the PG Programmes of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya. The fee for the Application Form for Ph.D. admissions, prescribed for different categories, would be determined by the University from time to time.

B. An interview/*viva-voce* to be organized by the Department concern when the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Departmental Research Committee.

C. The interview/*viva voce* shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

- i. the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- ii. the research work can be suitably undertaken at the Department;
- iii. the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

The University shall maintain the list of all the Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic of his/her research, name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/ registration.

4.4 Candidates applying under VRET- Exempted category would directly appear to the interview/ *viva voce* only.

4.5 The second stream of applicant belonging to following categories of candidates shall be exempted from the VRET for admission to Ph.D. programme but would be interviewed by the DRC-

**4.5.1** Permanent teachers having appointment on substantive posts in the Teaching departments of the Universities or government aided colleges who have completed their probation successfully with an experience of at least Two years of uninterrupted service would be considered under this category.

**4.5.2** Foreign students sponsored by the concerned embassy and having appropriate fellowship will be exempted from test, subject to the general rules framed by the Government of India from time to time and as applicable to the University with regard to the admission etc.

**4.5.3** Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET(having own fellowship)/GATE(For Engineering Stream only)/teacher fellowship holder.

4.5.4 Students those who have been selected in government agency sponsored projects through open selection procedure after due advertisement and have research experience for a minimum period of Two years duration and have at least one publication in refereed impacted journal.

**4.5.5** Candidates who have successfully completed their M.Phil. from GGV or any other recognized institutions.

**4.5.6** A permanent employee of any government department/ public sector undertaking/ R & D organization/Other University/ private industry who is sponsored as a fulltime candidate by the said organization for research work with at least 5 years of service and who is relieved on study leave for a period of not less than three years for pursuing Ph.D. programme in a

Department/ Institute of the University. Number of such sponsored candidates admitted per year would ordinarily be not more than one per programme.

#### **4.6 Final Selection and List Preparation**

##### **4.6.1 Final Merit will be decided on the marks obtained by the applicant at each stage.**

**However, overall marks will be 100. Distribution of marks will be as follows-**

- a. Personal Interview/Viva-voce- 20
- b. Research Proposal (written in 500-600 words) -30
- c. Power Point presentation on research proposal- 10
- d. Academic Background-40
  - For 10<sup>th</sup> (HSC)- 5 (5 For more than 75%, 3 for 75%to 60%, 2 for less than 60%)
  - For 12<sup>th</sup> (HSSC)—5 (5 For more than 75%, 3 for 75%to 60%, 2 for less than 60%)
  - For Under Graduate- 10(10 For more than 75%, 8 for 75%to 60%, 5 for less than 60%)
  - For Post Graduate- 10 (10 For more than 75%, 8 for 75%to 60%, 5 for less than 60%)
  - For UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE(For Engineering Stream only)-10

**4.6.2** The DRC would prepare category wise merit list. The final selection list will be displayed on the University's website as well as on the departmental Notice Board within Two days of the last day of Interview.

#### **R.5. SHORTLISTING**

- (a) The short listing of applications for the purpose of admission test/interview will be done by the HoD/DRC of concerned department/ Research Centre.
- (b)The DRC of the concerned department may set the short-listing criteria, if considered necessary, higher than the minimum eligibility defined.
- (c)The basic guidelines / instructions for short listing will be issued by the University with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.
- (d) Reservation and relaxation will be provided to the applicants belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PWD as per GOI norms.



## **R. 6. COURSE WORK**

- 6.1** The finally selected candidates would be required to submit the stipulated fees for admission to Course-work only. This fee would include the fee for doing Course Work and the amount of fee would be decided by the University from time to time. All such applicants would be deemed to be provisionally admitted in the Ph.D. Programme.
- 6.2** All admitted candidates shall undertake a course work for a minimum period of one semester (Six Months) as prescribed by the University.
- 6.3** A temporary supervisor would be allotted to the candidates by the DRC of the Department before the start of the course work. Once admitted, while pursuing the course work, the candidate shall actively interact with the allotted supervisor in their chosen field of research. The candidate would submit a synopsis with Title of research for Ph.D. work and submit his/ her synopsis immediately after successful completion of course work to the Head of the Department concerned.
- 6.4** The course work shall be treated as pre-Ph.D. preparation. It would include two papers. The first being a compulsory course on research methodology and may include quantitative methods and computer applications; reviewing of published research in the relevant field and other techniques/ methods, specific for the broad subject area. The second paper would include research methods specific to the candidate's/supervisor's chosen research area. This system will have to be decided by the departmental **Board of Studies** in accordance with the research areas open in that session or as available in the department concern.
- 6.5** The Ph.D. course work shall be of 08 credits.
- 6.6** The course work shall be treated as prerequisite for Ph.D. preparation. A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology which could cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work, etc. Other courses shall be advanced level courses preparing the students for Ph.D. degree.

- 6.7** All courses prescribed for Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the Academic Council.
- 6.8** All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work successfully prescribed by the Department during the initial 1 or 2 Semesters. If the student will be unable to qualify Pre Ph.D. Course Work successfully after second attempt, his/her admission will be cancelled automatically.
- 6.9** Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme leading to the completion of Ph.D. thesis. A Marksheet/ Grade-Card would be provided by the University.
- 6.10** The Head of Department would be responsible for preparing the time-table and course content for the course work, teaching and assessment schedule (examination), continuous evaluation, internal assessment and shall conduct the same under the overall supervision of the concerned Dean of School.
- 6.11** The pass marks in the Course Work (including internal assessment) shall be 55 percent for each paper or component for all categories of students. There will be one Internal Assessment Exam and one End Semester Examination for two papers of course work. The HoD will propose the schedule of examinations and the Dean of the concern school will be authorized to conduct these examination in due period.
- 6.12** If a candidate fails to qualify the course work examination in first attempt, he/ she will be given only one additional attempt (last) to clear the course work examination along with the next regular batch to qualify this examination after paying due fees. However, in all such cases where the candidate has failed to pass the Course-work examination in first attempt, he/ she would not be given the benefit of the duration of the course work for the minimum residency period/ studentship period in continuity. In all such cases, the residency period of only one semester (6 months) shall be reckoned for successful completion of the course-work.

**6.13** Successfully completion of Course Work would be binding on all the Ph.D. candidates including teacher Candidates/VRET- Exempted Category applicants.

**6.14 Semester Duration for the Research work.**

The semester duration terms for the research/course work shall be as follows:

Odd Semester: July to December:

Even Semester: January to June

**R. 7. APPROVAL OF SYNOPSIS AND REGISTRATION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME**

**7.1** The candidates who have successfully completed their course work shall be required to submit a synopsis of the proposed research work and would make a power-point presentation before the DRC of the Department for its approval. The HoD concern will arrange meeting of DRC as earlier as possible but not more than two months from the date of declaration of results of the Pre- Ph. D. Course Work.

**7.2** In case, the DRC finds that the synopsis is not up to the mark, it shall make specific suggestions for improving the synopsis. The candidate, after making the necessary improvements shall re-submit his/ her synopsis for approval. The revised synopsis is to be submitted within a week from the date of the DRC meeting. If the next meeting of DRC is satisfied on this point, it shall recommend and forward the application to the Dean for permission being granted to the candidate for registration in the Ph.D. programme.

**7.3** The Dean of School will be authorized to give approval on such proposals.

**7.4** The candidate would be required to submit the fee for Ph.D. work (Semester-wise or Annual, as decided by the University) after the approval of the Dean Concern.

**7.5** A student shall be finally registered as a candidate for the Ph.D. Degree after he has complied with the following:

- (i) Successful completion of his course work;
- (ii) Submission of a research plan recommended and duly approved by Dean on the recommendation of DRC;

Temporary supervisor will be confirmed at this stage and RAC will be constituted for the candidate.

## **R. 8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF SUPERVISOR AND RELATED REGULATIONS**

- 8.1** The number of research scholars per supervisor shall not ordinarily exceed the number mentioned Ordinances.
- 8.2** Any regular Professor of the University with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the university with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing. A teacher can apply for recognition as supervisor in the prescribed format (**Annexure-2**).
- 8.3** Only a full time regular teacher of the University can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co- Supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the University or from other related institutions with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee or DRC.
- 8.4** The allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview/*viva voce*.
- 8.5** A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil. and Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil. and six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M.Phil. and four (4) Ph.D. scholars. In case, a teacher working in GGV can accept recognition as Co-supervisor from other universities/institution, number of research scholar should not exceed the above limit.
- 8.6** Provided further that the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Supervisor, the Head of the Department and the Dean, may allow a candidate to work for Ph.D. at a

research centre of repute with which a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the University for this purpose and the candidate can have a Co-supervisor from such institution who shall not be below the rank of Professor or Scientist of equivalent rank from the research centre/ Institution concerned. The research organizations with which MoU have been signed should also recognize University faculty as Supervisor.

- 8.7** In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/ Faculty/College/Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/Colleges.
- 8.8** In case of relocation of a Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done.
- 8.9** Additional conditions in all such transfer cases would be: (a) There should be fully justified valid reasons for the transfer, which should be from another Institution (b) Other compelling reasons would be considered subject to approval by the Vice Chancellor (c) No Objection Certificate from both the institutions are the pre-requisite (d) In all such transfer cases, there should be compatibility in the research proposal being carried out in the Original Institution and Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (e) There is availability of vacancy with the approval of the proposed Supervisor as per UGC norms.

A supervisor shall not be allowed to supervise a candidate who is his/ her relative whether by blood or by marriage. The term close relation includes wife, husband, son, daughter, sister, brother, nephew, niece, grandniece, grandnephew, uncle, aunt, first cousin, son-in law, daughter-in law and nephew, niece, grand niece and nephew of supervisor's brother's & sister's spouse.

**8.10** No change of supervisor shall ordinarily be allowed, but in special cases, where the Head of the Department is satisfied that the research work of a Ph.D. student will suffer. The matter would be placed before the DRC which may recommend a change of supervisor to the Vice-Chancellor through the Dean of School who may allow the change of supervisor. The reasons might be any of the following:

**8.10.1** On account of migration, retirement, long leave or for any other reason, the supervisor may not be available to guide the scholar

**8.10.2** As the supervisor is not willing to, or not in a position to supervise the candidate

**8.10.3** Due to some extra-ordinary situation necessitating such a change.

**8.11** The DRC, at its discretion may also decide whether change of supervisor will require fresh registration of the Ph.D. student.

8.12 A faculty member who is due to retire within the next three years can be appointed as a co-supervisor only and can continue to be the co-supervisor even after his retirement provided the DRC/CRC is convinced of his availability / continued guidance to the student.

8.13 The Dean shall receive and scrutinize the applications received for registration of research supervisor through HoD and recommend the eligible names for approval of the Vice Chancellor. The Dean shall issue the letter of recognition to the approved names of the research supervisor.

## **R.9. CLASSIFICATIONS**

A candidate admitted to the Ph. D. programme in a Department/School shall be classified under any one of the following categories:

### **(a) Full-time Research Scholar**

A candidate who has been admitted to the Ph. D. programme through VRET shall be referred to as a full-time research scholar.

### **(b) Internal Part-time Research Scholar**

A candidate who has been admitted directly to the Ph. D. programme based on the eligibility criteria mentioned in Clauses 4.5 of R4 and R10 and working in GGV shall be referred to as an internal part-time research scholar.

- (i) A candidate admitted directly to the Ph. D. programme, as per Clauses 4.5 of R4 and R10 and not working in GGV shall be referred to as an external part-time research scholar.
- (ii) A candidate working in a non-degree awarding institution recognised as a centre of research by the University and admitted to the Ph.D. programme through VRET shall also be permitted to work as an external part-time research scholar, who shall work for his/ her Ph.D. in his/ her parent organization fulfilling the residency period requirement prescribed in these Regulations.

**R.10 Eligibility for Part-time Research Student/Candidate**

- a) The applicant should possess the minimum entry qualifications for the degree as given in R.3;
- b) The applicant proves to the satisfaction of the DRC that his official duties permit him to devote sufficient time to research through written endorsement from his employer;
- c) Facilities for pursuing research are available at the applicant's parent organization / place of work in the chosen field of research.
- d) It will be required to fulfill the requirement of contact days with supervisor, at the place of his supervisor/s; which is specified as minimum of 90 days per year and a minimum of total 270 days in consecutive three years after completing the course work as prescribed by the university.
- e) The facility of part time registration will be available only to candidates serving in, Academic Institutions as defined by the university / UGC from time to time for higher education, R&D organizations in regular capacity and appointed through procedure laid down by universities in case of affiliated colleges.

### **R.11 Eligibility for University Fellowships to teachers of Colleges**

**In case, the University fellowships are available;**

The faculty of University/ various affiliated colleges may be considered for the award for the University Fellowship for pursuing Ph.D. programme at the University, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The concerned faculty member must be sponsored by their respective Institutions to pursue the Ph.D. Programme at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur
- (b) The sponsored faculty member of the Engineering colleges should either hold an M.Tech./M.E. degree and should satisfy the eligibility.
- (c) The number of Fellowship should be within the sanctioned limit of a particular Department.
- (d) The DRC should examine each case on merit before making recommendations to the Dean or the competent authority for the award of University Fellowship.

### **R. 12. Academic, administrative and infrastructure requirement to be fulfilled by Colleges for getting recognition for offering Ph.D. programmes:**

The teaching Department of an affiliated college may seek recognition as an approved centre to facilitate research leading to Ph.D. degree at its premises by submitting a proposal in the prescribed format (**Annexure-3**). Such applications shall be sent the Office as notified by the University and will be considered only for further consideration if satisfies all the following minimum requirements:

- 12.1 Colleges may be considered eligible to offer Ph .D programmes only if they satisfy the availability of eligible Research Supervisors, required infrastructure and supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as per these Regulations.



12.2 Post-graduate Departments of Colleges, Research laboratories of Government of India/State Government with at least two Ph.D. qualified teachers/scientists/other academic staff in the Department concerned along with required infrastructure, supporting administrative and research promotion facilities as per these Regulations shall be considered eligible to offer M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes. Colleges should additionally have the necessary recognition by the Institution under which they operate to offer Ph.D. programme.

12.3 The affiliated college seeking status as a research centre must have a full time Principal at the time of application, who shall be Ex- officio in charge of the Research centre, if approved.

12.4 On preliminary scrutiny of the applications received by a committee appointed by the University for the purpose for assessing the application for such centre, the matter shall be referred to Vice Chancellor for appointing an inspection team for ascertaining the ground situation. The inspection report shall include videography of the infrastructural facilities including the laboratories, computational facilities, library and software details etc. Such inspection report shall be evaluated by appropriate authority before granting the approval by Vice Chancellor.

**12.5** Such centers once recognized shall be only for three years, the suitability shall be assessed after each years on the lines provided in **R.12** if they do not satisfy the infrastructure and academic requirements, no further admission of Ph.D. student shall be permitted at the centre for at least next three years, after which a fresh application may be entertained for grant of approval of the centre.

#### **R. 13. Duration of the Programme:**

13.1 Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.

13.2 In exceptional cases, Extension beyond the above limits will be given to the candidates for one year only by the concern Dean after approval of the Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of DRC, if the candidate will apply for extension atleast one month before the expiry of his/her registration. Candidates' registration will automatically be cancelled if he/she will not apply for extension before expiry of his/her registration. No further extension will be given to the candidate after this limit.

13.3 The registration of the candidate who does not submit his/ her thesis within six years from the date of his/ her admission shall be deemed to be cancelled automatically. If the Ph. D. thesis/Dissertation is ready and the candidate is unable to submit it before the expiry of registration due to some unavoidable circumstances, he can apply for extra time period for thesis submission with late fee. The Vice-Chancellor of the University will be authorized to give permission for one month extra time to the candidate with late fee as prescribed, on the recommendation of the RAC and Dean concern.

13.4 Provided that the women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 240 days.

13.5 Minimum residential period for submission of thesis will be of 03 years for all category candidates. A candidate can submit his thesis only after completing residential period if he/she joins any job. Joining any job or service will not a bar to submit thesis/dissertation after completing minimum residential period.

**R. 14. Research Advisory Committee and its functions:**

14.1 There shall be a Research Advisory Committee for each Ph.D. scholar. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee. This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

14.1.1 To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research;

14.1.2 To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.

14.1.3 To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.

14.2 A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee minimum once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the Research Advisory Committee to department with a copy to the research scholar.

14.3 In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the department with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.

14.4 The department will put up such recommendations before the DRC and will take appropriate decision.

14.5 Structure of **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**-

1. Research Supervisor- Convener
2. One Professor from the department concern to be nominated by the HoD
3. One Associate Professor from the Department Concern to be nominated by the HoD

The Dean of concern school will constitute above Research Advisory Committee on recommendation of HoD.

If Professor or Associate Professor is not available in the Department the Dean of the concern school will recommend names of Professors/Associate Professors from other related departments for approval of the Vice-chancellor. After approval of the Vice-chancellor the RAC shall be constituted in such cases

**14.6** The Chairman-DRC in the Department shall coordinate collection of progress reports written and signed by the student/candidate duly forwarded by the RAC every semester.

14.7 The DRC will evaluate the progress report (**Format Annexure-4**). The evaluation and the progress report shall be submitted to the Dean. If at any stage, the student wishes to modify the research plan and/or change the title of the thesis approved earlier, RAC shall arrange the proposal to be put before DRC and the student shall make a presentation

before it with the details of the proposed modifications and its justifications. The DRC shall make appropriate recommendations to the Dean for approval.

**14.8** 'S\* *grade* is to be awarded during each semester if the progress is 'satisfactory'.

**14.9** If the progress is 'unsatisfactory', 'U' grade is to be awarded. For the first appearance of 'U' grade, a warning shall be issued to the candidate by RAC. Subsequently, the fellowship, if being received by the candidate (in case of regular scholar) of the candidate would be withheld till the S grade is obtained.

**14.10** If there are two consecutive 'U's, the registration will be cancelled by the DRC on recommendation of RAC. If there is any delay for the meeting of DRC, the HoD concern will be authorized to take appropriate decision on the recommendation of RAC with approval of the Dean concern.

## **R. 15. SUBMISSION OF THESIS**

**15.1** Upon satisfactory completion of course work, and obtaining the marks/grade prescribed in the clauses above, as the case may be, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft dissertation/thesis within a reasonable time as stipulated.

**15.2** Prior to the submission of the dissertation/thesis, the scholar shall make a presentation before the Departmental Research Committee which shall be open to all faculty members and other research scholars. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the draft dissertation/thesis in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee. Such presentation will be notified by HoD on recommendation of research supervisor.

**15.3** While submitting for evaluation, the dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the

work was carried out, or to any other Institution. A certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work etc. should also be attached to the thesis.

**15.4** The University has an anti-plagiarism software in its Central Library. Every research scholar of the University has to contact the Central Library and get a certificate from the Librarian that there is no plagiarism in his/her thesis.

**15.5** The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners, who are not in employment of the University, of whom one examiner may ordinarily be from outside the country or from reputed Institutions of Higher Education or Research Centre . The *viva-voce* examination, based among other things, on the critiques given in the evaluation report, shall be conducted by the HOD with one of the two external examiners. This thesis *Viva-Voce* examination would be open to all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/ researchers.

**15.6** The open *viva-voce* of the research scholar to defend the thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report(s) of the external examiner(s) on the thesis is/are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for conducting the *viva-voce* examination. If the evaluation report of one of the external examiners is unsatisfactory and does not recommend for *viva-voce*, the University will send the thesis to another external examiner out of the approved panel of examiners and the *viva-voce* examination shall be held only if the report of the latest examiner is satisfactory. If the report of the latest examiner is also unsatisfactory, the thesis shall be rejected and the research scholar shall be declared ineligible for the award of the degree.

**15.7** The University would ensure that the entire process of evaluation of Ph.D. thesis is completed within a period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.

**15.8** The period of a candidate's studentship shall be counted from the date of commencement of the Ph.D. Course work provided he/she has successfully completed the Course work in the first attempt. Otherwise, only one semester (6 months) period would be counted for the purpose of calculation of Residency period if the candidate passes it in the subsequent attempt.

- 15.9** Continuance of registration of candidate in the Ph.D. programme shall depend on his/her satisfactory progress and good conduct. The University reserves the right to cancel the registration of any candidate in the event of his/ her conduct and progress being found unsatisfactory or hiding of facts etc. on the recommendation of the supervisor and/ or Head/ Dean.
- 15.10** A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the Research Advisory Committee to the HoD/DRC with a copy to the research scholar.
- 15.11 The research student shall publish at least One research paper in refereed journal or in any of the journals approved by the respective Department and present at least 2 research papers in seminars/ conferences before the submission of the thesis for evaluation and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter/ reprint and paper presentation certificate as the case may be.
- 15.12 When the thesis is ready for submission, the student shall inform the Head of the Department through Supervisor/RAC, regarding completion of the research work embodied in the synopsis two months before expected date of submission.
- 15.13 The Head of the Department concerned shall place the application before the DRC of the Department, which shall recommend a panel of not less than six external examiners of at least Associate Professor level along with their e-mail address, postal address, fax and contact number of each expert in addition to the supervisor who shall also be an examiner. The supervisor shall be co-opted as a member of DRC for this purpose. Out of this panel, three experts, inclusive of the supervisor, shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the due procedure to evaluate the thesis. It is to be ensured that at least three examiners (out of six examiners) of the proposed panel belong to three different states other than Chhattisgarh as recommended by the DRC. The panel so recommended should include at least 50% of the examiners from abroad /premier Institutions.

15.14 In case, the thesis is not submitted within the time of three months from the date of DRC meeting, the panel of examiners shall stand lapsed and a fresh panel shall have to be recommended by the DRC.

15.15 The thesis should embody original work, not published or submitted earlier except in the form of research publications. The research scholar shall submit the thesis in five printed or type-written copies along with the five copies of summary and approved synopsis to accompany each copy of the thesis. Published matter may also be incorporated mentioning the sources as part of the thesis.

**15.16** The medium of expression in every thesis shall be either English or Hindi (written in Devanagiri Script) except in the case of subject connected with any of the oriental languages where the thesis can be presented in that language.

**15.17** The thesis must comply with the following conditions:-

**15.17.1** It must be a piece of research work characterized either by the discovery of facts or theory. In either case it should reflect the candidate's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment. The candidate shall communicate, how far the thesis embodies the result of candidate's own observations and in what respects his investigations may advance knowledge in the subject.

**15.17.2** It shall be satisfactory so far as its literary presentation is concerned and must be in a form suitable for publication.

**15.17.3** The thesis shall be accompanied by three separate certificates as given below and should be duly signed:

**15.17.4** Self declaration certificate from the candidate (**Annexure – 5**).

**15.17.5** Certificate from the Supervisor/Co-Supervisors (**Annexure – 6**).

**15.17.6** Certificate for the successful completion of course work by the Head of the Department (**Annexure – 7**).

**15.17.7** Five copies of the thesis shall be submitted in compact bound form along with two soft copy (CD/ DVD). In case of Co-Supervisor six copies will be submitted. Along with the thesis, five copies of the Summary should also be submitted.

15.18 The final thesis shall be presented in accordance with the following specifications:

**15.18.1** The paper used for printing shall be of A-4 size.

**15.18.2** Printing shall be in a standardized form on both the sides of the paper and in 1.5 spacing.

**15.18.3** A margin of about 2.5 cm shall be on all sides excluding the margin required for binding.

**15.18.4** The cover and back cover should be of cardboard of reasonable thickness.

**15.18.5** The Title of the thesis, name of the candidate, degree, Name of the Supervisor, University logo, name of research centre, Name of School and the month and year of submission shall be printed on the Title page and the front cover.

**15.18.6** The spine of the thesis should mention Ph. D. Thesis on the top, Name of the Candidate, Title and Month & Year.

**15.18.7** The Ph.D. thesis must contain the following copyright certification in the beginning of the thesis, on a separate page on the left side.

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**15.19.** A candidate should submit his/her thesis to the Academic Section with following documents-

a. Five Copies of Summary (Six copies in case of Co-supervisor)

b. Five Copies of Thesis, (Six copies in case of Co-supervisor)

c. Two CDS/soft copy of thesis

d. Anti-plagiarism certificate issued by the Librarian of the University

e. Certificate jointly issued by HoD and supervisor stating that the candidate has presented his pre-submission seminar before the DRC, candidate has completed required residential period and has paid all the dues of the department/research centre.

f. Requisite fee.

## **R. 16. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT METHODS**

**16.1** On receipt of the thesis including the certificates as mentioned in R.15 (bound within) along with the stipulated fee, the thesis shall be sent ordinarily within four weeks to examiners selected for the purpose after receiving their consent through email/ post. In no case, the examination time for all this process shall exceed three months. In case the acceptance is not received from the proposed examiners, new examiners would be selected



by the Vice Chancellor. Each examiner will be requested to submit to the Controller of Examination detailed assessment report and his recommendations on the prescribed proforma (Annexure-8), as fixed/revised by the university from time to time.

16.2 In the event of the thesis report not being received from an examiner within a period of three months, the DEAN may appoint another examiner with approval of the Vice Chancellor in his place for evaluating the thesis.

## **R. 17. Evaluation Report**

**17.1** Examiners will examine the thesis individually with a view to judge whether the thesis is a piece of research work characterized by;

- (a) the discovery of facts, and/or
- (b) a fresh approach towards interpretation and application of facts or theories, and/or
- (c) a distinct advancement in instrument technology.

17.2 The examiner will be required to give his opinion about candidate's capacity for critical examination and sound judgment. The internal examiners shall be submitting one report. All examiners will submit the reports on the prescribed form clearly stating that:

- (a) The thesis is recommended for the award of Ph.D., or
- (b) The thesis is recommended for the award of Ph.D. Degree subject to the candidate giving satisfactory answers to queries, specifically mentioned in the report, at the time of *Viva-voce* examination, or
- (c) The candidate be allowed to resubmit his thesis in the revised form, or
- (d) The thesis be rejected.

**17.3** If the examiners consider the thesis to be of a sufficient merit, they may recommend that the thesis be accepted for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

**17.4** *On receipt on satisfactory evaluation reports, these shall be laid before the examination committee thereof appointed for the purpose consisting PVC/Dean concern, CoE and AR/DR (Conf.).*

**17.5** If reports of the examiners show a divergence of opinion between the examiners, the Vice Chancellor may direct that the reports be exchanged between them, the examiners being requested to submit a joint report, if possible.

**17.6** If there is divergence of opinion even after the exchange of the reports, a fourth examiner shall be appointed from the panel of examiners already approved whose decision shall be final :

*Provided* that if two examiners recommend the revision of the thesis either originally or after the exchange of reports, the thesis shall be revised and resubmitted. The thesis would be revised normally within one year, if the candidate so desires.

The revised thesis shall ordinarily be examined by the same set of examiners for evaluation after obtaining their consent afresh.

*Provided* further that in case, two examiners reject a thesis originally or after the exchange of report, the thesis shall be finally rejected and the candidate may seek re-registration. Process of such re-registration will be as similar as registration except entrance test and course work.

**17.7** If the committee is satisfied that the reports of the Examiners are unanimous and definite, the candidate shall be required to undergo a *Viva-Voce* examination to be conducted by two examiners of whom one shall ordinarily be the supervisor and the other one from amongst the two external examiners, who have evaluated the thesis. If the external examiners evaluating the thesis are from outside the Country, another external examiner may be specially appointed for the purpose.

**17.8** **The examination committee will inform the HoD through CoE about evaluation report and** the Head of Department shall preside and conduct the proceeding of the *Viva- Voce* examination, but he/ she shall not be party to the decision.

**17.9** In case the supervisor is not available, the Head of Department himself or any senior teacher of the Department as recommended by the DRC with approval of Vice-chancellor may act as internal examiner.

**17.10** The *Viva-Voce* Examination shall be held ordinarily at the University in the concerned Department and will be open to all interested in the subject where the candidate shall be

required to present the main findings of his/ her thesis and defend the same. After satisfactory *Viva-Voce* Examination Committee may recommend that the result of the candidate be declared and the result shall be declared accordingly.

**17.11** It would be the responsibility of the University that the Ph.D. thesis evaluation work is completed and *Viva- Voce* examination is conducted within One year from the date of submission of thesis if all the examiner's reports are satisfactory.

**17.12** A hard copy and an electronic version on a CD/ DVD of each accepted thesis shall be lodged with the University Library or research centre at which the candidate pursued research where it will be open to public inspection.

**17.13** The report of examiners of the thesis may be given to the candidate on his/ her written request, only in cases where the thesis has been finally accepted for award of the degree after due payment as decided by the University.

17.14 Any doubt, arising out of following the procedure laid down above, shall be referred to the Board of Research Studies (BRS) and then Academic Council for a decision.

17.15 In case of ambiguous recommendations by the examiner, Dean Concern will approach the examiner for a clear recommendation. In case clear recommendation is not forthcoming, the matter may be referred to the BRS and then Academic Council for a decision.

17.16 No candidate shall be allowed to submit revised thesis more than once.

## **R. 18. VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION**

**18.1** If the thesis is recommended for the award of degree, the candidate shall be required to defend his work/thesis orally (*viva-voce* examination) before a duly constituted committee, hereinafter referred to as the Oral Defence Committee (ODC). Details of the *viva-voce* shall be adequately notified so as to enable interested staff members and students to attend it.

**18.2** The ODC shall consist of Supervisors (internal examiners), and one external examiner. The HoD shall arrange the *viva-voce* examination of the candidate.

**18.3 (i)** Internal examiner(s) shall coordinate the HoD and will arrange for the *viva-voce*

examination of the candidate as early as possible and normally within two months from the date of communication to the external Examiner for holding the viva-voce examination.

(ii) Any other matter not explicitly provided herein or of an exceptional nature, may be referred to the Vice Chancellor for his/her decision.

## **R.19 AWARD OF Ph.D. DEGREE**

**19.1** On the completion of all stages of the examination, the Oral Defence Committee shall recommend to the DEAN one of the following courses of action:

- (a) that the degree be awarded;
- (b) that the candidate be re-examined at a later specified time in a specified manner;
- (c) that the degree shall not be awarded. The thesis will be rejected on the conclusion that the thesis is not genuinely the work of the candidate.

In case of (a) and (b), the Oral Defence Committee shall also provide to the candidate a list of all corrections and modifications in the thesis (if required), including suggestions made by the examiners during the thesis evaluation. The second *viva-voce* examination may be held normally after a period of three months.

**19.2** The Degree shall be awarded by the University, provided that:

- (a) The Oral Defence Committee recommends so;
- (b) The candidate produces a 'No Dues Certificate' in the prescribed form in the case of students who undertook research at the University headquarters.
- (c) The candidate has submitted two hard cover copies of the thesis after *viva-voce*; one for the Departmental Library and one for the Central Library. The thesis should incorporate all necessary /corrections / modifications.

## **R.20 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (University Fellowship)**

**Financial Assistance or fellowship of the students selected as VRET/VRET-Exempted category will be governed by set of Rules as prescribed by the University from time to time.**

## **R.21 LEAVE AND ATTENDANCE**

(a) **During Course Work:** A Ph.D. student, during his stay at the University/ Centre will be entitled to leave for 10 days including leave on medical grounds, per semester.

He will not be entitled to mid-semester breaks, summer and winter vacation at the end of the first semester.

**(b) After Completing the Course Work**

A full-time Ph.D. student/candidate during his stay at the University/ Centre will be entitled to leave for 30 days per academic year. He will not be entitled to mid-semester breaks, if any, summer and winter vacations.

In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 240 days.

Leave beyond 30 days in an academic year may be granted to a Research scholar in exceptional case, by the Head of the Department concerned, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the leave beyond 30 will be without Assistantship/Scholarship; and
- (ii) the leave may be subject to the approval of the Head of Department concerned on the recommendation of the Supervisor; and a proper leave account of each student/candidate shall be maintained by the Department concerned.

(iii) Leave availed by the research candidate/student for attending Seminar/Conferences/workshop etc. purely related to his/her Ph. D. work will not be counted as Leave.

**R.22 WITHDRAWAL FROM SEMESTER/COURSES**

**22.1** A student/candidate may be permitted by the Dean, to withdraw from all the courses registered by him for the entire semester after completing Pre-Ph.D. Course Work, on medical grounds supported by a medical certificate from the University Medical Officer or any other genuine reasons. The medical certificate issued by a registered Medical

Practitioner will also be acceptable in those cases where the student/candidate has valid reasons for his absence from the University/ Centre.

Withdrawal may also be granted by the Dean, provided he is convinced that the student/ candidate cannot pursue his studies for the reasons beyond his control.

**22.2** Under no circumstances will a request for withdrawal be entertained after the major tests have begun. Student/Candidate should present the medical certificate in support of his absence on health reasons within two days of his rejoining the department, if not produced already. Withdrawal will not be granted retrospectively.

**22.3** Any semester withdrawal will count towards the maximum limit of six **years** as stipulated above.

### **R.23 CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION/Admission**

Registration/Admission of a student/candidate shall be cancelled by the HoD in any one of the following eventualities, after due approval of DEAN.

- (i) If he/she absents himself for a continuous period of four weeks without prior intimation/sanction of leave.
- (ii) if he resigns from the Ph.D. Programme and the resignation is duly recommended by the Supervisor.
- (iii) if he fails to renew his registration in any semester subject to the provision contained in these Ordinances & Regulations.
- (iv) if his academic progress is found unsatisfactory.
- (v) if he does not clear the Pre. Ph. D. Course Work as stipulated.
- (vi) if he is found involved in an act of misconduct and/or indiscipline and termination has been recommended by supervisor.

### **R. 24. Depository with INFLIBNET:**

24.1 Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the Ph.D. degree(s), the University shall submit an electronic copy of the Ph. D. thesis to the INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.

24.2 Prior to the actual award of the degree, the University shall issue a provisional certificate through its Office of CoE to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of UGC Regulations, 2016.

## **R.25 GENERAL**

**25.1** Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations all categories of the students/candidates shall be governed by the rules and procedures framed by the Academic Council in this behalf, and in force from time to time.

**25.2** Residency period means residing in Bilaspur or Research Centre and attending research centre/office of the supervisor in a continuous manner for the entire duration of the Ph.D. thesis work. Absence due to taking up of a job outside of the above mentioned area or for any other reason would amount to incomplete tenure of the Residency period. In all such cases specific study leave with permission to complete the Ph.D. work from the employer as well as from the DRC of the Department/ Institute would be pre-requisite before continuing with the completion of the Residency period requirements. In all such cases, only once for single duration, such permission can be granted.

**25.3** There would be a separate Register which would be maintained by the University in which the information about the Ph.D. awarded in different departments where the name of the candidate, topic of research, name of supervisor/s, date of registration, date of submission and date of declaration of result would be recorded. This information would be put on the University's website also.

**25.4** The candidate seeking admission in an allied discipline should ensure his/ her eligibility in that subject for which he/ she is seeking admission.

**25.5** Award of degrees to candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme on or after July, 2009 till the date of implementation of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2009.

## **R.26 INTERPRETATION**

**26.1** Any doubt or dispute about the interpretation of these Ordinances and Regulations shall be referred to the Chairman, Academic Council whose decisions shall be final and acceptable to all.

**26.2** Eligibility for admission to Ph.D. programmes may be reviewed from time to time by the concerning school and approved by the Academic Council.