

Subject: Clarification on term of tenure of Vice Chancellor

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Dear Vice Chancellor,

Some of the Vice Chancellors, whose term is coming to an end by 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014, have been writing to the Ministry for instructions on the arrangements to be made beyond the term of the current incumbent. In this regard, attention is drawn to the Section 2 (4) of the Statute (Schedule 2 of the Central Universities Act, 2009) which states that –

The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier, and he shall not be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of five years, he shall continue in office until his successor is appointed and enters upon his office.

In view of the clear provision in the Statute, there is no room for any further direction from the Ministry on this matter.

However, in case of Central University of Kerala, where some change had been made in the Section 2 (4) of the Statute and in case of Central University, Kashmir where the current incumbent Vice-Chancellor has intimated his inability to continue beyond his current term, separate orders are being communicated to the respective universities.

Yours sincerely,

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