GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Higher & Technical Education Department

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Mantralaya Annex, Mumbai-400 032.

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PREAMBLE:

Government of India through Ministry of Human Resource and Development and through the central bodies such as All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) and University Grant Commission (UGC) has a policy to accord special status based on the performance to renowned academic institutes. The UGC and Department of Science and Technology (DST) have evolved criteria to declare Centers of Advanced Studies and Centers of Excellence which are based on performance statistics by international yardsticks. The Special Assistance Programs (SAP) of UGC gives recognitions to individual departments to get funds and doctoral fellowships. DST allocates funds under its FIST (Funding for Infrastructure in Science and Technology) programs based on number of faculty holding Ph Ds, their publications, number of Ph Ds produced, number of patents held, number of national and international honors accorded to faculty, etc. All elite institutes have been nurtured by the Central Government and it is high time that the States take a lead in sustaining the culture of excellence in the State funded institutes by applying the same yardsticks so that there is no unhealthy trend at the detriment of state’s high performing institutes.

Granting of special status of Elite Institute for creating Centre of Excellence to any institute/university which has a proven track record measured by the criteria based on performance statistics by international yardsticks will certainly give a fillip to the most performing institutes and will encourage them to maintain their record. The State
Government was in the process of recognizing such eligible institutes from the state to award special status of elite institute for creating Centers of Excellence.

RESOLUTION:

Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, the only State Owned Deemed University is one world class institutes in India and it has been granted Grade-A status by MHRD. The January-2012 world survey of Professor Jude Somerfield of Georgia Institute of Technology has rated ICT, Mumbai as number one institute in India and number four institute in world only behind MIT, USA, Minnesota, USA and Georgia Tech, USA. Its alumni have been who’s who in India and some of them are fortune 500 company owners and distinguished civilian honorees like Padma awardees. Its graduates are sought after by leading world universities with full fellowships at Ph D and post-doctoral fellowship levels.

The Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai is running 26 programs, catering at UG, PG and Ph.D. levels to Chemical Engineering, all branches of Chemical Technology, Pharmacy and Biotechnology with a population of 2000 students and sanctioned faculty strength of 110 with additional endowment positions. The institute is housed on 16 acres of land at Matunga, Mumbai and is growing at a rapid pace by adding several new programs. By 2030, it is aimed to be an institute with at least 250 faculties, 500 support staff and 5000 students.

The Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai has on its role 687 full time Ph D fellows, and 380 Masters Students which is a record for the monolithic institute in India. It also fulfills all the criteria of international standard to be declared as Elite Institute of the state for creating Centre of Excellence on par with centrally funded institutes like IITs, IISERs, IISc, NITs and Central Universities including service conditions and special grants so that the ICT maintains its track record.

Government is pleased to declare The Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai as Elite Institute of the state for creating Centre of Excellence and be treated like Central elite or branded institutes like IITs, IISc and IISERS in terms of creation infrastructure, facilities and will make every effort to seek central funds also. The institute shall be eligible for special assistance from the state and Government and shall
remain committed to support this institute for maintaining its status. This Government Resolution is available on www.maharashtra.gov.in and its Unique Code is

By order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra.

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