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Date: 10th October 2020

The Chairman, University Grants Commission New Delhi-110002

Subject: Request for Extension of Deadline for Thesis Submission of MPhil & PhD Students

Dear Sir,

UGC has previously approved a six month extension for terminal PhD & M. Phil students who were supposed to submit their thesis by 30 June 2020 to 31st December 2020.

However, we submit a request for a further extension of six months to these terminal PhD & M. Phil students based on the following justifications:

1. Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the university has remained closed for the past 7 months till date and the time point when the university could be opened still remains uncertain.

Our students have not been able to conduct their research experiments in the university laboratories and nor they have been able to access library services that are critical for completion of thesis drafts.

2. Furthermore, the preparation of draft chapters and final submission of the M. Phil & PhD thesis in certain Schools/ Centres requires the conduct of field work that has not been possible due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Most students also could not take their research data as the lockdown was sudden and the duration was also unforeseen.

Thus, in light of the above genuine difficulties faced by the research students, we seek a further extension of six months for the deadline for submission of theses and dissertations by M. Phil & PhD students.

Due to the Covid-19 situation world-wide, we also request that the thesis submission requirement of submitting evidence of a publication and presentation in two conferences may also be kindly relaxed by extending the date of submitting such evidence at least



until the viva-voce examinations and within a maximum period of one year from the date of submission of PhD thesis as a one-time exception.

We request that the UGC considers this suggestion in the best interest of the students on account of the prevailing COVID19 related conditions.

Thank you & Best Regards

Sincerely,

(Dr. Pramod Kumar)

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Secretary UGC, New Delhi