



SO(B&F)4-22/2019-20
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, the 18th June, 2020

1. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, PUNJAB

Lahore

2. ALL DISTRICT ACCOUNT OFFICERS, PUNJAB

Government of the Punjab

Subject: **CLARIFICATION REGARDING PAYMENTS TO COLLEGES TEACHERS INTERNS (CTI'S) FOR THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD DUE TO COVID-19.**

Higher Education Department hired the services of CTI's in two phases as stop gap arrangement to bridge the faculty shortage in Financial Year 2019-20. Contract of first phase of CTIs expired on 30-04-2020 and second phase expired 31.05.2020. Their contract provided termination at the option of either of the parties on one month notice.

2. Higher Education Department, Punjab declared the closure of institutions till 31-05-2020 declaring lock down period as Summer Vacations due to COVID-19 Corona Pandemic. However, the contract of service of CTIs was never terminated. Moreover CTIs were willing to fulfill their contractual obligation. However, they were unable to perform their duties due to lock down. The Competent Authority has decided to pay the salaries of CTIs during lockdown period till expiry of their contract keeping in view financial situation arising out of Corona Pandemic and contractual obligation of department.

3. I am therefore directed to request you to release the salaries of CTIs till expiry of their contracts including lockdown period resulting from Corona Pandemic.

SECTION OFFICER (BUDGET)

18/06/2020

C.C. to:-

1. All Director Education (Colleges), Punjab with the direction to advise to Principals to submit CTI's bills for the Payment of salaries.
2. All Deputy Director Education (Colleges), Punjab with the direction to advise to Principals to submit CTI's bills for the Payment of salaries.
3. PS to Secretary, Higher Education Department.
4. PS to Special Secretary, Higher Education Department.
5. PS to Special Secretary (HE), Finance Department.
6. PA to Additional Secretary (F&P), (Colleges) Higher Education Department.
7. PA to Deputy Secretary (B&F), Higher Education Department.

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