

**BEFORE SHRI SUNIL DUTT SHARMA, MEMBER H.P. PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION SHIMLA-171009**

Suo Motto Case No: 24 of 2016  
Date of Registration: 19.08.2016  
Date of Decision: 23.03.2017

**In the matter of:**

1. Amass Education Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, New Road, Near Bus Stand, Hamirpur (HP).
2. Amass Education Centre, Raj Bhawan, Opposite Khanna Clinic, Civil Lines, Dharamshala (HP).
3. Amass Education Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Opp-PNB Bank, Moti Bazar, Mandi (HP)
4. Amass Education Centre, Near DAV School, North Oak, Sanjauli, Shimla-171006.

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| <b>Present:</b> | 1. Shri Raj Pal:      | For Amass Education Hamirpur    |
|                 | 2. Shri Vijay Kumar   | For Amass Education Dharamshala |
|                 | 3. Smt. Sonika Gupta  | For Amass Education Mandi       |
|                 | 4. Shri Pankaj Sharma | For Amass Education Shimla      |

**ORDER**

The H.P. Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission (HP PERC) vide its letter dated 19.8.2016 called for basic information from the Amass Education Centres mentioned in the title of the case. In response, all the parties mentioned that they are franchisees of Amass Education Private Limited, a Company registered under Companies Act, 1956 with its registered office at RZP-330, Raj Nagar-II, Near Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi. Party No.1 mentioned that it is running Greenfinch Solutions institute as a franchisee of Amass Education Private Limited Company and the centre is running since the year 2000. Party No.2 mentioned that it is running Mani Tech Institute, as a franchisee of Amass Education Private Limited Company and the centre is running since the year 2013. Party No.3 stated that it is running Tech Grotto Institute, as a franchisee of Amass Education Private Limited Company and the centre is running since the year 2011. Party No.4 stated that it is running Laxikon International Institute as a franchisee of Amass Education Private Limited Company and the centre is running since the year 2011. All mentioned that they are imparting education in CCCA (Certificate Course in Computerize Accounting Module 1 &2 for six months), DIAT (Professional Diploma in Computerize Accounting & Taxation Module 1 to 4 for 12 months), ADIAT i.e. Advance Diploma in Accounting & Taxation (Professional Advance Diploma in Computerize Accounting & Taxation Module 1 to 5 for 15 months) and course contents modules wise are as under:

| Sr. No.            | No. Of Modules   | Duration                 |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1.                 | Module-1 (ADIAT Computer Basics & Accounting Basics).  | 3 month                  |
| 2.                 | Module-2 (ADIAT Financial Accounting Package Tally. ERP 9 & system maintenance).               | 3 month                  |
| 3.                 | Module-3 (ADIAT Financial Accounting Packages).  | 3 month                  |
| 4.                 | Module-4 (ADIAT Spoken English & Interview Preparation)  | 3 month                  |
| 5.                 | Module-5 (ADIAT Training by CA on Advance Taxation with Spectrum & Competitive Exams Coaching) | 3 month                  |
| Total No. Module=5 |  | Total duration=15 months |

Amass Education Centre, Hamirpur (HP) has placed a notice board in public place mentioning, **Government Approved Degree, BCA + ADCA Amass Education. The future is yours with JOB on MoU Near Bus Stand, Hamirpur, Ph: 94180-21441**. HP PERC held camp Courts at Hamirpur on 21.11.2016, at Dharamshala on 23.11.2016, at Mandi on 25.11.2016 and heard parties No.1 to 3. In the case of party No.4, the date was fixed for 28.11.2016 at Shimla. Again the matter was fixed jointly for 8.12.2016 at HP PERC head office Shimla when Shri Raj Pal, Shri Vinay Kumar, Smt. Sonika Gupta and Shri Pankaj Sharma appeared in person and were heard separately. Shri Raj Pal who appeared on behalf of Greenfinch Solutions Hamirpur stated that his mother Smt. Santosh Devi is proprietor, however she was unable to come to Shimla and he was representing his mother. He further stated that he has constituted a Company in the name and style of Amass Education Private Limited, registered under Companies Act, 1956 with its registered office at RZP-330, Raj Nagar-II, Near Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi and that he was Managing Director of the Company. He has opened above mentioned franchisees and the courses are being run of his own i.e. without approval from any authority. He further stated that the basic qualification for admission in above courses is 10+2. The fee is being charged, as designed by the Company and certificates are also being issued by the Company as per its own design. He further stated that no approval with regard to courses and fee structure has been obtained from any competent authority/ State Government.

After hearing all the parties and examination of the documents submitted by them it is concluded that Amass Education Institutions are involved in misleading the innocent general public/ students in their areas of operation for attracting the students for admission as in a regular College.

Being a Regulator in the State of Himachal Pradesh, the HP PERC cannot overlook the wrong/ malpractice in the field of Private Higher Education adopted by unrecognized institutions such like Amass Education. As such all the parties mentioned above were directed to close down their centres under franchisees of Amass Education Private Limited immediately. Shri Raj Pal was also directed not to offer any course under Amass Education, even under franchisee in any part of the State, as this was held to be an illegal practice. In token of their compliance, they were directed to submit their affidavits to the HP PERC. In compliance of the orders, all have submitted their affidavits which are taken on record.

Compliance of the orders passed by HP PERC on 8.12.2016 has been received and found satisfactory, hence the file is ordered to be closed.

However, the HP PERC should make aware the general public through a public notice to be released in the newspaper in the following terms:

“A Society/ Trust/ Company while opening any Private Institute of Higher Education in the State of Himachal Pradesh should clearly mention affiliation (date and duration), course(s) and fee approval in the notice board/ advertisements to be released in the newspaper so that general public is not misled. Non declaration of above information shall render such Society/ Trust/ Company liable for criminal action.”

Copy of the orders be supplied to the parties.

Copy of the orders be supplied to the Superintendent of Police Hamirpur, Mandi, Shimla and Kangra at Dharamshala.

Orders be hosted on the website of the Commission.

File after completion be consigned to record room.

Announced

Sd/-  
(Sunil Dutt Sharma)  
Member