Government of West Bengal Department of Higher Education

University Branch Bikash Bhavan: 6th Floor: Salt Lake: Kolkata- 700091

Memo. No.1011-Edn (U)/1U (Law)-38/16

Dated: 05-12-2016

From: Sri Siladitya Basuray, W.B.C.S (Exe),

Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: Prof. Suranjan Das

Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University

Sir,

This is with reference to the Jadavpur University's Executive Council's decision adopted in its meeting held on 01st December 2016 to offer 03 (three) teachers, who had formally retired on 30th November 2016, the status of Professor-in-Residence for a period of 03 (three) months with effect from 02nd December 2016 as "a temporary emergency measure."

In light of the Government's decision conveyed to you on 30-11-2016 to keep in abeyance the G.O. No. 984-Edn (U)/1U (Law)-38/16 dated 30th November 2016, any such engagement by the University appears to be improper.

While the students' interest is paramount and classes need to be run on a regular basis and the need to utilise the services of some superannuated distinguished teachers may be justified, there are several ways in which these objectives can be met (such as engagement as Guest Teacher to be paid on per-class basis), without offering post-retirement employment for a fixed tenure, especially at a time when the State Government is critically reviewing the whole system of post-retirement re-employment as implemented in some of the State's universities.

The State Government does not agree with the University's decision as conveyed under e-mail dated 05th December 2016 at 10:05 hrs, as it appears to be violative of the West Bengal Universities (Control of Expenditure) Act, 1976, among other things.

You are accordingly requested to take necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary