Government of West Bengal Technical Education, Training & Skill Development Department Polytechnic Branch, Karigari Bhawan B/7, Action Area-III, New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata-160

Date: 19/01/2022

From: Additional Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

To : The Registrar-cum-Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India, NBCC Centre, 3rd Floor, Plot No.2, Community Centre,

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Sub: Comments of the State Government on the proposed amendment in regulation 4 of the "The Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy"

With reference to Pharmacy Council of India's communication under letter no. 14-55/2021-PCI(A)/3507-3613 dated 22/09/2021 the undersigned is directed to inform that the Govt. in the Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, Govt of West Bengal is not in favour of the proposed amendment in regulation 4 of the "The Education Regulations, 2020 for Diploma Course in Pharmacy" since the department is of the view that any age bar for taking admission to Diploma in Pharmacy programme will shrink the scope of Pharmacy education to the aspirant candidates owing to age factor on the face of rising demand in this sector. Further to state that, as a general stand, in all Diploma in Engineering/Technology programmes there is no upper age limit for the candidates willing to pursue the Courses. The age restriction for Diploma in Pharmacy programme in that case will be inconsistent with the general stand.

Additional Secretar

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:-

1. The Director of Technical Education & Training, West Bengal.

2. The Sr. A.O., West Bengal State Council of Technical and Vocational Education and Skill Development, Karigari Bhawan, New Town, Kolkata-

3. P.S. to the Hon'ble M.O.S.(I.C.) of this Department.

4. P.S. to the Principal Secretary of this Department.

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