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Letter No. AU / CAC – / Autonomous / 2025 – 26

Date: .11.2025

To,

The Principal

Mahendra College of Engineering

Salem

Sir / Madam,

Sub: AU – CAC – Mahendra College of Engineering – Notification of Autonomous Status – Reg.

- Ref:**
1. Order passed in W. P. No. 38 of 2025, dated 05.02.2025.
 2. Order passed in W. A. No. 1778 of 2025, dated 02.09.2025.
 3. Order passed in Special Leave Petition, dated 15.10.2025.

A proposal for grant of autonomous status was submitted to University Grants Commission (UGC) by 'Mahendra College of Engineering' on 15.04.2024. This proposal was examined by Anna University, as mandated in clause 7.2 of UGC Regulations, 2023. The details present in the proposal were scrutinized and evaluated in-line with 'Anna University Statutes on Academic Matters, 2023' for making recommendations to the UGC.

'Mahendra College of Engineering', satisfied 'TWO' criteria out of 'SEVEN' as per the criteria prescribed in 'Anna University Statutes on Academic Matters, 2023'. This report was uploaded in the UGC web-portal on 14.05.2024 and the report was also communicated to the Principal, 'Mahendra College of Engineering'. However, without

considering the above objections raised by Anna University for non – compliance of the criteria mandated in 'Anna University Statutes on Academic Matters, 2023', 'University Grants Commission' granted 'Autonomous Status' to 'Mahendra College of Engineering' on 24.09.2024, for a period of ten years from 2024 – 2025 to 2033 – 2034. The above statutes have been formulated from section 5 (ag) of Anna University, Act and so, the University has not been in a position to notify the conferment of Autonomous Status to 'Mahendra College of Engineering', conferred by University Grants Commission within 30 days as per clause 4.2 of UGC Regulations.

Aggrieved upon this, 'Mahendra College of Engineering' filed a writ petition (W. P. No. 38 of 2025), praying to direct, Anna University for notifying the conferment of Autonomous Status to the college by UGC. This writ petition was allowed by Hon'ble Madras High Court and subsequently, writ appeal (W. A. No. 1778 of 2025) was filed by Anna University against the order on writ petition. This writ appeal was dismissed and the University filed Special Leave Petition (SLP) against the writ appeal order. Upon hearing the SLP, the Supreme Court of India dismissed this SLP petition.

In continuation, the University administration decided to file a review application (SR.No.184412 of 2025), for the orders passed in W. A. No. 1778 of 2025 in Hon'ble Madras High Court, in respect of role of the parent University, as per clause 4.2 of UGC Regulations and also for non – compliance of the criteria by 'Mahendra College of Engineering', as prescribed in 'Anna University Statutes on Academic Matters, 2023'.

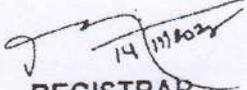
in view of the above and non-compliance with the interim order passed on 11.11.2025 in Contempt petition (Cont. P. No. 3200 of 2025), 'Mahendra College of Engineering' is notified to function as 'Autonomous Institution', subject to outcome of Review Petition filed by Anna University, for the orders passed in W. A. No. 1778 of 2025 on 02.09.2025.

Further it is requested,

- ❖ To initiate action towards the constitution of Governing Body, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Finance Committee & Board of Examiners for ensuring proper management of academic, financial & general administration affairs of your college.
- ❖ To remit the one-time fee of **Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only) + 18% GST**, to the following bank account.

Name of the Account : The Director, Academic Courses
Account Number : 8456101113452
Bank & Branch : Canara Bank, Anna University Branch
IFS Code : CNRB0008456

- ❖ To send a copy of bank transaction with UTR number to dac@annauniv.edu after making the remittance of the above fee.


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1. The Controller of Examinations, Anna University.
2. The Director, Centre for Affiliation of Institutions / Admissions / Student Affairs / Syndicate Affairs.
3. The Commissioner, Directorate of Technical Education, Guindy, Chennai – 600 025.
4. File.