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From: Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To:

1. Respected Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika

Respected Editor, Bartaman
 Respected Editor, Ei Samoy

Sir,

The news published in your newspapers today, i.e. on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 in connection with the contents of draft rules regarding terms and conditions of service including disciplines of Teachers of Government-aided Colleges and State-aided Universities are absolutely frivolous and ambiguous and the same has been published in view to mislead the public at large and malign the integrity and transparency of the State Government in discharging its social responsibility.

The West Bengal Universities and Colleges (Administration and Regulation) Act, 2017, enacted for dealing with the services of the employees of Government-aided Colleges and State-aided Universities, empowers the State Government for making Rules on various issues and for which the State Government has constituted a seven Members Committee. The Committee is still discussing the issues in detail and has not yet submitted any report to the State Government till date. Hence, there is no question of taking decision by the State Government in this regard at all.

The Department of Higher Education, Science & Technology and Biotechnology express deep concern and anxiety on account of publication of fabricated news and expect that there shall be no such publication of baseless news in future.

It is, thus, requested that the statement/views of this Department mentioned above may please be published in your esteemed dailies immediately, so that there shall not be any more confusion in the public at large on this issue. We believe that the Department's views will be ventilated to general people with utmost care, failing which the Department may be constrained to obtain legal opinion from Experts.

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake 16-04-2018 Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Secretary