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Date: February 11, 2023

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**The Editor
Times of India
Nagpur**

Sub.: Regarding the news item concerning services rendered by MKCL to Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU).

Ref.: News item in daily Times of India edition of January 17, 2023.

Dear Sir,

This refers to a news item alleging MKCL's failure to provide mark sheets to nearly 2 lakh students published by The Times of India on January 17, 2023.

Our point-wise clarifications to the allegations published in above referred news item are given below:

Allegation 1: MKCL is a firm blacklisted by many universities.

Clarification 1: The allegation that 'MKCL is a firm blacklisted by many universities is false and misleading. **Till date, neither the Government of Maharashtra nor any other State Government or any Governmental or other Agency or any University has ever black-listed MKCL.**

It is distressing that such a blatantly false statement has been published under your above referred news item about MKCL which is a highly reputed, and responsible organization with an unbroken track record of clean and ethical practice. Ever since MKCL was promoted by the Government of Maharashtra (GoM) in the year 2001, its transformative contributions for more than two decades in fields of education, governance and empowerment have been widely acknowledged and acclaimed.

Request 1: Your concerned correspondent who has made such a serious allegation causing damage to our reputation may please be asked to submit objective and verifiable evidence and proof in support of the same. You may kindly forward the same to us by email at cs@mkcl.org

If your concerned correspondent fails to furnish the same by February 20, 2023, may we earnestly request you to publish the news in your popular daily and inform your readers that MKCL was never and is not a black-listed company and the news published to that effect was incorrect? Kindly send the scanned image of the unambiguous clarification published by you to this effect to us by February 22, 2023 by email at cs@mkcl.org failing which we may be constrained to presume that your correspondent has failed to prove his/her claim.



As a senior journalist and editor of a reputed daily, you may understand how deeply distressed and perturbed we may be by the said untrue and baseless public allegation on an organization which is widely known for its ethical practices across Maharashtra. We, therefore, earnestly request you to enquire if the news item was published with malicious intention to tarnish the goodwill and reputation of MKCL who have all along maintained full transparency in implementation of Digital University framework for offering e-services to the students of RTMNU. You may also agree that such a false news may also spoil the trustworthiness and credibility of The Times of India.

Allegation 2: MKCL was expected but refused to provide printed mark sheets to students.

Clarification 2: MKCL has regularly discharged all its responsibilities in accordance with the Agreement executed by and between MKCL and RTMNU. As per agreement, MKCL was responsible for providing the University access to the Digital University software framework in order to facilitate its registered students through e-services including Information services and Administrative and Facilitation services. MKCL as per the terms of the agreement made the mark sheets available on the portal to be downloaded by the students. MKCL was not responsible for printing the statement of marks (mark sheets). This was the responsibility of the RTMNU..

As such the allegation that MKCL was expected to print the mark sheets and yet refused to print them leading to delay is blatantly baseless, false and serious allegation made against MKCL.

Request 2: May we earnestly request you that our above clarifications be published in your popular daily and a scanned copy of the same may be forwarded to us by February 22, 2023 by email at cs@mkcl.org?

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication and publish our above clarifications at the earliest.

With regards,

Sincerely yours

For **Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited**



Komal Chaubal
Company Secretary & Chief Legal Officer
FCS 5186



Encl.: As above

- CC: 1. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur
2. The Registrar, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur
3. Director, Board of Examination and Evaluation, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur
4. Editor, Times of India, Mumbai