Subject: Instructions/advice to AICTE approved institutions/colleges for charging of fees during Lockdown/Unlock due to COVID-19 pandemic-reg

Sir,

As we all are aware that entire world including our Country is going through a National Emergency that has arisen due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/Departments of Government of India and other establishments, for containment of COVID-19 in the Country from time to time.

Ensuring safety precautions during the threat posed by COVID-19, would be fundamental responsibility of all citizens of India, during this hour of crisis. Likewise, Heads of Institutions have the onerous responsibility of safeguarding the health and associated interests of all stakeholders of their respective colleges/institutions.

AICTE has been receiving complaints from students/parents that some of the Institutions are charging hostel/transport fees during COVID-19 pandemic whereas these facilities are not availed by the students. In this regard it is advised that Institutions should charge only maintenance charges of mess and transport.

In view of the above, all Institutions/Colleges are strictly advised to charge the fees commensurate with the facilities that they are providing during pandemic and not charge fees for those portions which are not accessible to students during the coming semester; failing which action will be taken as per the prevailing rules.

To
The Principal/Directors,
All AICTE approved Institutions