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The University Grants Commission Regulations, 1985 regarding the minimum standards of instructions for the grant of the first degree through formal education were notified in the Official Gazette on 25th Nov, 1985 and came into effect on June 4, 1986. The Regulations further provided that:

Sub Clause (3) of Para 2 of the Notification provided that no student shall be eligible for the award of the first degree unless he has successfully completed a three years degree course and this degree may be called the B.A/B.Sc/B.Com and no student shall be eligible to seek admission to the Masters degree course in these faculties, who has not successfully passed the first degree course of three years duration.

Taking into consideration the various representations seeking clarification on the application of these regulations on the degrees awarded prior to June 4, 1986, received by UGC, it is clarified that the students who had enrolled themselves in the first degree course prior to June 4, 1986 and students who had successfully completed their first degree course, prior to June 4, 1986, irrespective of their duration shall be treated at par with the students who have completed 3 years degree course and they are not required to undergo a further one year bridge course. Degrees obtained prior to June 4, 1986 and the degree awarded to the students enrolled prior to June, 1986 shall be treated valid for all purposes including admission to a Masters degree programme, other higher studies and employment.

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To,

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