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I am forwarding a copy of letter with enclosures received from Mr. John Randall, MP from the Conservative Party. Mr. Randall had brought the activities of the London College of Management in London to our attention because he had received complaints that it was making fraudulent claims to Indian students. Thus it was promising UK degrees and lap-top computers, but after the students arrived they were awarded worthless degrees from a Ukrainian University of Kharkiv and money they had deposited for the lap-tops was confiscated. He said he knew some of the students who had ended up mortgaging their parents' life savings to study here and he felt distressed about this.

This college is advertising in *Dainik Bhaskar* published from Maharashtra State. A copy of the article is enclosed with its English translation making its claims which are attracting poor Indian students.

It is very kind of Mr. Randall MP to be concerned about the welfare of Indian students and we feel that this should be inquired into and a warning issued regarding claims of this particular college. We wished to write directly to the Education Ministry but we could not ascertain who the correct Joint Secretary was, hence we are only endorsing this letter to Secretary in HRD with the request that action may kindly be taken as we also would wish to give the MP a positive feedback. This MP is important to us in another context as a friendly member of the APPG (All Party

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Parliamentary Group) on Sikhs hence the added urgency of this request. I seek your assistance in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Smita Purushottam)

Ms. Sujatha Singh Joint Secretary (Europe I) Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi.

Copy with enclosures forwarded to:

- 1. Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Secretary (SE&HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
- 2. Shri R M Prem Kumar, Chief Secretary, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

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(Smita Purushottam)

John Randall, MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

16 December 2005

Dear Smita,

I do hope that you are keeping well.

You may recall sometime ago I raised with you the issue that had been brought to my attention by some constituents alleging that the London College of Management and IT had been making false claims about what it could offer the students from India coming over to the United Kingdom and charging a great deal of money.

I have been trying to obtain further information about misleading advertisements in the press in India and have been supplied by my constituents with the enclosed. Unfortunately, as it is not in English, I cannot ascertain whether what my constituents say is correct or not. However, I am enclosing these adverts so that some one at the High Commission might be able to look at them and see whether any wrong doings are being perpetrated.

I would be most grateful for any comments you can make or any assistance that someone in your Education Department within the High Commission might be able to give and I look forward to hearing from you.

With many thanks for anything you are able to do and all best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Translated from news item in Hindi (Dainik Bhasker of 09 Aug, 2005)

London College of Management and IT

London College of Management and IT (LCMIT) is an educational institution located in Central London and is regarded as one of the reputed colleges of London. The college is affiliated to the Curtin University of Australia. It is famous specially for Management and IT education. A laptop computer, equipped with WI-FI technique is provided to each and every student taking admission to the college. The laptop is retained by the student once the course is over and no additional fee is charged from the students for the computer. The college has opened its offices in many cities in India, keeping in view its increasing popularity. The offices are located at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bhopal and Ahmedabad. The Bhopal office is named as ED Tech Corporation and operates in Maharana Pratap Nagar Zone. Mr. Zafar Alam Khan, Overseas Registrar, Central and Northern India, posted in the Bhopal office told that the degree of his college was recognized worldwide and that his institute was a member of the Association of Indian Universities. In addition to this, the college was certified by the British Accreditation Council. He further told that the accreditation was held very important in England and was awarded to the universities who maintained a very good status and would have been running for the last 25 to 30 years.

Mr. Zafar further told that as of now, 15 students from Bhopal and 04 from Indore were studying in the college. 25 students from Bhopal and 15 from Indore had already been selected for the ensuing October session and their admission letters had been received. The selected students might get their visa by the end of September.

While further discussing over the credibility of his university, he said that no fee is payable to any of his officials in India. The representatives of the university help the students in admission counselling and in getting visa, without taking any fee. He told that the college conferred a degree of BA in just a year and the fee for this course was £ 5450. The Master of Information Technology course was of twenty month duration with a fee tag of £ 5959. The BBA and BIT courses of the colleges were of two year duration each and a fee of £7959 was payable for each course. The amount included examination fee and charge for course material.

London College of Management

The London College of Management is affiliated to Charles Stuart University of Australia. Mr. Zafar Alam Khan, the Overseas Registrar of the Bhopal based institution told that the institute was accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC). The BAC certification holds much importance in England because only some selected colleges have been awarded with this certification. He further told that the accreditation is generally awarded after the assessment of the past 25 to 30 years of functioning but London School of Commerce could get it in a period of just 4-5 years. This achievement underlines the educational status of the college. According to Mr. Khan, the accreditation was a token of the validity given by the British government.

It is worth mentioning that Mr. Alam Khan had sent some 50 students in all from 1990 to 1996 and has been sending about 10 to 12 students each year since 1997 for study to this institute. Mr. Khan further told that selected students had to deposit their fee at London office of the institute and that MBA degree is awarded in a period of one year only by London College of Management. The fee of the course is £4450 i.e. Rs 3,00,000 only. Likewise, Master of Information Technology course is of 20 month duration and fee for this course is £5950 i.e. Rs 4,00,000 only. BBA and BIT courses are of two year duration each with a fee tag of £7950 and this included charges for course material and examination fee.

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