Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to the notice of the AICTE that incidents of harassment, intimidation, discrimination, corporal punishment of girl students are happening in several Technical Institutions. You may be aware that All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament to ensure proper planning, coordinated development and regulation of technical education system in the Country is committed to the policy of zero tolerance with regard to harassment of students, particularly girl students in technical institutions. The Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, has already laid down measures for ensuring safety of women & gender sensitization in educational campuses through SAKSHAM program.

It is unfortunate that such incidents of harassment of girl students are happening in educational campuses and this discourages girl students to go for higher studies in majority of cases, which is against the spirit of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao drive launched by Govt. of India.

It is therefore to call upon all AICTE approved technical institutions and Universities including deemed to be Universities imparting technical education to ensure that harassment, discrimination of any kind of the girl students should not be tolerated and the authorities concerned should take serious note of such incidents and if found to be true severe penalty should be imposed on the perpetrators of such crimes. If such incidents come to the notice of AICTE, appropriate action including withdrawal of approval will be taken against such institutions.

I request you to personally ensure that campus of your Institution/University is free of incidents of intimidation, discrimination, corporal punishment and harassment of any kind and that the campus is conducive and safe for all students, especially girl students.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:
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