

F. No.9-3/2020-TS VII  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of Higher Education  
Government of India

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

To,  
**The Executive Director Establishment (RRB)**  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Issue regarding problems faced by the students in recruitment of Indian Railway due to certificate issued by NERIST Itanagar - regarding,**

Sir,

It has come to our knowledge that certain certificate/ diploma level courses run by North Eastern Regional Institute of Science And Technology (NERIST), Itanagar are not being recognised for appointment by a few Railway Recruitment Boards like RRB, Guwahati, Malda and Muzaffarpur.

2. This is to inform you that NERIST, Itanagar is a deemed university fully administered by Ministry of HRD. It was established in the year 1986. At that time, it was under North East Hill University. The institute was the first institute under MHRD to implement the pilot project of modular pattern of education in which students take admission in certificate course after passing 10<sup>th</sup> exam and there after they are admitted in diploma course through vertical movement followed by admission in degree course. The total course duration (after class 10) for certificate-diploma-degree is six (06) years having 2+2+2 pattern.

3. This is to further inform you that under allocation of business rules, Department of Higher Education under Ministry of Human Resource Development is vested with the authority for "*Recognition of professional technical qualification for purposes of recruitment to posts under Government of India*".

Accordingly, in the year 1989 and 1990, MHRD issued gazette notifications wherein it was mentioned that the certificate and the diploma issued by NERIST are recognized for the purpose of employment to subordinate posts and services under Central Government. Here it is pertinent to mention that in the year 2005, NERIST was accorded "**Deemed to be University**" status by HRD Ministry, Govt of India, which allowed NERIST to award its own certificates, diplomas and degrees.

Thus any further approval from any other entity is not warranted.

4. This may be suitably communicated to all RRBs.

Yours faithfully,

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