

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DR. JOHN V. VILANILAM
VICE-CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF KERALA.

Sir,

We write this letter to bring to your notice some serious offences committed by Dr. John V. Vilanilam, the present Vice - Chancellor of the University of Kerala.

We have listed the allegations here along with the documents to support them.

Allegations I.

Dr. John V. Vilanilam had submitted along with his application for the post of Professor of Journalism in 1982, a photocopy of the Ph.D. Degree which he managed to get for 159 pounds from the Sussex College of Technology, Britian, on 8th January 1976. This degree has no academic value and is not recognized even in Britian.

This is not an earned degree or honourary degree. This is a purchased degree.

Allegation II.

Dr. Vilanilam was recognized as a research guide in Journalism by the University of Kerala on 23-3-83. He had shown in his application for recognition as a research guide that he had a Ph.D. in Journalism from the University of Amsterdam. But on the above mentioned date he did not have the Amsterdam Ph.D.

In the same application Dr. J.V. Vilanilam had shown that he had 17 years teaching experience including 12 years in the U.S. This is false.

Details of his full time teaching experience to the best of our knowledge, as on 23-3-1983, is as follows :

- A. Tutor in Chemistry in the Fathima College Quilon from 1954 - 56.
- B. Lecturer in English in Marthoma College Thiruvalla and St. Joseph College, Calicut during 1958 - 61.
- C. Professor of Journalism for 5 months in the Dept. of Journalism from 8-11-1982 to 23-3-1983.

His teaching experience in the U.S. as furnished in his application for the post of Professor in the Department of Journalism submitted on August 20, 1982 is that he had part-time teaching experience in 3 Universities and one community college in the U.S. during 1979 - 81.

Allegation III.

On November 1, 1985 Dr. V. Vilanilam in his capacity as the Head of the Department of Journalism, University of Kerala had submitted a major research project to the U.G.C., through the Director, College Development Council, University of Kerala, with an estimated cost of Rs. 7,36,500/-. In the application, on part A, Dr. Vilanilam had stated that;

- A. He took his M.S. (communication) from Temple University, Philadelphia in 1973. (In the Directory of Common wealth Educators in Journalism and Communication, 1987 he has put the year as 1972);
- B. He took his D. Litt. from the Bhagalpur University in 1980;
- C. He took his Ph.D. in Journalism from the University of Amsterdam in 1982;
- D. He has teaching experience of 28 years.
- E. He has 15 years research experience.

All these claims are false.

Dr. John V. Vilanilam got his M.S. from Temple University on May 29, 1975 (and not 1972 or 1973) Dr. Vilanilam passed the examination of D. Lit in December 1981. His D. Lit degree is dated April 18, 1984. (This means that Dr. J.V. Vilanilam was eligible for using the D. Lit December 1981, and not from 1980, as he had stated in both the project proposal (U.G.C.) submitted and the Directory of Commonwealth Educators in Journalism and Communication 1987). Again, the D. Litt is in the Faculty of History and not in Journalism. Till date the Bhagalpur University has not offered any course in Journalism. Dr. Vilanilam got his Ph.D. from the University of Amsterdam on March 21, 1986 (and not in 1982 as he had furnished). Dr. Vilanilam did not have 28 years of teaching experience on November 1, 1985. In his application for recognition as research guide submitted in 1982 he had shown 17 years teaching experience. But barely after three years, in 1985, in his project proposal submitted to the U.G.C. he claimed that he had 28 years of teaching experience. In otherwords Dr. Vilanilam claimed to have acquire 11 more years of teaching experience within just three years.

His claim of 15 years of research experience is also false. Even if he had started research immediately after his taking the M.S. from Temple University in 1975, he could not have had more than 10 years research experience as on November 1, 1985.

Allegation IV.

Dr. Vilanilam's claim that he had Journalism in four Universities in U.S.A - Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University and Bucks County Community

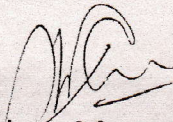
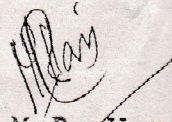
College - is also fraudulent. The Higher Education Directory 1990 of USA has listed all the centres of Higher education in UAS alongwith relevant details. Of the Four Universities mentioned above, only the Temple University offers accredited Journalism Course.

The crux of the allegations is that Dr. John V. Vilanilam, the Vice - Chancellor of the University of Kerala, committed grave offence by furnishing false and incorrect information about his academic qualifications and teaching experience, purported to mislead the University of Kerala, and the U.G.C. The fraudulent practices indulged by Dr. Vilanilam are of a criminal nature if taken to the Court.

Thanking you, and in confidence,

Faithfully,

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