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Shri Kumsi Sidisow, MLA, Buragaon-Thrizino called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 8th October 2019. They discussed about opening of new private universities in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor said that the private universities coming to the State should have students’ and public interest supreme in their mind. Private universities must display and ensure full and proper infrastructure in place before all other formal actions for the commencement of the university. The construction work is the basic ingredient of starting any institution. Proper playground, library, laboratories, student amenities like hostels, etc. and the conveniences and amenities for the girl students should be 100% in place and on the ground before the admissions are opened. The private universities must ensure this in public interest, he said.

The Hon’ble Governor also mentioned that most of the private universities in the State do not have proper infrastructure, playfields, students’ extra curriculum facilities, befitting libraries and laboratories as also the necessary amenities for girl students.

Expressing his disappointment on unbecoming academic plans of a private university, he said that a private university has offered a distant learning course for our MLAs in BA Political Science and MA Political Science, without charging any fee, and with promise for arrangement of writing the examination for them. Such offers woefully fall beyond the accepted academic norms and practices, he said.

Many private universities in their proposal promise scores and scores of courses which are on the face of it impractical. The appointment of permanent faculty and their proper remuneration for ensuring the qualitative standard of the faculty fall far too short of norms. The Governor, therefore, suggested that the private universities, running in our State Arunachal Pradesh, in such cases, must ensure that full, proper and dignified infrastructure is in place before the commencement of the students’ admission. He also emphasized that proper, well qualified, permanent faculty are appointed and present before starting a private university.

The Governor said that many complaints are being received from the general public regarding the bad performance of many private universities in our State and this must be rectified by the concerned private universities. He said that the private universities already functioning or planning to open in in Arunachal Pradesh should have all requisite wherewithal of staff, faculty, materials, structures, and ground of optimum standard before starting the admission of the students. Unless these prerequisites are ensured by the private universities, they will be hurting the academic faith of the people and the students of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor advised Shri Sidisow, as a responsible and young member of State Legislative Assembly to visit the private universities in the State and suggest measures for improving the infrastructural facilities and quality education imparted in the private universities of Arunachal Pradesh.