<u>Case 2</u>: Complaints received from Bardhaman Viswavidyalaya Chhatra Samsad, B.U. dated 24.07.2020, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, B.U. dated 25.07.2020 and the Head, Department of English and Culture Studies dated 28.07.2020 regarding audio clips related to conversation of a M.A. student (session 2016-2018) with a Teacher of Department of English and Culture Studies, The University of Burdwan.

Submission of report by the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) regarding audio clips related incidents of Department of English and Culture Studies, The University of Burdwan vide communication from the University authority to the Presiding Officer (PO), ICC, BU on 28.07.2020 and 03.08.2020. Enquiry proceedings conducted within two months i.e. 06.08.2020, 16.08.2020, 20.08.2020, 22.08.2020 and 06.09.2020 (online meeting).

Action taken Report:

- 1. ICC considered the case with utmost sincerity and after receiving legal advice, ICC tried its level best to contact the reported victim over mobile phone but failed as one of her family members informed her illness. PO, ICC sent an email to the reported victim on 16.08.2020 at 8:15 PM with an assurance to provide full possible support to her in every aspect. Later on, the reported victim (MA student, session 2016-18) sent a reply email on 17.08.2020 at 11:15 PM mentioning her unwillingness to lodge a complaint so as not to prolong the distress of her as well as her family members.
- 2. ICC yet intended to render its helping hand to provide her all-possible support by sending a team of three members for meeting her physically.
- 3. But she again denied to do so considering her physical health and she also sent an email to ICC firmly endorsing her statement that she made in her reply sent to ICC on 17.08.2020.
- 4. Under such circumstances, in the absence of formal written complaint of reported victim, ICC was unable to proceed further in that matter.
- 5. However, considering all available documents and the statements of the reported victim in her two emails it is recommended that University may take appropriate steps, as it may deem fit, considering the legal advice received by ICC and two emails of the reported victim.

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6. The reports were submitted to the Registrar, The University of Burdwan.

PO, ICC

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