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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Indian Reprographic Rights Organisation (IRRO)!

Let me introduce IRRO, the sole and exclusive collective Copyright Society (a not-for-profit organisation) in India as defined under the Copyright law of India, in the field of published copyrighted literary works. It is created by publishers and authors, and is duly approved and registered with the Copyright Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India; and also, with International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations, Brussels, Belgium. The brochure as per link below briefly describes the functioning of IRRO.

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Sir, you might be aware that recently University Grant Commission (UGC) has issued certain copyright guidelines for Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions, and recommended some institutional mechanism to eliminate the menace of plagiarism and piracy in higher education system in the country. These regulations have been notified in the Official Gazette of India on 31st July 2018 and a link of the same is attached herewith. It is expected that each institution will soon have its Copyright Policy to support copyright fairness, creativity and innovation, and to nurture respect for copyrights among members of the Institution.

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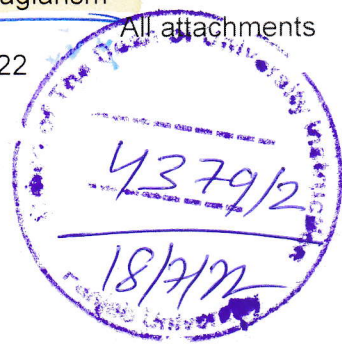
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We shall be glad to answer any queries or give clarifications that you may have in this regard. Please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(DR. ASHOK GUPTA)

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