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Copying Case of December 2021 Examinations

Name of the Accused Member : Mr. Shekhar Patnaik
ACET ID : IAIEE-DEC21-1588
Subject Appeared : ACET
Date of Examination : 11th December 2021
Nature of Unfair means : Assisted by other person for answering the questions during the examination hours.

Background:

1. Examination department received report from the Exam Conduction Vendor that the candidate was assisted by the other person for answering the questions during the examination.
2. Examination department investigated the case, checked the video recording of the candidate and prepared a summary report which was discussed with Chairperson, Examination Advisory Group (EAG). It was recommended to initiate the necessary procedures for further investigation in consultation with Chair EAG.
3. An Inquiry group was formed to investigate the case. During the investigation candidate denied the allegation and he was unable to give proper explanation on his actions. After completion of investigation as per video and audio recording, it was clearly evident that someone else was in the room. This is a case of violation of ACET examination rules.
4. Inquiry group submitted their report to Examination Advisory Group and it was recommended that the candidate attempt shall be cancelled and debar him from writing ACET examination for one year from the date of examination.

Decision:

The FAC deliberated the matter and reviewed all documents and correspondence available on record. The FAC agreed with the recommendations given by Examination Advisory Group and concluded that Mr. Shekhar Patnaik was involved in unethical conduct which is not expected of a candidate.

The FAC has decided the following for Mr. Shekhar Patnaik:

1. Candidates attempt for December 2021 ACET examination must be considered as cancelled.
2. Candidate must be debar from writing ACET examination for a period of one year from 11th December 2021 ACET examination till 10th December, 2022.
