

APPENDIX I

Copy of Joint letter No. M/MBA/7 dated 20th January, 1964, by Shri K.T. Chandy, Director, I.I.M., Calcutta and Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai, Hon. Director, I.I.M., Ahmedabad addressed to Shri G.K. Chandiramani, Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Education (Department of Science) New Delhi.

The Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad and Calcutta are now well set to offer two-year full-time courses leading to an M.B.A. degree equivalent to the corresponding degrees awarded at the Harvard Business School and at the M.I.T. When these Institutes were created, Government decided that they should develop broadly along the lines indicated in the report of Dean Robbins. This report states the following with regard to the academic status of the Institutes for the granting of the degrees:

“Certificates, awards, and degrees shall be granted to participants who meet the achievement standards prescribed. The first degree shall be in management, representing a professional degree similar to the M.B.A. in the United States. Subsequently a research doctorate program may be considered. The awarding of recognized and approved degrees should be an early aim.”

In the Governing Bodies of the Institutes, this question has been discussed on several occasions and both bodies are anxious that Government should take steps to declare the Institutes as Institutes of national importance authorising them to award degrees on lines analogous to what has been provided for the Indian Institute of Technology. We therefore wish to urge Government to kindly take early steps in this direction.
