

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPER)
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

(Equivalence of NIPER degrees)

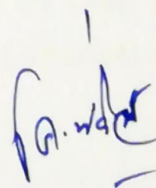
It is for the information of all concerned that all the NIPERs are the Institute of National Importance set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers by an Act of Parliament to impart higher education and undertake advanced research in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Technology and Management. The NIPERs are empowered to award degrees in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Technology and Management under Section 32 of NIPER Act, 1998. Accordingly, the NIPERs award degrees with nomenclature of M.S. (Pharm.)/ M.Pharm./ M. Tech (Pharm.)/MBA (Pharm.) degrees.

Section 32 of NIPER Act, 1998 wherein the Act provides that no approvals/recognition from any authority with regard to conferring of degrees is required to the Institutes. Provisions contained in Section 32 of NIPER Act, 1998 is reproduced below for reference and information of all concerned.

Section 32: Notwithstanding any contained in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or any other law for the time being in force, the Institute shall have power to grant degrees and other academic distinctions and titles under this Act.

This provision empowering the NIPERs to award degrees has been upheld by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla, while allowing the writ petition, has categorically issued directions with regard to the equivalence of degrees of M.Pharm and M.S. Pharm. The operative part of the judgment is also reproduced below:

...the mere nomenclature of the degree cannot by itself be a ground to hold the degree of M.Pharm to be not equivalent to be degree of M.S. Pharm.



(Sh. J.K. Chandel)
Registrar