The President
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India
New Delhi

Sub: Representation of Students in relation to the difficulties faced by them as a reason of the automatic switchover from Old Syllabus to New Syllabus

Sir,

This is with reference to the captioned subject. As already informed by NIRO to the ICSI Secretariat, a group of students gathered at NIRC Premises on 01.09.2015 and shared their concerns arising out of the compulsory switchover from Old Syllabus to New Syllabus with the Regional Council Members. The students present there also handed over a petition (enclosed herewith) endorsed by few thousands of students highlighting their issues and concerns. From the detailed discussion and the representation, following are the requests of the students:

1. 2(two) more attempts be given with the Old Syllabus;
2. Harmonisation of Groups to avail the benefit of aggregation of marks;
3. Fixation of paper wise fees for examination instead of Group wise;
4. Exemption from 2 (two) newly added papers.

The grouse of students is arising from the fact that they will have to prepare for the additional new subjects in less than 100 days that too when they are undergoing their training/ jobs. A specific plea of exempting the students who have cleared the subject 'Strategic Management, Alliance and International Trade' in the old syllabus from the newly added 'International Business' paper as the course content of both the subjects is similar, was also made. Another issue amply highlighted by the students is in relation the fact that if any student was left with only 1 paper (Tax) in Group-3 Professional in Old Syllabus, will have to appear for 3 papers now instead of only 1 remaining paper.

The students also quoted that when the syllabus of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was changed, the students were given 5 attempts in the Old Syllabus.

In view of the above, we request your goodself to kindly consider the representation made by the students and resolve the issues with highest priorities.

Regards,

CS NPS CHAWLA
Chairman

Encl: Petition submitted by students.