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Question to governor on convocation

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Jadavpur University's officiating vice-chancellor, who is continuing in office with the state government's sanction after the governor ordered his removal, said on Tuesday that it was not clear to him why the governor has decided to move the high court challenging the university's decision to hold the annual convocation.

Buddhadeb Sau, the officiating VC, also referred to the fact that the governor had not objected to the convocation at Kalyani and Vidyasagar universities.



He said he could not "understand why the VC of a state-aided university won't listen to the suggestions of the state government on issues like the convocation".

A Raj Bhavan official said on Monday that the government's greenlight to the convocation overriding the chancellor's authority was one of the reasons why the governor, who is also chancellor of JU and other state-aided universities, decided to move court.

The VC also challenged the governor's contention that Sunday's meeting of JU's court, which decided to hold the convocation the same day, was not a legally convened meeting.

"The act governing the university says the registrar convenes the court meeting following the VC's order. The chancellor does not convene the meeting. The chancellor attends the meeting as the court's chairman," said Sau. "Everything was done according to the act."

Governor C.V. Ananda Bose told reporters at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday: "My priority is the future of students. The convocation is unlawful and unauthorised. There is a serious charge and apprehension, raised by the students and parents. I am getting an expert legal opinion about that. My intention is somehow to see that students are safe from this impasse.

"How to legitimise an unauthorised convocation is a big problem for me. I will try to find a legally acceptable solution. Lawlessness on the campuses will not be allowed."

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