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Demanding the rollback of amendments to PUC revaluation rules made by Department of Pre-University Education, Bangalore District committee of AIDSO had organized a protest demonstration today at Mysore bank circle in the city. Addressing the gathering, **Smt. Ashwini. K. S, President, Bangalore District committee, AIDSO**, said, "Every year lakhs of students write PU exams, which is considered as one of the cornerstones of student life. In such a condition, PU board has all of a sudden brought new rules without discussing it with educationists, lecturers and parents. This is undemocratic. When poor and middle class students in villages are struggling to pay admission and examination fees, forcing students to compulsorily apply for photocopy by paying Rs.504/- before applying for revaluation is highly unscientific. Also, students have to pay Rs.336/- for re-counting and Rs.1260/- for revaluation. This keeps away majority of the students from using revaluation facility.

"Along with that, **PU board is asking students to give an undertaking that they won't disclose the photocopy to college or media, neither they would challenge the revaluation in court of law!** This is unconstitutional and deliberate trampling of democratic right of the students! Instead of bringing changes in the beginning of the academic year with proper scope for discussion, it is cunning on the part of PU board to bring forth such changes at the end of the academic year." She urged the students to unite and fight back against this unjust and anti-student stance.

Another speaker, **Ajay Kamath, Vice-President, Bangalore District committee, AIDSO** said, "When students are in panic, instead of genuinely addressing their concern PU board is saying 'such rules are there in CBSE from a long time'. This shows their apathy and anti-student attitude! It is the responsibility of the PU board in helping students in their dream of professional education, not pouring cold water on it. Hence, PU board should rollback its decision and make way for the students to apply for revaluation and recounting without any constraints. Otherwise, students will achieve the same with united movement."

Dhanush Kiran, Vice-President, Bangalore District Committee, AIDSO, presided the protest meeting.

Thanking you,

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