

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT – The Telangana State Private Universities
(Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2019 – Notification – Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (UE.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.26

**Dated: 20.08.2019.
Read the following:-**

1. The Telangana State Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2018 (Telangana Act No.11 of 2018).
2. G.O.Ms No.17, Higher Education (UE) Department, dt.15.07.2019.

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ORDER:

The following notification shall be published in the Telangana Gazette, dated: 20.08.2019:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Telangana Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2018 (Telangana Act No.11 of 2018), the Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

RULES

1. Short title, extent and commencement:-

- (1) These Rules may be called the “Telangana State Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2019”
- (2) They shall extend to the whole of the State of Telangana.
- (3) These rules shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication, in the official Gazette.

The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Telangana Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2018 (Telangana Act No.11 of 2018).

2. Application to grant permission for establishment of a Private University:

- (1) Any Sponsoring Body desirous to establish a Private University shall download an application form from the website www.tsche.ac.in, as per the details mentioned in the website, by paying Rs.50,000/- through net banking;
- (2) The Sponsoring Body intending to establish a University may apply in Form appended to the Rules along with the Proposal and Detailed Project Report, to the Secretary/Principal Secretary/Spl.C.S./ to Government, Higher Education Department;
- (3) The application shall be signed by the person authorized to authenticate instruments on behalf of the Sponsoring Body;
- (4) No application referred to in sub-rule (1) above, shall be entertained unless a non-refundable fee of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) paid as per the details mentioned in the website.

3. The Sponsoring Body shall fulfill the following:-

- (1) **Land requirement** : A minimum of 20 acres in HMDA limits and 30 acres outside HMDA should be registered in the name of the Society.

- (2) **Buildings:** Administrative building of at least 1000 Sq. mtrs and academic buildings including libraries, lecture halls, laboratories of at least 10000 sq. mtrs.
- (3) **Corpus fund:** The sponsoring body must establish a Corpus fund of Rs.10 crores at the time of starting of the University and also show proof of funds to the tune of Rs.30 crores in the form of Fixed Deposit to support the various activities like construction of buildings, infrastructure and campus development etc.
- (4) In addition to the particulars, the sponsoring body shall submit the Project Report as specified in section 7 of the Act.

4. Power to grant or refuse:

(1) **Expert Committee:-**

The Government, on the receipt of the proposal along with the project report for establishment of a Private University, shall constitute an Expert Committee consisting of the following members to examine the application:

I	The Secretary/Principal Secretary/Spl. Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department	Ex-officio Chairperson
ii	Chairman of Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad	Member
iii	Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad	Member
iv	Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University, Hyderabad.	Member
V	Two experts /eminent persons to be co-opted by the Committee	Member
Vi	The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member Secretary

- (2) The Expert Committee shall scrutiny the proposal based on the information furnished in the Project Report and shall consider each proposal with reference to the following factors:-
 - (a) financial soundness and assets of the Sponsoring Body and its ability to set up the infrastructure of the proposed University;
 - (b) background of the Sponsoring Body such as experience in the field of education, its credibility and general reputation;
 - (c) potential of the programme and courses to be offered which are not only of conventional nature but also in tune with the contemporary requirements of emerging branches of learning and relevant to various development sectors and to the society in general;
 - (d) appropriateness of the objectives of the proposed University towards the overall goals of the State; and
 - (e) any other factor that the Expert Committee may deem appropriate.
- (3) The Expert Committee, while considering the proposal, may call for such other information from the Sponsoring Body as it thinks proper for the purpose.
- (4) The Expert Committee shall submit its recommendation to the Government within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the proposal.
- (5) The Expert Committee may recommend to the Government the appropriate additional measures to be taken by the Private University.

5. Letter of Intent:

- (1) On receipt of the recommendations of the Expert Committee, the Government shall take a decision as to accept, or seek modifications in the proposal or reject within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the report of the Expert Committee;
- (2) The Government shall inform the Sponsoring Body about its decision through a Letter of Intent, or a Letter of Regret, or a Letter seeking additional clarifications.
- (3) The Government, while issuing the Letter of Intent, shall direct the Sponsoring Body to fulfill such terms and conditions as recommended by the Expert Committee. If the letter of the Government seeks additional information/clarifications, the Sponsoring Body has to provide the same and that shall be considered as a resubmission of the Application.
- (4) The Sponsoring Body shall fulfill the terms and conditions and report compliance to the Government within a period of six months from the date of the issue of the Letter of Intent:

Provided that Government may further extend the period for a maximum period of one year, if it is satisfied that the Sponsoring Body has taken substantial steps towards setting up of the University.

- (5) On receipt of the compliance report, the Government shall, within a period of one month, direct the Expert Committee, constituted under rule 4(1) to verify the compliance report within a period of 30 days.

6. Establishment and incorporation of the University:

- (1) On the receipt of verification report from the Expert Committee that the Sponsoring Body has complied with all the conditions of Letter of Intent, there upon the Government shall include the name of the University in the Schedule of the Act, as under section 10 of the Act.
- (2) The Private University shall inform the progress of physical infrastructure and academic activities to the Government once in every 6 months for the first three years and thereafter annually.

7. Procedure for appointment of Chancellor as per clause 14(1) of the Act:-

- (i) The Sponsoring Body shall invite applications from persons desirous of being considered for appointment as Chancellor of the Private University;
- (ii) The invitation for such application shall be through print and online advertisements in prominent national newspapers, and national and international academic journals, giving at least one month's time from the date of publication for submission of applications. The Sponsoring Body may also hire recruitment agencies for this purpose.
- (iii) The Sponsoring Body shall place all the applications received by it before the Search Committee.
- (iv) The Search Committee shall adopt a transparent process to evaluate the relative merits of the applicants and after duly recording the process and parameters of such evaluation recommend a panel of three names in alphabetical order to the Sponsoring Body. Then the sponsoring body may select one out of three, as Chancellor.

8. Submission of First Statutes and First Ordinance:

The University shall submit its First Statutes to the Government for approval within a period of (90) days from the date of appointment of the Chancellor and the First Ordinance within a period of (60) days from the date of appointment of the Vice-chancellor.

9. REGULATION OF UNIVERSITY

- (1) The Government may for the purpose of ascertaining the standards of teaching, examination and research or any other matter relating to the University, after consultation with the Vice Chancellor, cause an assessment to be made as prescribed in the Statutes.
- (2) The Government shall communicate its recommendations to the University on the basis of such assessment for corrective action. The University shall adopt such corrective measures and make efforts so as to ensure the compliance of the recommendations.
- (3) If the University fails to comply with the recommendations made under sub-rule (2) within a reasonable time, the State Government may give such directions as it may deem fit for such compliance.

10. Domicile based reservation:

- (i) 25% of seats for admissions in all the faculties /courses undertaken by the University shall be exclusively reserved for the students, who studied for at least two years in the State of Telangana.
- (ii) Children whose parent/parents born or worked at least for two years in the State of Telangana shall be treated as students of Telangana for this purpose.

Provided that the vacant seats shall be open to General Category.

11. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

- (1) The concerned Sponsoring Body shall establish an Endowment Fund in the name of the University within a period of one month from the date of inclusion of its name in the Schedule to the Act.
- (2) The Endowment Fund shall be 1% of the Project Cost or Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore), whichever is lower.
- (3) The Government shall have power to direct upward revision of the Endowment Fund from time to time, provided that any upward revision so ordered shall not exceed the amount required to neutralize the inflationary impact (measured through Wholesale Price index).
- (4) The Endowment Fund shall be deposited in a scheduled bank in the form of a fixed deposit and shall be in the joint name of the University concerned and the Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Telangana, Hyderabad.
- (5) The Fund shall not be liquidated without the prior permission of the Government.

12. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report prepared by the University shall be submitted to the Government which include among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfilment of its objectives within six months of the completion of the financial year. Financial year for this purpose is from April 1st to March 31st of the following year;

13. Dissolution of the Sponsoring Body and / Or the University

- (1) Upon receipt of notice for dissolution of the Sponsoring Body, the Administrator appointed under section 42 of the said Act shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Sponsoring Body under the Act;
- (2) The Administrator so appointed shall administer the affairs of the University until the last batch of students of the regular courses have completed their courses and they have been awarded degrees, diplomas or awards as the case may be;
- (3) The Government may dissolve the University through an Act of the State Legislature for deletion of the entry relating to the University from the Schedule.
- (4) Upon dissolution of the University under sections 42,43 or 44 of the said Act its assets including the Endowment Fund and the General Fund may be utilized for discharge of its liabilities.
- (5) The Government shall appoint an Inquiry Officer not below the rank of Secretary to Government and the Inquiry Officer have all such powers and act upon as per the section 44 of the Act.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**B.JANARDHAN REDDY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To:

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchases, Telangana, Hyderabad (He is requested to supply (100) copies of the Notification to this Department.)

The Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Masab Tank, Hyderabad.

The Member Secretary, Telangana Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

The P.S. to Spl. Secretary to Chief Minister.

The OSD to Minister (Education)

The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.

The P.S. to Secretary, Education Department.

The P.S. to Secretary, Law Department.

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