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## PART IV

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

NOTIFICATION

Karachi, the 27th September, 1997

No. PAS/Legis-B-11/97.—The Isra University Bill, 1997 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 24th May, 1997 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 3rd September, 1997 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE ISRA UNIVERSITY ACT, 1997

SINDH ACT NO. V OF 1997

(First published after having received the assent of the Governor of Sindh in the Gazette of Sindh (Extra-Ordinary) dated 27th September, 1997).

AN

ACT

to provide for the establishment of the Isra University at Hyderabad

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Isra University at Hyderabad and matters ancillary thereto; Preamble



It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Isra University Act, 1997.  
(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from March 10, 1997.

Definitions.

1. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—
- (i) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
  - (ii) "affiliated institution or college" means an educational institution or college affiliated to the University but not maintained or administered by it;
  - (iii) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified in section 15;
  - (iv) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University;
  - (v) "Chairman" means the Chairman of a Teaching Department;
  - (vi) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
  - (vii) "constituent institution or college" means an institution or college maintained and administered by the University;
  - (viii) "Dean" means the Chairman of the Board of Faculty;
  - (ix) "Director" means the head of a teaching or administrative division or an institute;
  - (x) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;
  - (xi) "Foundation" means Isra Islamic Foundation (Guarantee) Limited registered under the Companies Ordinance 1984 bearing Registration No. K-02287, 1990-91;
  - (xii) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
  - (xiii) "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules;
  - (xiv) "Professor Emeritus" means a retired Professor working in the University in an honorary capacity;
  - (xv) "statutes, regulations and rules" means respectively statutes, regulations and rules made under this Act;
  - (xvi) "Teaching Department" means a Teaching Department of the University;



- (xvii) "Teacher" means whole time teacher engaged as Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Lecturer and such other persons as may be declared to be the Teachers;
- (xviii) "University" means the Isra University; and
- (xix) "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University.

## CHARTER II

### THE UNIVERSITY

3. (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Isra University, Hyderabad consisting of the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Deans, the Chairmen of the Teaching Departments and members of the Board, the members of the Academic Council and such other Officers as may be prescribed. Incorporation.
- (2) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of the Isra University, Hyderabad, owned, managed and administered by the Foundation and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the said name.
- (3) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable, and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.
- (4) The University shall be open to all persons of either sex, in segregated institutions, of whatever religion, race, creed, colour or domicile who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the University and no such person shall be denied the privilege on the ground only of sex, religion, creed, race, class, colour or domicile.
- (5) The moral and ethical codes employed on the University campus, affiliated colleges or institutes and the constituent institutions will be based on and derived from the cardinal principles and the guidance embodied in the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him)

Powers and  
functions of  
the  
University.

4. The University shall have the powers -

- (i) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning as it may deem fit, and to make provision for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (ii) to prescribe courses of studies and curricula;
- (iii) to admit and hold examinations and to award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on the persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- (iv) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- (v) to affiliate and disaffiliate educational institutions under prescribed conditions;
- (vi) to establish faculties, teaching departments, research institutes and other learning centres in the ordained branches of learning and to provide and support other facilities for education, professional training and research;
- (vii) to inspect colleges and other educational institutions affiliated or seeking affiliation with it;
- (viii) to co-operate with the other universities and public authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;
- (ix) to institute Professorship, Associate Professorship, Assistant Professorship and Lectureship, and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- (x) to create posts for research, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xi) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- (xii) to control the residence of the students of the University, to institute and maintain halls of residence and to approve or license hostels and lodgings;



- (xiii) to supervise and control the discipline of the students of the University and the colleges, to promote the extra-curricular and recreational activities of such students, and to make arrangement for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (xiv) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (xv) to enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;
- (xvi) to receive and manage property transferred and grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments or other contributions made to the University and to invest any funds representing such property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments or contributions in such manner as it may deem fit;
- (xvii) to undertake such research as it may determine in the ordained branches of learning;
- (xviii) to provide for the printing and publication of research and other works;
- (xix) to appoint members of various bodies and committees, as the Board may determine, for academic and administrative activities;
- (xx) to appoint such officers and staff and prescribe terms and conditions, and powers and duties of such officers and staff;
- (xxi) to establish academic linkages and collaborative activities with other institutions for the betterment of academic standards; and
- (xxii) to do all such acts and things, as may be requisite to further its objectives.

### CHAPTER III

#### OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5. The following shall be the officers of the University:-

- (i) the Chancellor;
- (ii) the Vice Chancellor;
- (iii) the Deans;
- (iv) the Director;
- (v) the Chairmen of the Teaching Departments;
- (vi) the Registrar;

Officers of  
the  
University.

- (vii) the Director of Finance;
- (viii) the Controller of Examinations;
- (ix) the Resident Auditor;
- (x) the Librarian; and
- (xi) such other persons as may be prescribed by the regulations to be the officers.

- The Patron. 6. (1) The Governor of Sindh shall be the Patron of the University.
- (2) The Patron shall, when present, preside at the Convocation of the University.
- (3) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to confirmation by the Patron.

- The Chancellor. 7. (1) The Foundation shall nominate one of its Directors, who shall preferably be a person of eminence in letters, sciences or social work, to be the Chancellor of the University for a period of three years which may be extended by the Foundation.
- (2) The Chancellor shall, in the absence of the Patron, preside at the Convocation of the University.
- (3) The Chancellor may remove any person from the membership of any Authority if such person -
- (i) has become of unsound mind; or
  - (ii) has been incapacitated to function as member; or
  - (iii) has been convicted by a court of law in Pakistan of an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (4) If the Chancellor is satisfied that the proceedings of any Authority are not in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the statutes, the regulations, or the rules, he may, after calling upon such Authority to show cause why such proceedings should not be annulled, by order in writing, annul the proceedings.
- (5) Should the Chancellor be incapacitated from acting as such due to absence or any other cause, the Vice Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties and functions of the Chancellor.



- (6) The Chancellor may cause a visitation or enquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the affairs of the University and appoint such person as may deem fit for the purpose.
- (7) The Chancellor shall, on receipt of a report under sub-section (6) above, issue such directions as he thinks fit and the Vice Chancellor will comply with such directions through the Board.
8. (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor, for a period of three years, which may in the discretion of the Chancellor be further extended, on such terms and conditions as the Chancellor may determine. Vice Chancellor.
- (2) At any time when the office of the Vice Chancellor is vacant, or the Vice Chancellor is absent or is unable to perform the functions of his office due to illness or other cause, the Chancellor shall make such arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Vice Chancellor as he may deem fit.
9. (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall be responsible for implementation of the provisions of the Act, the statutes, the regulations and the rules and execution of the policies and the programmes of the University. Powers and duties of the Vice - Chancellor.
- (2) The Vice Chancellor shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside over the meetings of the Authorities of which the Chancellor is the Chairman.
- (3) The Vice Chancellor may, in an emergency which in his opinion requires immediate action, take such action as he may consider necessary and shall, as soon thereafter as possible, report his action to the officer, authority or other body which in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter.
- (4) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Vice Chancellor shall also have the powers -
- (i) to create and fill temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months;
  - (ii) to sanction all expenditures provided for in the approved budget, and to re-appropriate funds within the same major head of expenditure;



- (iii) to sanction by re-appropriation an amount not exceeding fifty thousand rupees for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget, and report it to the Board at the next meeting;
- (iv) to appoint paper setters and examiners for all examinations of the University after receiving panels of names from the relevant authorities;
- (v) to make such arrangements for the scrutiny of papers, grades and results as he may consider necessary;
- (vi) to direct teachers, officers and other employees of the University to take up such assignments in connection with teaching, research, examination, administration and such other activities in the University as he may consider necessary;
- (vii) to appoint employees of such categories in respect of which powers have been delegated to him by the Board;
- (viii) to delegate, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be prescribed, any of his powers under this Act, to an officer or other employee of the University; and
- (ix) to exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be prescribed.

Registrar. 10. (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

(2) The Registrar shall -

- (i) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the University; and
- (ii) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

Director of Finance. 11. (1) The Director of Finance shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Board on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

(2) The Director shall-



- i) manage the property, the finances and the investments of the University;
- ii) prepare the annual and revised budget estimates of the University and present them to the Finance Committee and the Board;
- iii) ensure that the funds of the University are expended for the purposes for which they are provided; and

(3) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

12. The Controller of Examination shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

Controller of Examination.

13. The Auditor shall be a whole time officer of the University and shall be responsible for pre-audit of all payments from the University fund.

The Resident Auditor.

14. The Director of Planning and Development shall be a whole time officer of the University and shall be responsible for planning and development of the University and shall also be responsible for preparation of short- and long-term development plans for the resources, the facilities and the amenities, and shall perform such functions as may be prescribed.

The Director of Planning and Development.

## CHAPTER IV

### AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

15. The following shall be the Authorities of the University:-

Authorities.

- (i) the Board of Governors;
- (ii) the Academic Council;
- (iii) the Boards of Faculties;
- (iv) the Boards of Studies;
- (v) the Selection Board;
- (vi) the Board of Advance Studies and Research;

- (vii) the Finance and Planning Committee;
- (viii) Discipline Committee; and
- (ix) such other Authorities as may be prescribed by the statutes.

The Board of  
Governors.

16. (1) The Board of Governors shall consist of-
- (i) the Vice Chancellor, who shall be its Chairman;
  - (ii) the Chief Justice of the High Court of Sindh or a judge of the High Court nominated by him;
  - (iii) the Chairman, University Grants Commission or whole time member of the Commission nominated by him;
  - (iv) one or more Deans to be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor;
  - (v) Secretary to the Government of Sindh, Education Department;
  - (vi) Secretary to the Government of Sindh, Health Department
  - (vii) four members of outstanding merit nominated by the Foundation;
  - (viii) four persons of eminence representing various disciplines and professions nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor;
  - (ix) one legal advisor nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Board;
  - (x) the Registrar who shall act as its Secretary.
- (2) Members of the Board other than ex-officio members shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.

Powers and  
Duties of the  
Board.

17. (1) The Board shall be the executive body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, and the statutes, exercise general supervision over the affairs and management of the University.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, and subject to the provisions of this Act, and the statutes, the Board shall have the powers-
- (i) to hold control and administer the property and funds of the University;
  - (ii) to govern and regulate, with due regard to the advice of the Finance and Planning Committees the finances, accounts and investments of the University and for that purpose, to appoint such agents as it may think fit;



