MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXV OF 1994

[THE MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITIES ACT, 1994.]

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An Act to unify, consolidate and amend the law relating to the non-agricultural and non-technological universities in the State of Maharashtra

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for a unified pattern for the constitution and administration of non-agricultural and non-technological universities in the State of Maharashtra and to make better provisions therefor;

AND WHEREAS with a view to consider and recommend measures for better governance of such universities and reorganisation of higher education, the Central Government and the Government of Maharashtra had appointed various committees and study groups;

AND WHEREAS after considering the recommendations made by these committees and groups, and the experience gained in implementing the present university Acts, it is felt necessary to make provisions to enable each university to effectively carry out with responsibility the objects of the university, to promote more equitable distribution of facilities for higher education, to provide for more efficient administration, financial control, better organisation of teaching research, to ensure proper selection and appointment of teachers and other employees, to provide for representation of students and teachers on various bodies of the university, to take measures for curbing or for eradicating undesirable non-academic influences detrimental to maintenance of discipline and standards of education or academic excellence in the universities and to provide for matters connected with or incidental thereto; it is considered expedient to unify, consolidate and amend the law relating to such universities in the State; It is hereby enacted in the Forty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY.

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994.

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complimentary to academic staff but, shall not include the staff engaged purely in discharging administrative functions;

- (22) "Other Backward Classes" means and includes persons belonging to such classes or groups within such classes as adopted by the State Government to be other backward classes;
- (23) "post-graduate department" means a department in a college or institution of higher learning, research or specialised studies, recognised to be so by the university and imparting post-graduate instruction or guidance for research;
- (24) "prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes or Ordinances or Regulations, as the case may be, made by or under this Act;
- (25) "principal" means a head of a college, specialised educational institution, post-graduate centre or other recognised institution duly approved by the university;
- (26) "recognised institution" means an institution of higher learning, research or specialised studies, other than a college, and recognised to be so by the university;
- (27) "registered graduate" means a graduate of a university registered or deemed to be registered by or under the Act with one of the universities;
 - (28) "Schedule" means the schedule to this Act.
- (29) "Scheduled Castes" means such castes, races or tribes or parts of, or groups within, such castes, races or tribes as are deemed to be Scheduled Castes, in relation to the State of Maharashtra under article 341 of the Constitution of India:
- (30) "Scheduled Tribes" means such tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within, such tribes or tribal communities as are deemed to be Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Maharashtra under article 342 of the Constitution of India residing in any part of the State of Maharashtra.
- (31) "school" means a school of studies maintained by or recognised as such by the University;
 - (31A) "State Government" means the Government of Maharashtra;
- (32) "Statutes", "Ordinances" and "Regulations" mean, respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulation of the university made by or under this Act;
 - (33) "Students' Council" means the students, council established under this Act;
- (34) "teacher" means full-time approved professor, associate professor, assistant professor, reader, lecturer, librarian, [principal, Deputy or Assistant Librarian and Documentation Officer in the university and college Librarian] 3 Director or Instructor of Physical education in any university department, conducted, affiliated or autonomous college, autonomous institution or department or recognised institution in the university;
 - (35) "Tribunal" means the tribunal established under this Act;
 - (36) "university" means any of the universities mentioned in the Scheduled'

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