

Government of Punjab
Department of Higher Education
(Education-1 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

Dated, Chandigarh the:

No. 8/128/2007-4Edu1/ The Governor of Punjab is pleased to accord approval to issue the 'Punjab Private Universities Policy, 2010' for the purpose of setting up of self financed private universities in the State of Punjab.

2. This Policy shall be implemented with immediate effect.

Dated, Chandigarh
the: 11-06-2010

M. S. Sandhu
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Department of Higher Education

Endst. No. 8/128/2007-4Edu1/

Dated, Chandigarh the:

A copy is forwarded to the Controller, Printing and Stationery Department, Punjab, Chandigarh with request that the above notification may please be published in Punjab Government Gazette (Ordinary) and 100 copies thereof be supplied to this department.

Special Secretary Higher Education

Endst. No. 8/128/2007-4Edu1/ (534-77)

Dated, Chandigarh the: 14/6/2010

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary

action:-

- 1) Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 2) Chairman, Univesity Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
- 3) Secretary to Governor, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 4) Secretary/Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
- 5) Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 6) Advocate General, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 7) Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 8) Principal Secretary, Department of Planning, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 9) Principal Secretary, Technical Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 10) Secretary, Legal Rememrance, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 11) Secrètary, Medical Education and Research, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 12) Secretary, Personal and General Administration, Punjab
- 13) Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- 14) Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala.
- 15) Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
- 16) Vice Chancellor, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar.
- 17) Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid Medical University, Faridkot.
- 18) Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 19) Accountant General (A & E) (Audit), Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 20) Director, Public Instructions (C), Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 21) Secy/Education Minister, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 22) PS/Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Deptt. of Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 23) PS/Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab, Chandiagrh.
- 24) PA/Special Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab, Chandiagrh.

Special Secretary Higher Education



Government of Punjab
Department of Higher Education
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NOTIFICATION

No. 8/3/2010-3 Edu 1/ 1554780/1

Dated Chandigarh, the 21/8/19

The Governor of Punjab is pleased to accord approval to amend clause 4.5 (iii) of the Punjab Private University Policy 2010 as below:-

- (iii) Subject to further clauses contained under this Policy, submission of proof of ownership of a minimum of 25 acres of land, or as per the norms of the concerned Central regulatory body, whichever is higher, in one contiguous chunk;

Dated, Chandigarh the

20-08-2019

Anurag Verma

Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Higher Education.

Endst. No. 8/3/2010-3 Edu 1/ 1554780/2 Dated Chandigarh, the 21/8/19

A copy is forwarded to the Controller, Printing and Stationery Department U.T. Chandigarh with the request that the above notification may please be published in the Punjab Government Gazette(extra ordinary) and 50 copies thereof be supplied to this Department.


Special Secretary Higher Education

Endst. No. 8/3/2010-3 Edu 1/ 1554780/3-8 Dated Chandigarh, the 21/8/19

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- 1) Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 2) Secretary to Higher Education Minister, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 3) Secretary to Chief Secretary, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 4) Principal Secretary Department of Finance (F.E.2 Branch) Punjab, Chandigarh
- 5) Principal Secretary General Administration Punjab (Cabinet Affairs Branch).
- 6) Director. Public Instruction (C), Punjab, S.A.S.Nagar.


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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
(Education-1 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

No. 8/3/2010-3Edu1/3246

Dated Chandigarh, the 1/10/2020

The Governor of Punjab is pleased to accord approval to amend clauses 4.3(g) and 4.5(a)(iv) of the Punjab Private University Policy 2010 as below:-

Old Provisions	Amended Provisions
<p>4.3(g) the proof of land ownership in name of sponsoring body and in its possession in form of registered sale deeds, intqal, jamabandi etc., along with the status regarding the Change of Land Use certificate (wherever required) etc. and a certificate to the effect that the said land is free from all encumbrances, or where the land is hypothecated, with or without possession, the details of the charge thereon. Agreements for sale/purchase or Powers of Attorney shall not be taken into consideration at this stage.</p>	<p>4.3(g) the proof of land ownership in name of sponsoring body and in its possession in form of registered sale deeds, intqal, jamabandi etc., along with the status regarding the Change of Land Use certificate (wherever required) etc. and a certificate to the effect that the said land is free from all encumbrances, or where the land is hypothecated, with or without possession, the details of the charge thereon. Agreements for sale/purchase or Powers of Attorney shall not be taken into consideration at this stage <u>Or the proof of land leased from Government Authority, Improvement Trust, Local Development Authority, Municipal Body, Gram Panchayat as the case may be. The lease agreement shall be long term basis or at least 33 years.</u></p>
<p>4.5(a)(iv) construction of a minimum of ten thousand square metres of covered space for Administrative purposes or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and for Academic purposes, in case the domains include engineering or medical or arts & sciences, construction of minimum of <u>fifty thousand square metres</u> or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and in case of any domain(s) other than as mentioned above, construction of minimum of <u>twenty thousand square meters</u> or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and provision of adequate residential accommodation, hostels and other facilities or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies.</p>	<p>4.5(a)(iv) construction of a minimum of ten thousand square metres of covered space for Administrative purposes or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and for Academic purposes, in case the domains include engineering or medical or arts & sciences, construction of minimum of <u>thirty thousand square metres</u> or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and in case of any domain(s) other than as mentioned above, construction of minimum of <u>fifteen thousand square meters</u> or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and provision of adequate residential accommodation, hostels and other facilities or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies.</p>

2. This approval is issued with the decision of the Cabinet meeting dated 17/09/2020, which was received from General Administration Department (Cabinet Affairs Branch) vide their ID letter no. 1/172/2020-1cabinet/7570 dated 18.09.2020.


Dated, Chandigarh the
25 -09-2020

Rahul Bhandari, IAS
Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Higher Education

No. 8/3/2010-3Edu1/3247

Dated Chandigarh, the 1/10/2020

A copy is forwarded to the Controller, Printing and Stationery Department, Punjab, Mohali with the request that the above notification may please be published in the Punjab Government Gazette.


Special Secretary Higher Education
d. d. d. s.

No. 8/3/2010-3Edu1/3248-3256

Dated, Chandigarh, the 1/10/2020

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:-

1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Punjab.
2. The Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
3. Secretary to Higher Education Minister, Punjab.
4. Secretary to Chief Secretary, Punjab, Chandigarh.
5. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Punjab
6. Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab.
7. Principal Secretary, Department of Medical Education & Research, Punjab.
8. Secretary, Department of General Administration, Punjab (Cabinet Affairs Branch) in reference to their ID letter no 1/172/2020-1cabinet/7570 dated 18.09.2020.
9. Director, Public Instruction (C), Punjab, S.A.S Nagar.


Special Secretary Higher Education
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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
PUNJAB PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES POLICY, 2010

Preamble

Whereas it is deemed expedient to attract high quality private sector investment and expertise in the realm of Higher Education and provide for establishment and incorporation of private, self-financing Universities in the State of Punjab.

Whereas it is desired to develop and implement a fair and transparent framework that provides for sufficient opportunities to deserving private institutions and educational promoters, with relevant and sufficient experience and exposure in the field of higher education, so as to contribute towards the expansion of higher education and research, and to make the State a hub for quality education in the country.

Whereas an effective and a broad statutory mechanism for regulating the functioning of the private universities in the country has already been provided under the UGC Regulations, in as much as these universities are mandatorily required to be established and incorporated by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly, as provided under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Whereas although these will be self-financed universities and shall not receive any grant or aid from the State Government, a suitable mechanism is nevertheless essential, by way of laying down a rational procedure and well-defined conditions for the establishment of private universities to safeguard the interest of the stakeholders like students, staff members and genuine promoters.

Now, therefore, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to frame and notify the Punjab Private Universities Policy, 2010 as under:

1. Short title, Application and Commencement

- 1.1 This Policy shall be called the Punjab Private Universities Policy, 2010.
- 1.2 This Policy shall extend to the whole of the State of Punjab.
- 1.3 This Policy shall become operational with immediate effect and shall be applicable to all new private universities to be established hereafter; and amendments thereto, if made at any point of time, shall be effective with prospective effect for establishing new Universities thereafter. Nothing in this Policy, including amendments thereto, shall apply to any existing university which has already been established by an Act of the State Legislature.
- 1.4 This Policy shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the existing institutions that are desirous of obtaining a 'No Objection Certificate' from the State Government or the affiliating University for being notified as 'Deemed-to-be-University'

by the Central Government under the UGC Act, 1956 or any other law for time being in force.

2. Definitions

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires -

- 2.1 "BCI" means Bar Council of India constituted under the Advocates Act 1961.
- 2.2 "CSIR" means the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi, a funding agency of the Central Government.
- 2.3 "DST" means the Department of Science and Technology of the Central Government.
- 2.4 "employee" means a person appointed by the University to work in the University, colleges, institutions, study centers etc. and includes teachers, officers (other than the Visitor) and other employees of the University.
- 2.5 "expert" means an academician of prominence in the respective field of higher education.
- 2.6 "fee" means collection made by or on behalf of the private University from the students by whatever name it may be called, which is not refundable.
- 2.7 "Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab in the Department of Higher Education.
- 2.8 "higher education" means study of programmes or course(s) for the pursuit of knowledge beyond 10+2 level for award of diploma, degree and other academic distinctions; and beyond 10th level for award of diploma, certificate and other academic distinctions.
- 2.9 "hostel" means a place of residence for the students of the University, or its colleges, institutions, centers, maintained or recognized to be as such by the University.
- 2.10 "ICAR" means the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- 2.11 "Institution/unit" means an institution/unit owned and managed by the same sponsoring body responsible for establishment and running of the University and includes constituent institutions, affiliated institutions, Departments, centres etc. of the University.
- 2.12 "main campus" means the campus of the University at its headquarters, as prescribed in the concerned University Act.
- 2.13 "MCI" means Medical Council of India, Delhi.
- 2.14 "NCTE" means the National Council of Teacher Education, Delhi.
- 2.15 "PCI" means Pharmacy Council of India, Delhi.
- 2.16 "regulatory body" means a body established by the Central Government for laying down norms and standards in the relevant areas of higher education, such as UGC, NCTE, COA, MCI, DCI, PCI, ICAR, CSIR, RCI, BCI or any other such body established for or charged with discharging similar functions.

- 2.17 "sponsoring body" in relation to a private University means- (i) a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or any other law for the time being in force; or (ii) any trust registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 or any other law for the time being in force; or (iii) a Company incorporated under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956;
- 2.18 "Statutes", "Ordinances" and "Regulations" mean respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University.
- 2.19 "Stipulated" means stipulated under this Policy or under executive instructions issued by the State Government from time to time.
- 2.20 "student of the University" means a person enrolled in the University for taking a course of study for a degree, diploma or other academic distinction duly instituted by the University, including a research degree.
- 2.21 "teacher" includes a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or any other person required to impart education or to guide research or to render guidance in any other form to the students for pursuing a course of study of the University.
- 2.22 "UGC" means the University Grants Commission, established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
- 2.23 "University" means a private University established and incorporated in pursuance to the provisions of this Policy, through an Act of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

3. Objects of the University

- 3.1 The broad objectives of the University shall be consistent with the objects of this Policy and must include to provide instructions, teaching and training in higher education and to make provisions for research, advancement and dissemination of knowledge
- 3.2 Detailed objectives of the University may be included in the enactment of the concerned University.

4. Submission of proposal for establishment of a University and evaluation

- 4.1 The sponsoring body (promoter) desirous of applying for the establishment of a University shall have prior experience and expertise in the higher education for a minimum period of ten years anywhere in the world, or shall have entered into a long-term written collaboration agreement with a similar entity having such experience, in which substantial commitment of the latter entity is irrevocably committed.
- 4.2 An application containing the proposal and the project report (along with ten spare copies) to establish a private University shall be made by the sponsoring body to Department of Higher Education of the State Government, along with such processing fee i.e. Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) by a demand draft in favour of Director, Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab, Chandigarh.

- 4.3 The project report shall contain the following particulars, namely:-
- (a) the details of the sponsoring body along with the copies of its registration certificate, constitution and bye-laws;
 - (b) the information regarding financial resources of the sponsoring body along with audited accounts for the past five years and details of plans for funds to be arranged for the purpose of the University along with the in-principle approval, if any, from the concerned banks and other financial institutions agreeing to provide the funds;
 - (c) the name, location and headquarters of the proposed University;
 - (d) the vision statement of the University;
 - (e) the objectives of the University;
 - (f) the details of land, building and other infrastructure already existing and further proposed to be owned or created, if any, to meet the requirement under this Policy;
 - (g) the proof of land ownership in name of sponsoring body and in its possession in form of registered sale deeds, *intqal*, *jamabandi* etc., along with the status regarding the Change of Land Use certificate (wherever required) etc. and a certificate to the effect that the said land is free from all encumbrances, or where the land is hypothecated, with or without possession, the details of the charge thereon. Agreements for sale/purchase or Powers of Attorney shall not be taken into consideration at this stage or the proof of land leased from Government Trust, Local Development Authority, Municipal Body, Gram Panchayat as the case may be. The lease agreement shall be long term basis or at least 33 years.
 - (h) availability of academic and research facilities and details of teaching and non-teaching staff;
 - (i) the details of plans for campus development such as construction of buildings, development of structural amenities and infrastructure facilities and procurement of equipment etc. to be undertaken before the private University starts functioning and phased programme for first five years;
 - (j) The feasibility report for the establishment of the University in a particular geographical area with due regard to the respective Master Plan, if any, of the relevant Development Authority under the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the State Government
 - (k) the conceptual building plans for new constructions prepared in accordance with the bye-laws of the relevant municipal committees or municipal corporations under the Department of Local Bodies or Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority or such other

concerned authority under the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- (l) the phased outlays of capital expenditure proposed for the next five years and its sources of finance;
- (m) the nature and the type of programmes of study and research proposed to be undertaken by the private University and their relevance to the development goals and employment needs of the State and phasing of such programmes over the first five years .
- (n) the proof of prior experience and expertise in the higher education at the command of the sponsoring body and/ or its affiliate entity, as the case may be, for a period of ten years in the form of copies of approval letters of National Apex Bodies, Affiliating bodies, admission notifications of the State Government etc;
- (o) the nature of facilities, programmes of study and research proposed to be started;
- (p) the scheme for mobilizing resources and the cost of capital thereto and the manner of repayment;
- (q) the scheme for the generation and mobilization of funds likely to accrue internally through the recovery of fee from students, revenues anticipated from consultancy services and other activities relating to the objects of the University;
- (r) the system proposed to be followed for selecting students for admission to the programmes of study at the University;
- (s) the system proposed to be followed for appointment of teachers and other employees in the University;
- (t) whether the private University is proposed to be a domain specific University or multi-domain University and details of the specific domain(s) proposed such as engineering, management, medical, arts and sciences, teacher education, law, etc;
- (u) whether the private University proposes to undertake some programmes related to local needs. If so, the nature of specialized teaching, training or research activities to be undertaken by the private University so as to fulfill this objective;
- (v) whether the private University proposes to start some programmes for the benefit of farmers, women and industries . If so, details thereof may be given;
- (w) details of facilities available or proposed to be created for research, sports, cultural, co-curricular, extracurricular, training, recreational, health etc. required for the stay and study of the students at the University;
- (x) the arrangements proposed to be made for academic auditing;
- (y) the proposed system of examinations;

- (z) justification regarding the necessity of the proposed University ;
- (za) commitment to follow the norms of the regulatory bodies;
- (zb) such other details as the sponsoring body may like to give;
- (zc) such other details as may be stipulated.

4.4 Evaluation of proposal

- (a) The Administrative Department of the Government will make a preliminary scrutiny of the proposal submitted as above and point out deficiencies, if any, and shall communicate to the sponsoring body for the removal thereof. Besides this, additional information may be sought from the sponsoring body for the scrutiny purposes.
- (b) The sponsoring body shall submit the report regarding the removal of the deficiencies communicated as above and thereafter the proposal and the project report along with the aforesaid compliance report for establishment of the University shall be placed before the Chief Secretary to Punjab Government for consideration.
- (c) The Chief Secretary shall then constitute a sub-committee consisting of the Administrative Secretary, Higher Education, as Chairman and other members including one Administrative Secretary from other concerned Department of the Government, Vice Chancellors of any two universities of the State such as Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjabi University, Patiala, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar, Baba Farid Medical University, Faridkot or of any other University as deemed appropriate; and nominee(s) of UGC or its equivalent body, so created by the Central Government, and of other regulatory (apex) body(s) of Government of India not below the rank of equal to that of the Joint Secretary in the Government of Punjab.
- (d) The sub-committee so constituted shall make physical inspection of the provisions so mentioned in the proposal as above for adjudging the credibility of the sponsoring body and feasibility of establishment of the proposed University. Any additional information may be sought from the sponsoring body before, during and after the inspection.
- (e) Deficiencies observed during the inspection, if any, shall be communicated to the sponsoring body for the removal thereof. Besides this, specific recommendations may be communicated to the sponsoring body for compliance.
- (f) The sponsoring body shall submit the report regarding the removal of the deficiencies and compliance of the recommendations communicated as above. The file then shall be placed before the committee, for recommendation for issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI), to be chaired by the Chief Secretary and the other members shall

include nominee(s) of UGC or its equivalent body, so created by the Central Government, Administrative Secretaries looking after Departments of Finance, Planning, Technical Education and Industrial Training and Medical Education and Research and Vice Chancellors, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjabi University, Patiala, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar and Baba Farid Medical University. Secretary Higher Education shall be the member secretary of this committee.

- (g) The committee shall consider the proposal and the project report primarily on the following grounds besides other criteria(s), namely:-
 - (a) financial soundness and assets of the sponsoring body and its ability to set up the infrastructure and manage the proposed University;
 - (b) background of the sponsoring body, that is to say, its expertise, experience and commitment in the field of education, its general reputation and its commitment to follow the norms of the regulatory bodies;
 - (c) potential of the disciplines (domains) proposed to be offered in view of availability of the existing facilities for the same in the State;
 - (d) The need of the University in particular geographical area with due regard to the Master Plan, if any, of the concerned Local Development Authority under the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the State Government.
 - (e) Any other parameter which the committee thinks is relevant and as per the need of the Country, society, Industry etc.
- (h) The committee, while considering the report may call for such other information from the sponsoring body as it deems proper for the purpose.
- (i) The decision pertaining to permission for domain specific or multi-domain University shall also lie with this Committee.
- (j) The final approval for issuance of Letter of Intent may be accorded by the Chief Minister at his own level, or if he deems appropriate, with the approval of the Council of Ministers. Nothing shall preclude the inclusion of further conditions at this stage for compliance by the promoting body.
- (k) The Department of Higher Education of State Government shall decide each case within the period of two months from the date of receipt of project report.

4.5 Issuance of the Letter of Intent and compliance report

- (a) After the receipt of the approval of the Chief Minister or the Council of Ministers as above, as the case may be, the State Government

may issue a Letter of Intent subject to the compliance of following conditions by the sponsoring body –

- (i) shall be made Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Only) by a demand draft in favour of Director, Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab, Chandigarh at the time of issue of Letter of Intent (LOI).
- (ii) establishment of an endowment fund as prescribed under this Policy;
- (iii) subject to further clauses contained under this Policy, submission of proof of ownership of a minimum of 25 acres of land, or as per the norms of the concerned Central regulatory body, whichever is higher, in one contiguous chunk;
- (iv) construction of a minimum of ten thousand square metres of covered space for Administrative purposes or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and
for Academic purposes, in case the domains include engineering or medical or arts & sciences, construction of minimum of thirty thousand square metres or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and in case of any domain(s) other than as mentioned above, construction of minimum of fifteen thousand square meters or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher; and
provision of adequate residential accommodation, hostels and other facilities or as required under the norms of regulatory bodies.
- (v) purchase of books and journals including digitized books and journals of at least rupees 50 lacs or as per the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher, and give undertaking to invest within first three years not less than rupees 50 lacs or as per the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher, on books, journals, computers, library networking and other facilities so as to make the library facilities adequate for contemporary teaching and research;
- (vi) purchase of equipments, computers, furniture, other movable and immovable assets and infrastructure facilities (other than buildings, referred to under this Policy) worth rupees 200 lacs or as per the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher, and give undertaking to procure within the first five years equipments, computers, furniture, other **mobile and**

immobile assets and infrastructure facilities (other than buildings, , referred to under this Policy) worth not less than rupees one crore every year or as per the norms of regulatory bodies, whichever is higher;

- (vii) to submit undertaking to appoint teachers along with necessary supporting staff in each domain (discipline) to be started by the University as per the norms of the regulatory bodies;
 - (viii) to submit undertaking to take up co-curricular activities like seminars, debates, quiz programmes, extracurricular activities like games, sports, etc. and all other facilities required for the benefit of students;
 - (ix) in case where existing institution(s) of the promoter body are proposed to be included in the new University, or a 'deemed-to-be-University', as the case may be, submission of a 'No Objection Certificate' from the concerned statutory Approving authority as well as the body (Board or University) with which the existing institutions or programmes of study presently being run by the sponsoring body are affiliated; and
 - (x) fulfillment of such other conditions and provide such other information as may be prescribed by or under the statutory regulations of the University Grants Commission or its equivalent body, so created by the Central Government or any other regulatory body established by the law of the Union of India.
- (b) The sponsoring body shall fulfill the requirements and conditions so specified and shall report the compliance to the State Government within a maximum period of two years from the date of issuance of the Letter of Intent.
- (c) On receiving the compliance report, the Administrative Department of the Government shall make scrutiny of the compliance report submitted above and point out deficiencies, if any and shall communicate to the sponsoring body for the removal thereof. Besides this, additional information may be sought from the sponsoring body for the scrutiny.
- (d) The sponsoring body shall submit the report regarding the removal of the deficiencies communicated as above and thereafter the file along with the aforesaid compliance report shall be placed before the Chief Secretary to Punjab Government for consideration.
- (e) The Sub-committee as already constituted in the above clause 4.4 (c) shall make physical inspection in respect of the compliance of LOI

issued as above. Any additional information may be sought from the sponsoring body before, during and after the inspection.

- (f) Deficiencies observed during the inspection, if any, shall be communicated to the sponsoring body for the removal thereof. Besides this, specific recommendations may be communicated to the sponsoring body for compliance.
- (g) The sponsoring body shall submit the report of the removal of the deficiencies and compliance of the recommendations communicated as above.
- (h) The sub-committee shall submit its report to the Administrative Department of the State Government specifying whether the sponsoring body has fulfilled the requirements and conditions laid down under the LOI.
- (i) If satisfied, the Administrative Department will submit its report to the Committee constituted in the above clause 4.4 (f) to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for consideration for approval.
- (j) In case of satisfactory compliance by the sponsoring body to the satisfaction of the aforesaid Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, in-principle approval of the Chief Minister shall be obtained for the establishment of the University.
- (k) The sponsoring body shall made an amount Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only) by a demand draft in favour of Director, Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab, Chandigarh at the time of issuance of Approval to establish a University.
- (l). If the sponsoring body fails to comply with the requirements and conditions laid down under the LOI within the maximum period of two years, its proposal shall stand automatically cancelled and the Letter of Intent issued shall be deemed to have been withdrawn, provided the State Government may extend the LOI for a period not exceeding one year if it is satisfied that the promoter body has completed substantial part of the laid down requirements and that it is likely to fulfill them within the period of extension.

5. Establishment of the University

- 5.1 The State Government, by an Act of the State Legislature, may thereafter establish a private University with such name, location, domain, jurisdiction, and with such infrastructure as may be specified in the concerned University Act.
- 5.2 After the establishment of the University by State legislature, the University shall seek formal approval from the UGC under section 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956, or any other authority so constituted by the Government of India under any law for the time being in force, before starting academic

operations of the University such as admissions, commencement of programmes and teaching activities.

- 5.3 Every University established by an Act of the State Legislature shall be a body corporate by the name as specified in the University Act and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal. It shall have the power to acquire and hold properly both movable and immovable and to make contract, and may sue and be sued by the said name.
- 5.4 The private University so established shall be entirely self-financed. While the Government may use its good offices to facilitate the smooth functioning of the University including but not limited to national and international collaborations, however these universities shall not be entitled to receive any grant or other financial assistance from the State Government.
- 5.5 The private University would have a single-campus. The University shall not be permitted for affiliating colleges other than the institutions owned and managed by the same sponsoring body, within the main campus.
- 5.6 No offshore campus, off-campus centre or Study Centre for the purpose of Distance Education shall be started unless permissible under the enactment of the concerned University.
- 5.7 The University may, with prior approval of the State Government, establish such facilities referred to in clause 5.6 only after five years of its establishment and with the approval of the concerned central regulatory body, wherever required.

6. Endowment Fund

- 6.1 On receipt of the Letter of Intent from the State Government as provided under clauses above, a sponsoring body, willing to fulfill the conditions and give undertaking as mentioned in the Letter of Intent, shall establish an endowment fund of three crore rupees in the case of a domain specific University and five crore rupees in case of multi-domain University within two months as a perpetual deposit in a scheduled commercial bank.
- 6.2 The interest accrued on the endowment fund may be used only for the purposes of development and maintenance of the University.
- 6.3 In the event of dissolution of the University, the endowment fund shall be utilized to take care of the interests of the students then enrolled in the University and the employees and persons then engaged for the University as well as to meet other liabilities, if any, in the manner as prescribed in the University Act and the excess if any, shall vest with the sponsoring body.
- 6.4 No legislation to establish a University shall be effected unless the stipulated funds have been credited to the aforesaid endowment fund.

7. University to follow Rules, Regulations, etc. of the Regulating Bodies

- 7.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Policy, the University shall be bound to comply with all the applicable statutory rules, regulations, norms, etc. of the regulatory bodies established by the Central Government, in particular the UGC, and provide all such facilities and assistance to such bodies as are required by them to discharge their statutory duties and carry out their functions.
- 7.2 The University shall be prohibited from conferring any degrees not recognized by the University Grants Commission or its equivalent body so created by the Central Government.
- 7.3 All the functions and matters pertaining to the University, which *inter alia* shall include teaching, research, examination, admission, employment, service conditions, remuneration, student bodies, discipline, fees, funds, scholarships and concessions, budget, annual report, accounts, audit and such other matter as may be required for proper functioning of the University shall be performed and dealt with; and may be subject to inspection, enquiry, scrutiny or alike in such manner as prescribed under the respective University Act and the Statutes, Regulations, Ordinances and Rules made there under, as the University being a self-regulatory body; provided that in case any function(s) or matter(s) not provided therein, these shall be in accordance with those prescribed by the UGC or the Central Government for the matter(s) concerned.

8. Fee structure and Regulation of Fees

- 8.1 The fees shall be determined and regulated by the University at its own level for being a self-regulatory body and the fee so determined shall be duly published and no charge beyond such fee, whether in shape of capitation fee/ donations etc, shall be imposed upon the students or their parents.
- 8.2 The University shall provide full tuition fee concession/ freeship to not less than 5% of the total student strength, from among candidates belonging to the weaker sections of the Society and shall develop a fair and transparent mechanism to deal with such matter.

9. Admissions and other matters

- 9.1 A private University shall act as self-regulatory and autonomous body and the admission process and all other matters shall be determined and regulated by the University at its own level strictly as per the provisions contained in the University Act, provided that the admission and other matters should be dealt with in a fair and transparent manner.
- 9.2 Admission to the programmes of study at the University shall be open for the candidates from India, abroad and Punjab domicile. However, fifteen percent seats shall be exclusively reserved for the candidates of Punjab

Domicile, subject to reservation Policy of the State Government for the time being in force;

Provided that any seat(s) lying vacant in the quota of Punjab domicile shall be filled like the Open Category Seats by the candidates from India or abroad including Punjab domiciles;

Provided further that any seat(s) lying vacant in the reserved category seats as above shall be filled by the General Category candidates in open category.

10. Dissolution of the University

10.1 The Sponsoring Body may, with the previous approval of the State Government, dissolve the private University after giving due public notice to the effect in the stipulated manner to the various stakeholders, including the employees and the students of the University and other persons interested, at least one year in advance:

Provided that dissolution of the private University shall take effect only after the last batch of students admitted to the regular courses have completed their courses and they have been awarded degrees, diplomas or awards, as the case may be.

Provided further that the dissolution shall be deemed to complete only upon the enactment of the repealing Act by the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

10.2 On the dissolution of the private University all the assets and liabilities of the private University shall vest in the sponsoring body and shall be utilized in accordance with its bye-laws and rules and regulations.

11. Power to remove Difficulties

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Policy, the State Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Policy, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

12. Relaxations

The State Government may, for reason to be recorded in writing, relax any of the conditions contained in this Policy for the purpose of grant of approval to any promoter body for the establishment of a private University of national or international importance if, in its opinion, this relaxation is in the interest of promoting higher education in the State.

13. Powers of the Legislative Assembly

Nothing in this Policy shall affect the Constitutional powers vested with the Punjab Legislative Assembly to enact any law in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India.

14. Disputes to be settled in a court in Punjab

All disputes/issues arising as a result of the provisions made in the Policy shall be settled only by a court of law, or an appropriate statutory tribunal, in the State of Punjab.

15. Model Enactment

A model enactment is given in Annexure 'A' to this policy and the same shall serve as broad guideline for the final enactment, which may, of course, have suitable modifications and changes, without altering the basic features of the model so stipulated.

ANNEXURE TO THE POLICY
(ILLUSTRATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE MODEL ENACTMENT)

1. Objects of the University

Following shall be the objects of the University, namely:-

- 1.1 to provide instructions, teaching and training in higher education and to make provisions for research, advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
- 1.2 to create higher levels of intellectual abilities;
- 1.3 to establish state of the art facilities for education and training;
- 1.4 to carry out teaching and research and offer continuing education programmes;
- 1.5 to create centers of excellence for research and development and for sharing knowledge and its application;
- 1.6 to establish campus and to make provisions for all the facilities required for the study and stay of the students, staff, visitors including parents, of the University including but not limited to academic, research, training, experimentation, incubation centres, IT Centres, engineering centres, biotechnology centres, agriculture and allied centres, consultancy, industry projects, entrepreneurial projects, hostels, residences, recreation, entertainment, live demonstrations, sports, cultural, health, banking, hospital, shopping facilities, social service , eating joints, auditorium, stadium, sports complex, transportation, co-curricular, extracurricular and any other facility required and incidental to carry out such purposes or requirements.
- 1.7 to establish examination centers;
- 1.8 to institute degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on the basis of examination, or any such other method;
- 1.9 to set up off campus centres, off-shore campus, study centres with required facilities;
- 1.10 to pursue any other objective as prescribed under the concerned University Act.

2. Officers of the University

The following shall be the officers of the University, namely:-

- (1) the Visitor;
- (2) the Chancellor;
- (3) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (4) the Registrar;
- (5) the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer;
- (6) such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be the officers of the University.

3. The Visitor

- 3.1 The Governor of Punjab shall be the Visitor of the University.
- 3.2 The Visitor shall, when present, preside at the convocation of the University for conferring degrees and diplomas.
- 3.3 The Visitor shall have the right to call for any information relating to the affairs of the University.
- 3.4 The Visitor, in consultation with the Chancellor, may cause the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing to be made by such person, as he may direct, of the University, its constituents and institutions in respect of Administrative, academic or executive matters of the University.
- 3.5 The Visitor shall, in every case give notice to the University of his Intention to cause the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing to be made and the University shall appoint a representative, who shall be present at such inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing.
- 3.6 The Visitor may inform the Vice Chancellor about the results of such inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry and the Vice Chancellor shall communicate to the Governing Body the views of the Visitor along with such advice, as the Visitor may have tendered on the action to be taken on such advice.
- 3.7 The Vice Chancellor shall inform the Visitor about the action taken or proposed to be taken by the University with respect to the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey, inquiry or any other such like thing.
- 3.8 If any agency or authority of the State Government wishes to make the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing of the University, its constituents or any institution, then a reference in this regard shall have to be made to the Visitor, who if satisfied, may in consultation with the Chancellor, cause an intended inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing to be made as per provisions of this clause.

4. The Chancellor

- 4.1 The Chairperson of the sponsoring body shall be the Chancellor of the University and in the absence of the Visitor; the Chancellor shall preside over the convocation of the University.
- 4.2 The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Governing Body and shall decide or approve all appointments, nominations, removal, suspensions and reinstatements of the University either suo moto or as recommended by the concerned authority of the University from time to time.
- 4.3 The Chancellor may amend or revoke any decision taken, by any authority or officer of the University and may exercise his powers either suo moto otherwise to do all necessary things to facilitate the smooth functioning of the University.

- 4.4 The Chancellor shall have the power to do all such other acts as may be required in order to further the objects of the University and any matter incidental thereto and the decisions taken by the Chancellor shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- 4.5 If in the opinion of the Chancellor it is necessary to take immediate action on any matter for which powers are conferred on any other authority by or under the University Act, he may take such action as he deems necessary and shall at the earliest opportunity thereafter report his action to such officer or authority as would have in the ordinary course dealt with the matter.
- 4.6 If, in the opinion of the Chancellor, any decision of any authority of the University is outside the powers conferred under the University Act or Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations or rules made there-under or is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the University, he shall ask the concerned authority to revise its decision within fifteen days from the date of its decision and in case the authority refuses to revise such decision wholly or partly or fails to take any decision within fifteen days, then decision of the Chancellor thereon shall be final.
- 4.7 If at any time upon representation made or otherwise, it appears to the Chancellor that the Vice-Chancellor or any other officer of the University:
- (a) has made default in performing any duty imposed on him by or under the University Act or otherwise; or
 - (b) has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the University; or
 - (c) is incapable of managing the affairs of the University, the Chancellor may, notwithstanding the fact that the term of that officer has not expired, by an order in writing stating the reasons therein require the officer to relinquish his office from such date as may be specified in the order. From the date specified in the order, the concerned officer shall be deemed to have relinquished the office and that concerned office shall fall vacant.
- Provided that no such order shall be passed unless the particulars of the grounds on which such action is proposed to be taken are communicated to that officer and he is given reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed order.

5. The Vice Chancellor

- 5.1 The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of five persons recommended by the Governing Body and shall, subject to the provisions contained under the University Act, hold office for a term of three years.
- Provided that a Vice-Chancellor shall continue to hold the office even after expiry of his term till new Vice-Chancellor joins. However, in any case this period shall not exceed one year.

- 5.2 No person shall be appointed as Vice-Chancellor unless he or she possesses such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Universities Grants Commission or its equivalent body so created by the Central Government.
- 5.3 The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general superintendence and control over the affairs of the University and shall execute the decisions of various authorities of the University.
- 5.4 The Vice-Chancellor shall preside at the convocation of the University in the absence of both, the Visitor and the Chancellor.
- 5.5 The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the University Act, Statutes or the Ordinances or the Regulations or the Rules.

6. The Registrar

- 6.1 The appointment of the Registrar shall be made by the Chancellor from a panel of three names recommended by Governing Body in such manner, as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- 6.2 No person shall be appointed as Registrar unless he or she possesses such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Universities Grants Commission or its equivalent body so created by the Central Government.
- 6.3 All contracts shall be signed and all documents and records shall be authenticated by the Registrar on behalf of the University.
- 6.4 The Registrar shall be the Member Secretary of the Governing Body, the Board of Management and Academic Council but he shall not have a right to vote.
- 6.5 The Registrar shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

7. The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer

- 7.1 The appointment of the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be made by the Chancellor in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- 7.2 No person shall be qualified to be appointed as Chief Finance and Accounts Officer unless he or she is a Chartered Accountant.
- 7.3 The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

8. Other Officers

- 8.1 The University may appoint such other officers as may be necessary for its functioning.
- 8.2 The manner of appointment of other officers of the University and their powers and functions shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

9. Authorities of the University

The following shall be the authorities of the University, namely:-

- (1) the Governing Body;

- (2) the Board of Management;
- (3) the Academic Council;
- (4) such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University.

10. The Governing Body

10.1 The Governing Body of the private University shall consist of the following, namely:-

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) three persons nominated by the sponsoring body out of whom two shall be eminent educationists;
- (d) one expert of management or information technology from outside the University, nominated by the Chancellor;
- (e) one expert of finance, nominated by the Chancellor; and
- (f) one officer who shall be the Secretary of the concerned Department of Punjab Government or his representative not below the rank of Joint Secretary.

10.2 The Administrative Department, in consultation with the Chancellor, may provide for nomination of one eminent educationist on the Governing Body of the University.

10.3 The Governing Body shall be the supreme authority of the University. It shall have the following powers, namely:-

- (a) to provide general superintendence and directions and to control functioning of the University by using all such powers as are provided by the University Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations or rules made thereunder;
- (b) to review the decisions of other authorities of the University in case these are not in conformity with the provisions of the University Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations or rules made there-under;
- (c) to approve the budget and annual report of the University;
- (d) to lay down the extensive policies to be followed by the University;
- (e) to recommend to the sponsoring body the voluntary liquidation of the University if a situation arises when smooth functioning of the University does not remain possible, inspite of all efforts;
- (f) such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

10.4 The Governing Body shall meet at least twice in a calendar year.

10.5 The quorum for meetings of the Governing Body shall be four.

11. The Board of Management

11.1 The Board of Management shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) Chancellor or his nominee;
- (b) Vice Chancellor;

- (c) two members of the Governing Body, nominated by the sponsoring body;
 - (d) Director of the concerned Administrative Department of the Punjab Government as representative of the State Government;
 - (e) three persons, who are not the members of the Governing Body, nominated by the sponsoring body;
 - (f) two persons from amongst the teachers, nominated by the sponsoring body;
 - (g) Two teachers, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 11.2 The Chancellor or his nominee shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Management.
- 11.3 The powers and functions of the Board of Management shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- 11.4 The Board of Management shall meet atleast twice in a calendar year.
- 11.5 The quorum for meetings of the Board of Management shall be five.

12. The Academic Council

- 12.1 The Academic Council shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor, one eminent academician nominated by the Punjab Government as representative of the State Government; and such other members as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- 12.2 The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Academic Council.
- 12.3 The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of the University Act and the Statutes, Regulations, Ordinances and rules made there-under, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University.
- 12.4 The quorum for meetings of the Academic Council shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

13. Other Authorities

The composition, constitution, powers and functions of other authorities of the University shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

14. Disqualification for membership of an authority or body

A person shall be disqualified for being a member of any of the authorities or bodies of the University, if he/she-

- (a) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
 - (b) is an undischarged insolvent;
 - (c) has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude;
 - (d) has been punished for indulging in or promoting unfair practice in the conduct of any examination, in any form, anywhere.
15. **Vacancies not to invalidate the proceedings of any authority or body of the University**

No act or proceeding of any authority or body of the University shall be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy or defect in the constitution thereof.

16. Filling up of emergent Vacancies

Any vacancies occurred in the membership of any authority or body of the University due to death, resignation or removal of a member or due to change of capacity in which he was appointed or nominated, shall be filled up as early as possible by the person or the body who had appointed or nominated such a member:

Provided that the person appointed or nominated as a member of an authority or body of the University on an emergent vacancy, shall remain member of such authority or body for only the remaining period of the member, in whose place he is appointed or nominated.

17. Committees

The authorities or officers of the University may constitute such committees with such terms of reference as may be necessary for specific tasks to be performed by such committees. The constitution of such committees and their duties shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

18. The First Statutes

18.1 Subject to the provisions of the University Act made there-under, the First Statutes of the University shall provide for following matters, namely:-

- (a) the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities and other bodies of the University as may be constituted from time to time;
- (b) the terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor and his powers and functions;
- (c) the manner and terms and conditions of appointment of the Registrar and Chief Finance and Accounts Officer and their powers and functions;
- (d) the manner and terms and conditions of appointment of other officers and teachers and their powers and functions;
- (e) the terms and conditions of service of employees of the University;
- (f) the procedure for arbitration in case of disputes between officers, teachers, employees and students;
- (g) the conferment of honorary degrees;
- (h) the provisions regarding exemption of students from payment of tuition fee and for awarding to them scholarships and fellowships;
- (i) provisions regarding the Policy of admissions, including regulation of reservation of seats;
- (j) provisions regarding fees to be charged from students; and
- (k) provisions regarding number of seats in different courses.

18.2 The First Statutes of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval.

- 18.3 The State Government shall consider the First Statutes, submitted by the University and shall give its approval thereon with such modifications if any, as it may deem necessary and forward the modified First Statutes to the University if so modified.
- 18.4 The University shall with the approval of the Governing Body communicate its agreement to the modified First Statutes as approved by the State Government and if it desires not to give effect to any or all of the modifications made by the State Government, it may give reasons therefore.
- 18.5 The State Government shall finally approve the First Statutes and these shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.
- 18.6 The First Statutes, so made, shall not be amended without the approval of the State Government within 5 years from the date of its publication in the official gazette of the University; however thereafter these may be amended by the University at its own level as prescribed under the University Act.

19. Subsequent Statutes

- 19.1 Subject to the provisions of the University Act and First Statutes made there-under, the subsequent Statutes of the University may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-
- (a) creation of new authorities of the University;
 - (b) accounting Policy and financial procedure;
 - (c) representation of teachers in the authorities of the University;
 - (d) creation of new Departments and abolition or restructuring of existing Department;
 - (e) institution of medals and prizes;
 - (f) creation of posts and procedure for abolition of posts;
 - (g) revision of fees;
 - (h) alteration of the number of seats in different syllabi; and
 - (i) all other matters which under the provisions of the University Act are to be prescribed by the Statutes.
- 19.2 These subsequent Statutes of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.

20. The First Ordinances

- 20.1 Subject to the provisions of the University Act and First Statutes made thereunder and after publication of the First Statutes, the First Ordinances will be made to provide for following matters, namely:-
- (a) the admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such;

- (b) the courses of study to be laid down for the degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University;
- (c) the award of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions, the minimum qualifications for the same and the means to be taken relating to the granting and obtaining of the same;
- (d) the conditions for award of fellowships, scholarships, stipends, medals and prizes;
- (e) the conduct of examinations, including the terms of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;
- (f) fees to be charged for the various courses examinations, degrees and diplomas of the University;
- (g) the conditions of residence of the students of the University;
- (h) provision regarding disciplinary action against the students;
- (i) the creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic life of the University;
- (j) the manner of co-operation and collaboration with other universities and institutions of higher education;
- (k) all other matters which by this Act or Statutes made there-under are required to be provided by the Ordinances.

20.2 The First Ordinances of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval.

20.3 The State Government shall consider the First Ordinances, submitted by the University and shall give its approval thereon with such modifications if any, as it may deem necessary and forward the modified First Ordinances to the University if so modified.

20.4 The University shall with the approval of the Governing Body communicate its agreement to the modified First Ordinances as approved by the State Government, and if it desires not to give effect to any or all of the modifications made by the State Government, it may give reasons therefore.

20.5 The State Government shall finally approve the First Ordinances and these shall be published in the official gazette of the University.

20.6 The First Ordinances, so made, shall not be amended without the approval of the State Government within 5 years from the date of its publication in the official gazette of the University; however thereafter these may be amended by the University at its own level as prescribed under the University Act.

21. Subsequent Ordinances

21.1 Subject to the provisions of the University Act, the First Statutes and First Ordinances made there-under, the subsequent Ordinances of the

University may provide for any of the University matters as prescribed under the University Act.

- 21.2 These subsequent Ordinances of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.

22. The First Regulations

- 22.1 Subject to the provisions of the University Act and the First Statutes and First Ordinances made thereunder and after publication of the First Statutes and the First Ordinances, the First Regulations will be made to provide for all such matters of the University as prescribed under the University Act.

- 22.2 The First Regulations of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval.

- 22.3 The State Government shall consider the First Regulations, submitted by the University and shall give its approval thereon with such modifications if any, as it may deem necessary and forward the modified First Regulations to the University if so modified.

- 22.4 The University shall with the approval of the Governing Body communicate its agreement to the modified First Regulations as approved by the State Government, and if it desires not to give effect to any or all of the modifications made by the State Government, it may give reasons therefore.

- 22.5 The State Government shall finally approve the First Regulations and these shall be published in the official gazette of the University.

- 22.6 The First Regulations, so made, shall not be amended without the approval of the State Government within 5 years from the date of its publication in the official gazette of the University; however thereafter these may be amended by the University at its own level as prescribed under the University Act.

23. Subsequent Regulations

- 23.1 Subject to the provisions of the University Act, the First Statutes, the First Ordinances and the First Regulations made there-under, the subsequent Regulations of the University may provide for any of the University matters as prescribed under the University Act.

- 23.2 These subsequent Regulations of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.

24. University to follow Rules, Regulations, etc. of the Regulating Bodies

- 24.1 The University shall be prohibited from conferring any degrees not recognized by the University Grants Commission or its equivalent body so created by the Central Government.

- 24.2 The sponsoring body shall obtain No objection certificate for the establishment of the University from the UGC or its equivalent body, so

created by the Central Government, and also from the concerned Approving/Affiliating bodies in context of the existing institutions or programmes of study run by the sponsoring body;

24.3 It shall also be mandatory for the University to obtain the UGC approval before starting the academic activities of the University and besides this, programmes of study at the University shall be started only after getting the requisite approval of the concerned regulatory bodies, wherever required.

24.4 All the functions and matters pertaining to the University, which *inter alia* shall include teaching, research, examination, admission, employment, service conditions, remuneration, student bodies, discipline, fees, funds, scholarships and concessions, budget, annual report, accounts, audit and such other matter as may be required for proper functioning of the University shall be performed and dealt with; and may be subject to inspection, enquiry, scrutiny or alike in such manner as prescribed under the respective University Act and the Statutes, Regulations, Ordinances and Rules made there under, as the University being a self-regulatory body; provided that in case any function(s) or matter(s) not provided therein, these shall be in accordance with those prescribed by the UGC or the Central Government for the matter(s) concerned.

25. General Fund

25.1 Every University shall establish a fund, which shall be called the General Fund to which following may be credited, namely:-

- (a) fees and other charges received by the University;
- (b) any contributions made by the sponsoring body;
- (c) any income received from consultancy and other work undertaken by the University;
- (d) trusts, bequests, donations, endowments and any other grants; and
- (e) funds and grants received from by the University for research projects from Government and non-Government funding agencies.

25.2 The General Fund shall be utilized for the following objects, namely:-

- (a) for the repayment of debts including interest charges thereto incurred by the University ;
- (b) for the upkeep of the assets of the University;
- (c) for the payment of the cost of audit of the funds created;
- (d) for the meeting expenses of any suit or proceedings;
- (e) for the payment of salaries and allowances of the officers and employees, and for payment of any benefits to any such officers and employees,
- (f) for the payment of travelling and other allowances of the members of the authorities of the University and of the members of any committee or board.

- (g) for the payment of fellowships, freeships, scholarships, assistantships and other awards to students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society or research associates or trainees, as the case may be, or to any student otherwise eligible for such awards;
- (h) for the payment of any expenses incurred by the University;
- (i) for acquisition of land or any kind of development work or likewise activities for the purpose of the University.
- (j) for the payment of cost of capital and repayment of loans incurred by the sponsoring body for setting up and running the University and the investments made therefore;
- (k) for the payment of charges and expenditure relating to the consultancy work undertaken by the University;
- (l) for the payment of any expenditure, Salaries, taxes, liabilities etc. by the sponsoring body for or on behalf of the University.

25.3 The University and sponsoring body will devise such accounting system as to handle the administration of finance, accounts in a simple and efficient manner so that unnecessary procedural complications could be avoided

26. Examinations

At the beginning of each academic session and in any case not later than 30th of August of every calendar year, the private University shall prepare and publish a semester wise or annual, as the case may be, a tentative schedule of various academic activities including examination to be conducted at the University.

Explanation- "Schedule of Examination" means a table giving details about the time, day and date of the commencement of each paper which is a part of a scheme of examinations and shall also include the details about the practical examinations:

27. Declaration of Results

27.1 The University shall strive to declare the results of examinations conducted by it within forty-five days from the last date of the examination for that particular course and shall in any case declare the results latest within sixty days from such date.

27.2 No examination or the results of an examination shall be held invalid only for the reason that the University has not followed the schedule as stipulated herein.

28. Convocation

The convocation of the University shall be held in every academic year in the manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes for conferring degrees, diplomas, certificates or any other academic distinction or for any other purpose.