

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

**NOTIFICATION**

**No. ED 77 URC 2019, Dated: 18-12-2019**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 57 of the Azeem Premji University Act-2010 (Karnataka Act No.14 of 2010), the Government of Karnataka hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

**1. Title and commencement-** (1) These rules may be called the Azeem Premji University Rules, 2019.

(2) They shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

**2. Definitions.-** In this Rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

(a) “Act” means the Azeem Premji University Act, 2010 (Karnataka Act No.14 of 2010);

(b) “Section” means section of the Act;

(c) “Council” means the Karnataka State Higher Education Council;

(2) The words and expressions used these rules but not defined shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in that Act.

**3. Salary and Allowances and Conditions of Service of Officers and employees of the University-** (1) The salary and allowances payable to the teaching faculty shall be on par with the U.G.C Pay scales.

(2) The salary and allowances of other employees shall be on par with the other State Government Employees of equivalent rank.

(3) The method of recruitment of teaching staff shall be in accordance with the U.G.C regulations issued from time to time in respect of non-teaching staff shall be in accordance with merit and with recruitment policy of State Government as the case may be.

**4. Institution of New Courses in the University-**(1) The University shall send a proposal along with the approval of the Sponsoring Body and the Board of Governors to the Council well before the commencement of the each academic year for starting of new courses as per the course specification of U.G.C, A.I.C.T.E and other National Accreditation Bodies as the case may be.

Provided that Sponsoring Body and the Board of Governors before approving the proposal of institution of new courses, shall ensure requisite additional

facilities having been created and requisite staff having been appointed as per the norms and standards of concerns Regulatory Authorities.

(2) On receipt of the application under sub-rule (1), the Council shall direct an inspection to be made by expert committee.

Provided the expert committee constituted by the Council shall consist of atleast one former Vice-Chancellor of State Public University.

(3) The Executive Director, the Council shall submit the application and its transcripts and the report of the expert committee to the State Government for taking a decision thereon.

(4) The State Government shall consider such applications in the light of recommendation of the expert committee and after such enquiry as may appear to it to be essential, shall permit the University to start new courses or reject the proposal as the case may be, including the variation in the intake.

(5) Any application made under sub-rule (1) may be withdrawn by the University at any time before a permission or rejection is made under sub- rule (4).

**5. Closure of existing Courses in the University-**(1) The University if intends to close down the existing course in view of its in capacity or financial viability or dearth of admissions shall submit application to the State Government in writing of not less than 3 months prior to intended closure of the course, stating the reasons therefor;

(2) The State Government on consideration of the same shall issue directions either to permit the closure or to reject the closure to the University.

(3) The University shall not close the courses during the currency of the academic year and until the last batch of students in the course complete their course of studies and annual examinations conducted by it in respect of course of study or over.

#### **6. Enhancement and reduction of the Courses.-**

The provisions of rule (4) shall mutatis mutandis apply for enhancement or reduction in intake of the courses in the University.

**7. Powers of State Government to inspect and issue Directions-** 1) For the purpose of ascertaining the standards of teaching, examination and research or any other matter relating to the University, the Government may, after consultation

with Vice-Chancellor, cause an assessment to be made by the Expert Committee constituted by the Government consisting of 3 eminent Educationist, one of them shall be Former Vice-Chancellor of State Public University.

(2) On receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, the Government shall communicate its recommendations in regard to result of assessment for corrective action and the University shall take the corrective measures as are necessary so as to ensure the compliance of the recommendations. If the University fails to comply with the recommendations made under sub-section(2), within a reasonable time the Government may give such directions as it may deem fit which shall be binding on the University.

**8. Permanent Statutory Endowment Fund:-** (1) The Permanent Statutory endowment fund shall be pledged in the name of Director, Collegiate Education, Karnataka, who shall also be the custodian for all documents and instruments related to the permanent statutory endowment fund and its investment in a Nationalized Bank in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(2) In case the University or the sponsoring body contravenes any of the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinance, regulations or rules made there under, a part or whole of the endowment fund may be forfeited by the Government but before such Forfeiture, a show cause notice shall be served by the Government on the sponsoring body or the University, as the case may be;

(3) the Government shall, among other things, duly consider the reply submitted by the sponsoring body or the University.

(4) In case the reply to show cause notice issued under sub-rule (2) is not submitted by the sponsoring body or the University within 45 days of the notice, the government may decide the case without waiting for such reply.

(5) the forfeited amount of permanent endowment fund shall vest in the government and it shall be used in the manner to be specified by the Government at the time of forfeiture.

(6) All other funds called General Fund under section 48 and Development Fund under section 49 shall be maintained in double entry Book keeping method, and shall be kept in a nationalized or Scheduled Bank.

(7) Permanent statutory Fund, General Fund and Development Fund shall be audited by the Chartered Accountant and annual Statement of accounts along

with Audit report and its compliance shall be annually submitted to the State Government through the Director of Collegiate Education.

**9. Suspension or Dissolution of the University-**1) On receipt of the reply from University to the Show Cause Notice referred to in proviso of sub-section (3) of section 54 of the Act, if the Government is satisfied that there is a prima-facie case of contravention of all or any of the provisions of the Act or the Rules, Statutes and Ordinances made there under or of contravention of the directions issued by it under the Act or of financial mismanagement or mal administration or indiscipline, it shall make an order of such enquiry, as it may consider necessary.

(2) The Government shall, for the purpose any inquiry under sub-section(1) institute a Commission of inquiry headed by retired Supreme Court or High Court Judge to enquire into any of the allegations and to make report thereon.

(3) On receipt of the enquiry report from the officer appointed under sub-section (2), if the Government is satisfied that the University has contravened all or any of the provisions of this Act or the rules, statutes, or ordinances made thereunder or has violated any of the directions issued by it under this Act or has ceased to carry out the powers and functions by it as laid down in section 8 of this Act, or, a situation of financial mis-management and mal-administration has arisen in the University which threatens the academic standard of thee University, it shall issue a preliminary order for the liquidation of the University and appoint an administrator.

(4) The administrator appointed under sub-section (3), shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the Governing Body and the Board of Management under the Act and shall administer the affairs of the University until the last batch of the students of the regular courses have completed their courses and they have been awarded degrees, diplomas or awards, as the case may be.

(5) After having corrected the mis-management or awarded the degrees, diplomas or awards, as the case may be, to the last batches of students of the regular courses, the administrator shall make a report to the Government.

(6) On receipt of the report under sub-section (5), the Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, issue a final order dissolving the University and from the date of publication of such notification, the University shall stand dissolved and all the assets and liabilities of the University shall vest in the Sponsoring Body from such date.

(7) It shall be competent for the Government to take action as per the provisions of the Act on such dissolution and run the university in the public interest and in the interest of the students till the students are provided all facilities to complete their courses and get their degrees or diplomas.

By Order and in the name of  
Governor of Karnataka

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