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HARYANA VIDHAN SABHA SECRETARIAT

Notification

The 25th August, 2016

No. 20-HLA of 2016/85.— The Haryana Private Universities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016, is hereby published for general information under proviso to Rule 128 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Haryana Legislative Assembly :-

Bill No. 20-HLA of 2016.

THE HARYANA PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

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further to amend the Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Haryana in the Sixty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. This Act may be called the Haryana Private Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.

Short title.

2. For sub-section (1) of section 17 of the Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006 (hereinafter called the principal Act), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

Amendment of section 17 of Haryana Act 32 of 2006.

“(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor as per the qualifications prescribed by the University Grants Commission, subject to the provisions contained in sub-section (7) and shall hold office for a term of three years:

Provided that after expiry of the term of three years, the Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for subsequent terms of three years each till he attains the age of seventy years, if he has contributed significantly to raise the academic and research standards of the university.”.

3. In the Schedule to the principal Act, after serial number 19 and entries thereagainst, the following serial number and entries thereagainst shall be added, namely:-

Amendment of Schedule to Haryana Act 32 of 2006.

“20. Starex University District Gurgaon”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There is a need for creation and expansion of educational institutions for improving opportunities of higher education for the youth of the State. In order to accommodate the unprecedented growth of students in higher education, and also to cross the target of 30% gross enrolment ratio (GER), we need to roughly double the number of institutions at all levels by 2020. The Government intervention would not be adequate to meet this benchmark in higher education. We need to enlist the participation of private sector in a major way. Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006 has been brought essentially to rope in private sector to supplement the initiative of Government in expanding the capacity in higher education and upscaling its standards.

The Private Universities established till date have shown promise to be emerged as Centres of Excellence in academic spheres. The private universities in the State do not receive any funding/grant/financial assistance from the State Government and it takes a considerable time for a Vice-Chancellor to familiarize with the regulatory, academic and research works of the university system. Therefore, for the steady progress and academic development, it is proposed that there should not be any cap/restriction on the number of terms of a Vice-Chancellor in a private university. The Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for subsequent terms of three years each till he attains the age of 70 years, if the Vice-Chancellor has contributed significantly to raise the academic and research standards of the university.

Further, to achieve the objectives enshrined in the Haryana Private University Act, 2006, a proposal has been formulated for setting up of Starex University, Gurgaon.

Hence, this Bill.

RAM BILAS SHARMA,
Education Minister, Haryana.

Chandigarh:
The 25th August, 2016.

R.K. NANDAL,
Secretary.