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ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS Etc.,

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature received the assent of the Governor on the 14th April, 2022 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 20th April, 2022 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information:

ACT No. 7 of 2022.

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA PRADESH PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION) ACT, 2016.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Seventy Third Year of the Republic of India as follows,

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2022.

   (2) It shall come into force from 12th January, 2022.

2. In the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), in section 2,

   (1) for clause (3-A), the following shall be substituted, namely,

   “(3-A) “Brownfield University” means a university established under this Act by converting an existing College(s) that is,

   (i) located in a geographically contiguous area in an extent of land not less than 50 acres; and
(ii) engaged in teaching and research at Under Graduate and Post Graduate or Higher Levels in the state of Andhra Pradesh; and

(iii) possessing NAAC Accreditation of 3.2 and above for latest two (2) cycles and/or NBA Accreditation of latest two (2) cycles; and

(iv) willing to invest in the existing college a minimum of Rs. 250 crores furthermore in the course of three (3) years from the date of notification; and

(v) possessing tie up with at least one of the top 100 Universities in the Global Rankings for joint certification of degrees as pre-requisite; and

(vi) willing to allot students in Government Quota, as provided for under the Act:

Provided that College(s) shall submit a proposal duly satisfying the above requisite conditions to be converted into Brownfield University:

Provided further that the Government shall at its sole discretion examine each proposal and give permission for such proposals which fulfil all the requirements under this Act and in accordance with the rules therein.”

(2) for the clause (12-A), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(12-A) “Government Quota Seats” means the seats to be filled under Government Quota in accordance with the provisions of the Act;”

(3) for clause (13), the following shall be substituted namely,-

“(13) “Greenfield University” means a university established under this Act afresh for the first time from scratch without any consideration to any existing educational institution(s) or anything related to such institution(s) and that is,-

(i) located in a geographically contiguous area in an extent of land not less than 50 acres; and

(ii) willing to invest a minimum of Rs. 250 Crores for establishing a university and furthermore in the course of three years; and
(iii) willing to allot students in Government Quota, as provided for under the Act:

Provided that the Sponsoring Body intending to establish the University shall submit a proposal duly satisfying the above requisite conditions to be established as Greenfield University:

Provided further that the Government shall at its sole discretion examine each proposal and give permission for such proposals which fulfil all the requirements under this Act and in accordance with the rules therein;”

3. In the Principal Act, in sub-section (1) of section 33 A, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

“Provided that on conversion of an existing Institution to a Brownfield University, admission of students into the existing approved intake shall be regulated by the rules of admission and seat sharing as applicable to a College as defined under section 2(4-A) in the Principal Act amended from time to time;

Provided further that the rules of admission to such Brownfield University in respect of any further additional intake, additional courses, new courses approved subsequent to conversion shall be as applicable to a Greenfield University.”

4. In the principal Act, for the words “Green Field”, wherever they occurs, the word “Greenfield” shall be substituted.

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