

**Amended Guidelines to provide
for the establishment of self-financed universities
in the State, to regulate their functioning
and to provide for matters connected
or incidental thereto.**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Higher and Technical Education Department,
Government Resolution No.: SANKIRN-2017/(144/17)/VISHI-4
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032
Dated 19 January 2019

Reference: Government Resolution No. USG 2006/(254/06)/VISHI-4/BHAG-2,
dated 29th May 2013.

INTRODUCTION:

In order to start self-financing universities in the State, detailed instructions were issued vide Government Resolution dated 29 May 2013. According to these guidelines, self-financing universities are being established in the State. The revision of these guidelines was under the consideration of the Government. For this, a two-member committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Arun Bongirwar, former Chief Secretary, as per the Government Resolution dated 25 August 2015. Accordingly, the Bongirwar Committee has submitted its report to the Government. Taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Bongirwar Committee, the Government has decided to amend the guidelines as follows:.

Government Resolution:-

For setting up of self-financed universities in the State, regulating their functioning and activities, and for related or technical matters, amended guidelines are being issued as attached herewith.

- 1) The implementation of this Government Resolution will come into force with immediate effect.

The above-mentioned Government Resolution is available on the website www.maharashtra.gov.in of the Government and its code number is 201901191100169608. This order is issued by the authentication of a digital signature As per the orders of the Governor of Maharashtra and in his name.

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Joint Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

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- 7) All members of Assembly/Legislative Council, Mumbai
- 8) Honorable Upper Chief Secretary, Revenue and Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
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- 10) Honorable Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 11) Honorable Chief Secretary, Minorities Section, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 12) Honorable Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 13) Honorable Chief Secretary, Textile Industry Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 14) Honorable Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 15) Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 16) Honorable Advocate General, Mumbai High Court, Mumbai
- 17) Honorable Government Pleader, High Court, Mumbai/Aurangabad/Nagpur
- 18) All Vice Chancellors of Non-Agricultural Universities
- 19) All Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities
- 20) Director Higher Education, Maharashtra State, Pune
- 21) Director (Vocational Education) Directorate, Mumbai
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To make provision for the establishment of self-financing universities in the State, guidelines have been revised to regulate their operations and regulations and to provide for related matters or incidental issues.

The following are the main guidelines set forth for the establishment of a self-financing university.

1. This regulation may be called “the guidelines system for the Maharashtra self-financed universities (Establishment and Regulation) / Guidelines System.
2. As per Regulation 3.1 of the University Grants Commission Regulation, 2003, each self-financing university shall be established by a separate Bill.
3. Any of the self-financing education societies established under the following acts can establish a self-financing university:
 - (I) Trust Management Society registered under the Mumbai Public Trust Act, 1950, or Society registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860.
 - (II) Any Public Trust Management registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882.
 - (III) Any Education society or Self-Financed University Registered under Section 25 of the Company Act or Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013.
 - (IV) Any of the existing capable colleges/education societies that are involved in the postgraduate education sector, and if they fulfill other conditions, they can be converted into self-financed universities.
4. The objectives of the self-financing university will be as follows:
 - (I) Higher and Technical education includes liberal arts such as Engineering Technology, Management, Business and Commerce, Applied Creative Arts, Vocational Education, Media, Information and Communication Technology; and Curriculum and Development of Nature Education and their various disciplines of study, Humanities, Social Sciences, Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Micro (Nano) Sciences, and Technology, Vocational Faculty, Sports, Medicine and Anthropology, Body Movement Mechanisms and Biomechanics, General Theory and Training Methods, Virtual Online University, including e-PG Diploma, e-Education, etc. To provide for study, teaching, competency, skill development and research and development by including education, etc., courses related to the Textile Industry, and interdisciplinary courses in agreement with the departments of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries;
 - (II) To provide for education, teaching and training, and research in the fields of Higher

and Technical Education, Arts, Sports, Culture, Film, Space Technology, and Marine Research;

(III) Developing high-level cognitive, emotional, and mental (mind, heart, and hand) capacities;

(IV) To develop high-quality intellectual capacity;

(V) Creating and maximizing innovative educational programs to promote creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship by finding new avenues for development and social restructuring and transformation;

(VI) Creating state-of-the-art facilities for education and development;

(VII) To conduct teaching and research and to provide continuing quality education programs;

(VIII) To create a center of excellence for research and development and exchange and application of knowledge in science and technology and social and economic development;

(IX) Studying, teaching, researching, evaluating, developing, organizing, and creating and managing social and economic assets, using modern and post-modern processes, systems, and technologies for the individual and 21st century society;

(X) To provide business and development services to industry, public organizations, and society;

(XI) Initiating higher education programs and courses with innovative programs in new and emerging areas;

(XII) Liaison, collaboration, and partnership with other higher education and research institutions in India and abroad;

(XIII) To initiate the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other academic qualifications on the basis of examination or any other method of assessment;

(XIV) To inculcate innovative approaches, create coherence in curricular structure and study time frame, and nurture creativity and entrepreneurship through efficient and consistent assessment processes;

(XV) Pursuing any other objectives suggested by the Government.

(XVI) The degrees, diplomas, certificates & other academic honors awarded by the University shall not be of less grade than those awarded by the All India Council of

Technical Education, the National Council for Teacher Education established under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993, or the University Grants Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or the Pharmaceutical Council of India constituted under the Medical Science Act, 1948, or the Indian Law Council constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961, or any other constitutional body, as the case may be.

5. Any sponsoring body established as mentioned in paragraph 3 above, which wishes to establish a self-financing university (including any private institution running educational programs), shall submit an application to the government along with a detailed project report containing a proposal for the establishment of the university, along with a fee of ₹25 lakhs. This application must be presented in the format attached.

6. The detailed project report shall include the following particulars:

1. Certificate of registration of the sponsoring body making application under Section (5), its detailed information including copies of its constitution and its bye-laws;
2. Information regarding the source of financial resources of the sponsoring body, including audited accounts for the last three years in the case of an existing private organization running an educational program or a plan to generate financial resources duly certified by a chartered accountant in the case of a newly formed sponsoring board;
3. Particulars of the name, place, and head office of the proposed university;
4. Aims and objectives of the university;
5. Availability of land and detailed particulars of existing buildings and infrastructure, if any; or a comprehensive plan for acquisition of land, construction of buildings, and establishment of infrastructure in compliance with regulations applicable to local and state-level bodies;
6. Availability of academic facilities with proposed scheme for arrangement of work with teaching and non-teaching staff, if any;
7. Before the university becomes operational, details of plans for university area development, such as construction of buildings, development of structural facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of facilities, etc., and phase-wise outline of programs for the first five years.

8. Phase-wise allocation of capital expenditure proposed for the next five years and its sources of finance;
9. The nature and type of study and research programs proposed to be undertaken by the University and their relevance to the developmental objectives and employment needs of the State, and the phase-wise outline of such programs and course-wise accessibility targets for the first five years;
10. Experienced and qualified person in the concerned faculty under the auspices of the sponsoring board;
11. The nature of the facilities proposed to be provided and the course and research work to be undertaken;
12. Estimated recurrent expenditure by course or activity, sources of finance and estimated expenditure per student;
13. The plan for the mobilization of resources and the capital expenditure incurred thereon and the manner of repayment of such resources;
14. A plan to raise funds internally through student fees, expected revenue from consultancy services and other activities related to the objectives of the university, and other expected income;
15. Proposed methods to be followed for selection of students for admission to courses in the University;
16. Whether the University proposes to implement certain programs related to local needs or how, if any, the nature of specialized teaching, training or research subject activities to be undertaken by the University to achieve such objectives;
17. If the University proposes to initiate any programs for the benefit of farmers, farm labourers, other workers, women and industries, details should be given thereof;
18. Details of playgrounds and other facilities available or proposed to be constructed for games and sports, as well as extra-curricular programs like National Cadet Corps, National Service Scheme, etc.;
19. Proposed system for academic evaluation;
20. Need to support the establishment of the proposed university;
21. Commitment to compliance with regulatory board standards;
22. Such other particulars as may be prescribed;
23. Such other particulars as the sponsoring board may deem necessary.

7. (7.1) On receipt of the proposal and detailed project report for the establishment of the University, the Government will scrutinize the said detailed project report by a committee consisting of the following members constituted by the Government. This committee shall comprise the following members:

1. Principal Secretary or Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department
-----Ex-officio Chairman;
2. Principal Secretary or Secretary of the concerned department-----Member;
 - Finance Department
 - Planning Department
 - Revenue and Forest Department
3. Vice-Chancellor of the University nominated by the Government, preferably of the concerned subject -----Member;
4. Three eminent scholars, scientist or experts nominated by the Government-----Members;
5. An officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary of the Higher and Technical Education Department of the Government-----Member;
6. Any person having in-depth knowledge and experience in the subject related to the project can be invited to the committee meeting as an invitee. Such an invitee may participate in the discussion but shall not have the right to vote.

(7.2) The members of the Committee, other than the ex-officio members, shall receive such emoluments and allowances as may be specified by the Government in an order made in this regard and published in the Gazette and shall hold office for such period.

(7.3) The committee will scrutinize the proposal and project report on the following criteria:

- (I) The financial standing and allowance of the sponsoring body as well as the capacity of that body to build the infrastructure of the proposed university.
- (II) Background of the sponsoring board, i.e. the specific expertise and experience of the board in the field of education, its general reputation, etc. and its commitment to follow the standards of the regulatory board;

(III) The quality of the educational programs to be taught is the ability of the educational programs to develop manpower according to contemporary needs, and its objectives, as defined, will include program innovation.

(7.4) While scrutinizing the proposals and project reports under subclause (3) above, the Committee may call for such other information as it thinks fit from the sponsoring body.

(7.5) The Committee, if any deficiencies are found in the detailed project report, may suggest changes in the same, and the same may be reported to the sponsoring body for consideration and compliance within a specific period.

(7.6) The Committee, after examining all the applications received, shall submit its report to the Government within a period of two months. Provided that if any period is given for compliance with the instructions under the above clause (7.5), such period shall be extended for submission of the report.

(7.7) Provided further that the period allowed for submission of a report to the Governing Body may be extended from time to time for a total period not exceeding six months.

8. If the State Government, after receiving the report of the committee constituted under Clause 7 above, is satisfied that the establishment of the University is advisable, it may issue a letter of intent to the sponsoring body and will be asked to do the following:.

(1) Establishment of endowment fund: The self-supporting university shall establish an endowment fund of Rs. Ten crores.

(2) To enable it to be considered as a sponsoring body, to submit documents showing the availability of at least 10 to 25 acres of land confirming ownership and possession of such a sponsoring body, viz.

- (a) Rural Area -----25 acres;
- (b) Tahsil or headquarter of the district place -----15 acres;
- (c) Divisional Headquarters -----10 acres;
- (d) All the area limits of Metropolitan Region Development Authority (viz. MMRDA, PMRDA, etc.) -----10 acres.

Proposal for setting up a self-financing university (facilities like academic, administrative, sports facilities, hostel, etc. will be available as per the guidelines of the self-financing university). It shall be mandatory as per the rules prescribed by the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act 1966/Development Control Regulations/Town Planning Department.

The land required for this purpose should be owned by the sponsoring body or on a 30-year lease. The said land cannot be transferred. The land should have been purchased or taken on lease at the time of the establishment of the university.

For setting up a self-financed university, the institution owns land for at least 30 years on a rental basis; such institutions will also submit necessary documents for setting up a self-financed university.

(3) Admission to the University will be strictly on the basis of merit.

(4) The qualification for admission to the University may be determined either on the basis of the marks or rank obtained in the qualifying examination and on the basis of proficiency in the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, or on the basis of the marks or rank obtained in the state-level entrance examination conducted by a university association conducting such courses or by any other agency of the state. But admission to professional and technical courses will be given only through examination.

(5) According to the prevailing policy of the state government, existing reservations for various social classes in the state of Maharashtra are Scheduled Castes (SC) 13% Scheduled Tribes (ST) 7%, Scheduled Tribes (V.J.A.) 3%, Nomadic Tribes

(N.T.B.) 25%, and Nomadic Tribes (N.T.C.) 3%, Nomadic Tribes (N.T.D.) 2%, Other Backward Classes (O.B.C.) 19%, Special Backward Classes (S.B.C.) 2%, and Socially and Economically Backward Classes (S.E.B.C.) 16% like this total 68% reservation.

(6) The said admission process should be implemented as per the reservation policy of the state government.

(7) At the commencement of the academic year, 40% of the total admission capacity will be reserved for students domiciled in Maharashtra. However, the government may relax this limit in the case of foreign and international universities or universities affiliated with other such universities. Reservations of admission will not be applicable for minority-status universities.

(8) The National Minority Educational Institutions Act 2004 is applicable throughout the country. The provisions of this Act shall continue to apply to self-financing minority universities in the State.

(9) (i) There will be no reimbursement of any kind by the government for tuition fees or other expenses.

(ii) Uniform regulations for fee fixation of all self-financing universities in the state will be prepared with the advice of the Law and Justice Department.

(iii) Fee Fixation Committee: To bring transparency, the University will be fully autonomous with respect to levying fees for various activities. To decide the fee structure of each of the universities, the fee fixation committee, which will have members other than the academic council and the board of directors, will fix the fee.

The chairman of the said committee shall be a member of the managing

committee. In addition to this, the said committee shall comprise the following members:

- 1) Former Vice-Chancellor (of any of the public university or central universities)
- 2) Chartered Accountant (having minimum 10 years experience)
- 3) Former Judge of District/High Court
- 4) Padma Bhushan recipient

The responsibility of the salary, allowances, etc. of all the members of the fee regulation committee will remain with the self-financed university. There will be no financial burden on the government. It shall be mandatory to inform the Government of the fee fixed by the Fee Fixation Committee for the admission of students in self-financed universities and for other educational matters.

(10) If an institution applies to join a self-financed university, all the courses running on the government grant basis in that institution will no longer be subsidized. Also, grants and other benefits received by the government to the teachers and non-teaching staff of the institution will automatically stop from the date of establishment of the self-financed university.

(11) It shall be necessary to fulfill such other conditions and furnish such other information as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission or any other statutory body established by law.

(12) If not already done, for administrative purposes and for conducting academic programs, a minimum area of 15000 square meters will be required to be constructed.

(13) Purchase of books or journals of a minimum amount of Rs. 10 lakhs or whichever is higher as per the norms of the regulatory body and not less than Rs. 50 lakhs on books, journals, computers, library networking and other facilities to provide adequate facilities to the library for contemporary teaching and research; or As per

the norms of the regulatory body, an amount that is higher will be required to be guaranteed to be invested in the first three years.

(14) Purchase of Rs. 20 lakhs worth of equipment, computers, furniture, and other immovable and movable assets as per the norms of the Regulatory Body and provision of infrastructure for not less than an amount of Rs. one crore or whichever is more as per the norms of the Regulatory Body, and other immovable and movable assets and infrastructure will need to be guaranteed to be acquired within the first five years.

(15) It shall be necessary to ensure the appointment of at least one professor in each of the departments or faculty, two associate professors, and an adequate number of assistant professors with necessary supplementary staff in each department or faculty established by the University.

(16) As per the norms laid down by the board of regulators, extracurricular programs like seminars, debate competitions, general knowledge test programs, and extracurricular activity programs like sports, the National Service Scheme, the National Cadet Corps, etc. will have to be introduced for the benefit of the students.

(17) Provident fund facilities shall have to be provided for university employees, and also welfare programs should have to be undertaken for them.

(18) Such other conditions as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission, All India Council of Technical Education, or any other constitutional body established under the law of the Union or State Government shall be necessary, and provision shall be made to furnish such information.

(19) It would be necessary to give a guarantee that the established university shall not be dissolved before the completion of 15 years.

(20) If the University is dissolved before the completion of 15 years from its

establishment, all the assets of the University shall vest in the Government free from any liability and all encumbrances.

(21) If the university is dissolved after completion of 15 years of its establishment due to non-compliance with the provisions of the University's Act or for other reasons, the self-financing universities will return all the assets to the sponsoring body. However, after the closure of the university, the said premises will be used by the sponsoring body/institution for educational purposes only. It cannot be used for any other purpose.

(22) If the University is to be dissolved,

(a) It shall have to be compulsory to continue until the admitted student passes.

(b) Salaries of employees shall be liable to be paid as per prevailing law.

If the said A and B conditions are not fulfilled, the government will take possession of the said premises (all inclusive) along with other assets.

If the university is dissolved due to violation of the provisions of any act, rule, regulation, order, exchange, and the instructions of the government and other constitutional bodies, it is necessary to guarantee that all the assets will be vested in the government in a form free from liability and free from all encumbrances.

9. The sponsoring body shall comply with the specified requirements and conditions and submit a compliance report to the Government within a maximum period of one year from the date of issue of the letter of intent.

10. A compliance report will be required to be submitted by the sponsoring body within one year of the issue of the intended qualification. But if the sponsoring body is not able to submit the compliance report within one year, the said period may be extended by the Government in exceptional circumstances. For subsequent years, Rs. 12.5 lakhs (50% of the proposed edition fee) should be charged. Also, the said extension will be given for one year and maximum two times. After that, the intent letter issued to the sponsoring body will

be canceled automatically.

11. If the sponsoring body does not comply with the provisions of Para. 8, the proposal submitted by the sponsoring body will be rejected, and the letter of intent given will be deemed to be withdrawn.

12. If the conditions mentioned in the Letter of Intent are fulfilled, the proposal will be submitted for the approval of the Cabinet.

13. After approval by the Cabinet, the bill will be tabled in both Houses of the Legislature. After the approval of the bill, action will be taken for the establishment of a self-financed university.

14. The draft University Act to be submitted to the Legislature for establishing a self-financing university shall, among others, include the following items:

- 1) **Abbreviated name of self-financing university:** Information about the name of the self-financing university and where it is to be established shall be included in the draft act. No alteration between the name and land of the proposed university will be allowed by the sponsoring board.
- 2) **Definition:** The Act shall contain a definition explaining the meaning of the said term appearing in the Act.
- 3) **Objectives of the University:** The objectives for which the university is to be established should be given in detail.
- 4) **University open to all:** A detailed provision should be made for the self-financed universities "to be open to all" in the Act.
- 5) **University to be self-financed:** A provision should be made in the Act that a self-financed university shall not be entitled to any form of financial assistance from the government.
- 6) **Endowment Fund of Self-Financed University:** Self-Financed University shall raise an endowment fund of Rs. 10 crores for which necessary provision should be

made. Also, it should mention the use of endowment fund and the purpose of using the income earned out of them.

- 7) **General Fund of Self-financing University:** Sources for establishment of General Fund of Self-financing University, viz. fees and other charges, etc. Contributions received, or any donations received, and income earned by any means should be mentioned. It will be mandatory to submit information in this regard to the government from time to time.
- 8) **Use of General Funds:** The Act should provide details regarding the purpose for which general funds can be used by the self-financing university.
- 9) **Officers of Self-Financed University:** The Chairman, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Finance Accounts Officer, Controller of Examinations, and such other officers as may be declared as officers of the University should be mentioned in the Self Financed University.
- 10) **Appointment of chairman of Self-Financed University:** The act should clearly mention the terms and conditions under which the appointment of the chairman will be made and for what period, as well as the powers of the chairman.
- 11) **Removal of Chairman:** The Act should clearly mention the procedure for removal of the Chairman and the circumstances under which he can be removed from office.
- 12) **Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of a Self-financing University:** The appointment and qualification of the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be as per the norms of the University Grants Commission or similar central regulatory body, and the said University shall be bound to follow the same.
- 13) **Removal of Vice-Chancellor:** The Act should clearly mention the procedure for removal of the Vice-Chancellor and the circumstances under which he can be removed from office.
- 14) **Appointment of Registrar of a Self-financing University:** There should be provisions in the Act regarding the procedure, terms, and conditions of the appointment of the Registrar, the financial benefits to be given to the Registrar, and who will appoint the Registrar.
- 15) **Appointment of Finance and Accounts Officer:** There should be provisions in the Act regarding the procedure, terms, and conditions of the appointment of the Finance and Accounts Officer, the financial benefits to be given to the Finance and Accounts Officer, and who will appoint the Registrar.

- 16) **Appointment of Controller of Examinations:** There should be a provision regarding the duties and responsibilities of the post of Controller of Examination under whose supervision and guidance he would discharge his duties.
- 17) **Other officers of the Self-financing University:** There should be details regarding the procedure of appointment of other officers, the emoluments admissible to them, and their service conditions.
- 18) **Authorities of the Self-Financed University:** What authorities will be functioning in the Self-Financed University, viz., the Regulatory Board, Executive Committee, Academic Council, Examination Board, etc., should be mentioned in the act.
- 19) Complaints on the broad scheme of the self-financed university, academic quality of the university, fees, students, parents, staff, etc. should be selected and placed before the Maharashtra State Higher Education Development Commission (Commission). A Visakha committee should be established within the university for redressal of grievances of women employees/students in self-financed universities.
- 20) **Governing Council :** The act should mention in the Governing Board who will be the members of the governing body and the powers and scope of the Governing Board. .
- 21) **Executive Committee:** The act should mention in the Executive Committee who will be the members of the executive committee and the powers and scope of the Executive Committee.
- 22) **Faculty Council:** The act should mention that in the Faculty Council, who will be the members of the examination board and the powers and scope of the faculty council.
- 23) **Examination Board:** The act should mention who will be the members of the examination board and the powers and scope of the examination board.
- 24) **Other Authorities:** In the case of other authorities, their composition, powers, functions, and tenure should be mentioned in the Act.
- 25) **Committees of the University:** There should be clarity regarding the structure, functions, and terms of the committees to be appointed by the university authority.
- 26) **First Statutes of the University:** The Act should provide for who shall have the power to make the first statutes of the University and who shall have the power to approve them. Also, it should be mentioned about who will make provision for what matters through the first statute.

- 27) **Later Statutes of the University:** There should be a clear mention of who shall have the power to make subsequent statutes of the University and who shall have the power to approve them.
- 28) **First Orders of the University :** There should be a clear mention of who will have the authority to make the first orders of the University and who will have the power to approve them, and for what matters the first order of the University will provide for.
- 29) **Later Orders/Regulations of the University:** There should be a clear mention of who will have the authority and approval to make the later orders/regulations of the university, who will have the authority to approve them, and what will be provided for by the later orders/regulations of the University.
- 30) **Admission and reservation for courses in self-financed universities:** The provision regarding admission and reservation for courses in self-financed universities should be clearly mentioned in the Act and in accordance with the policy of the government.
- 31) **Self-Financed University Examinations:** Provisions for conducting examinations in self-financed universities, timetable, etc. should be mentioned in the act.
- 32) **Declaration of the result of the self-financed university examination:** The act should mention the provision regarding the days within which the result of the examination conducted by the self-financed university should be declared.
- 33) **Fee structure of self-financed universities:** The details and structure of fees charged for courses in self-financed universities should be detailed in the Act.
- 34) **Fee Fixation Committee:** Provision of rights, duties, and qualifications of the members of the fee fixation committee in self-financed universities should be provided in the Act.
- 35) **Implementation of Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fees Act, 1987) of self-financed universities:** Provisions regarding implementation of Maharashtra Educational Institutions of Self-financed Universities (Prohibition of Collection of Capitation Fees Act, 1987) should be mentioned in the Act.
- 36) **The degree awarded by the university must be certified by the University Grants Commission or similar regulatory body.** Degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic honors conferred by the University shall not be of less than the

- standard prescribed by the National Council for Teacher Education, the University Grants Commission, and any other apex body. Please ensure.
- 37) **Certification:** A self-financed university can obtain such recognition as per the instructions given by the government from time to time and within the prescribed period as per the university rules. However, if the existing institutes are to be converted into universities, it will be mandatory for the institute to have NAAC/NBA status.
- 38) **Annual Report of Self-Financing Universities:** The annual report of self-financing universities will be prepared by whom, and in the annual report there should mention of the steps taken by the university to meet its objectives.
- 39) **Annual Accounts of Self-Financed Universities:** There should be clarity regarding the preparation and auditing of annual accounts and balance sheets of self-financed universities.
- 40) Proceedings of the Authority of Self-Financed Universities should not be disallowed legally on account of a vacancy in the post.
- 41) **Procedure for giving evidence of records of self-financed universities:** Procedures should be prescribed for admissibility of documents, receipts, applications, etc. as evidence of self-financed universities.
- 42) **Dissolution of the University by the sponsoring board of self-financing universities:** Provisions, procedures, and legal matters regarding the dissolution of the university by the sponsoring body of self-financing universities should be mentioned in the act.
- 43) **Powers of the Government:** The Act should clearly provide for the powers of the Government in respect of self-financing universities.
- 44) **Power to make rules:** The power to make rules in respect of self-financing universities should be mentioned in the Act.
- 45) **Right to remove difficulties:** If any legal difficulties arise after the establishment of a self-financing university in the said act, the action to be taken to remove the said difficulties should be mentioned in the act.

Sample application form

1. Name of sponsoring body:
2. Registration Certificate of the sponsoring body, copy of its constitution and bye-laws.
3. Complete address where the proposed self-financed university shall be established.
4. Whether particulars of premises are attached with the application?
5. Whether the project report is attached?
6. Information in respect of action taken in respect of establishing an endowment fund for the university.

I am aware that even if a request is made to establish a self-financed university vide this application, it is not binding on the government to grant permission for the establishment of a self-financed university and approve the Act accordingly.

Enclosed: As above

Signature & Seal