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An Act to provide for the regulation of admission and fixation of fee in private professional educational institutions in the State of Chhattisgarh and to provide for reservation of seats to persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in professional educational institution and the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Chhattisgarh Legislature in the fifty-ninth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER—I
Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement. This Act may be called the Chhattisgarh Ni Ji Vyavsayik Shikshan Sanstha (Pravesh Ka Vinyaman Avam Shulk Ka Nirdharan) Adhiniyam, 2008.

2. Application. This Act applies to—

(a) institutions deemed to be universities, or constituent units thereto, imparting professional education, other than those promoted and maintained by the Central or State Government, and

(b) the private unaided professional educational institutions affiliated to a university established under the Central or Chhattisgarh Act.

3. Definitions. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "appropriate authority" means a Central or State authority established by the Central or the State Government for laying down norms and conditions for ensuring standards of professional education;

(b) "fees" means any amount by whatever name called whether in cash or in kind paid or collected or received directly or indirectly in addition to the fees determined under this Act;

(c) "committee" means the Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, constituted under section 4;

(d) "common entrance test" means an entrance test conducted for determination of merit of the candidates followed by centralized counselling for the purpose of merit based admission to professional colleges or institutions through a single window procedure by the State Government or by any agency authorized by it;

(e) "fee" means all fee including tuition fee and development charges;

(f) "foreign candidate" means a person holding a foreign passport seeking admission in a deemed university imparting professional education or in a private unaided professional institution in Chhattisgarh;
(g) "management" means any person or body, by whatever name called, managing and controlling the private unaided professional educational institution:

(h) "minority" means a minority defined under section 2(f) of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institution Act, 2004 (2 of 2005):

(i) "minority institution" means an institution imparting professional education, established and administered by a minority and recognised or notified as such by the State Government subject to such conditions as may be prescribed:

(j) "non-resident Indian" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (e) of section 115C of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961):

(k) "Other Backward Classes" means the Other Backward Classes of citizens as specified by the State Government, vide Notification No. F-85-XXV-4-84, dated the 26th December, 1984 as amended from time to time:

(l) "private unaided professional educational institution" means a professional educational Institution which is not receiving recurring financial aid or grant-in-aid from any State or Central Government and which is not established or maintained by the Central Government, the State Government or any public body:

(m) "professional course" means a course of study notified as professional course by the appropriate authority, such as a degree, diploma or certificate by whatever name called:

(n) "professional educational institution" means a college or a school or an institute by whatever name called, imparting professional education, affiliated to a State University, including a private university established or incorporated by an Act of the State Legislature or constituent unit of a deemed to be University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956) and approved or recognized by the competent statutory body regulating professional education:

(o) "reserved seats" means the seats reserved in favour of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes as may be notified by the State Government:

(p) "sanctioned intake" means the total admission capacity of the institutions sanctioned by the appropriate statutory authority and notified by the State Government for admitting students in each course of study in a professional institution:

(q) "Scheduled Caste" means any caste, race or tribe or part of, or group within case, race or tribe specified as Scheduled Castes with respect to the State of Chhattisgarh under article 341 of the Constitution:

(r) "Scheduled Tribe" means any tribe or tribal community or part of, or group within such tribe or tribal community specified as Scheduled Tribes with respect to the State of Chhattisgarh under article 342 of the Constitution:

CHAPTER-II

Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee

4. (1) The State Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, constitute a Committee to be called the Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, for the supervision and guidance of the admission process and for the fixation of
fee to be charged from candidates seeking admission in a private professional
educational institution.

Provided that Notwithstanding anything contained in any act the fees
once fixed shall be revisable every year or in a gap of three years as may be
necessary, by the Fee Regulating Committee.

(2) The Committee shall be presided by a Chairperson who has been a Vice-
Chancellor of a Central University or a State University or an institution
deemed to be University or a judicial officer not below the rank of Super time
scale or senior administrative officer not below the rank of Principal
Secretary to the State Government or Joint Secretary to the Government of
India and shall include four other members having expertise in matters of
finance, administration or law, technical education and medical education.

(Financial expenses will be met separately by the departments of
technical education/medical education. Budget to meet out the expenses
incurred in functioning of the committee will be allocated by the State
Government separately every year.)

(3) The term of the Committee shall be three years from the date of its notifica-
tion and in case of any vacancy arising earlier, for any reason, the State
Government shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

(4) No Act or proceedings of the Committee shall be deemed to be invalid by
reason merely of any vacancy or any defect in the constitution of the
Committee.

(5) No person who is associated with a private aided or unaided educational
institution shall be eligible for being a member of the Committee.

(6) The Chairperson or any member of the Committee shall cease to be so, if he
performs any Act, which in the opinion of the State Government is
unbecoming of Chairperson or a member of the Committee.

(7) The Committee may frame its own procedure in accordance with the regula-
tions notified by the State Government in this regard.

(8) The Committee may require a private aided or, unaided professional educa-
tional institution or, deemed University, to furnish, by a prescribed date,
information it may be necessary for enabling the Committee to determine
the fee that may be charged by the institution in respect of each professional
course, and the fee so determined shall be valid for such period as notified by
the State Government.

(9) The Committee may hear complaints with regards to admission in contraven-
tion of the provisions contained herein, collecting of capitation fee or fee in
excess of fee determined or profiteering by any institution, and if the
Committee after-enquiry finds that there has been any violation of the provi-
sions for admission on the part of the unaided professional colleges or institu-
tion, it shall make appropriate recommendation for returning any excess amount
collected to the person concerned, and also recommendation to the Govern-
ment for imposing a fine upto rupees ten lakhs, and Government may or
receipt of such recommendation, fix the fine and collect the same in the case
of each such violation or decide any other course of action as it deem fit and
the amount so fixed together with interest thereon shall be recovered as if it is
an arrear of land revenue, and the committee may also declare admission
made in respect of any or all seats in a particular college or institution to be
deems fit.

(11) The Committee shall have the power to regulate its own procedure in all matters arising out of the discharge of its functions and shall for the purposes of making any enquiry under this Act have all the powers of a civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908) while trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely:
(a) summoning and examining any witness and examining him on oath;
(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;
(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;
(d) issuing commissions for the examinations of witnesses.

(12) The Committee shall ensure that the admission in an institution is done in a fair and transparent manner.

CHAPTER-III
Admissions

5. The eligibility for admission to a private unaided professional educational institution shall be such as may be notified by the appropriate authority.

6. In a private unaided professional educational institution, admission to sanctioned intake shall be on the basis of the common entrance test in such manner as may be prescribed by the State Government.

7. Every admission to a private unaided professional educational institution shall be in accordance with the provisions of the rules made thereunder and every admission made in contravention thereof shall be void.

8. In admission to private unaided professional educational institutions, other than the minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of article 30 of the Constitution of India, there shall be reservation at the stage of admission for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes of citizens as may be prescribed by the State Government.
**CHAPTER-IV**

Fixation of Fee

Factors.

9. (1) Having regard to—
(i) the location of the private unaided professional educational institution;
(ii) the nature of the professional course;
(iii) the cost of land and building;
(iv) the available infrastructure, teaching, non-teaching staff and equipments;
(v) the expenditure on administration and maintenance;
(vi) a reasonable surplus required for growth and development of the professional institution;
(vii) any other relevant factor,
the Committee shall determine, in the manner prescribed, the fee to be charged by a private unaided professional educational institution.

(2) The Committee shall give the institution an opportunity of being heard before fixing any fee:

Provided that no such fee, as may be fixed by the Committee, shall amount to profiteering or commercialization of education.

**CHAPTER-V**

Miscellaneous

Appeal.

10. The State Government shall appoint for not more than one year at a time, an appellate authority, consisting of a person who has been a judge of the High Court, or a person who has held office not below the rank of the Chief Secretary of a State, before which a person or a professional institution aggrieved by an order of the Committee, in the State may file an appeal, within a period of 30 days of passing of such an order.

Act to have overriding effect.

11. The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any law other than this Act.

Power to make rules.

12. The State Government may, by notification make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Power to make regulations.

13. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make regulations consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

(a) the constitution and working, and terms and conditions of the committee;

(b) the eligibility of admission, manner of admission and allocation of seats in a professional institution including the reservation of seats for foreign non-resident Indian Candidate;

(c) the manner or criteria of determination of fee to be charged by a professional institution from the candidates;
(d) the fees to be charged by the professional educational institution from the candidates;

(c) any other matter which has to be, or may be, prescribed.

14. Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before Legislative Assembly.

15. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by order published in the official Gazette, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, remove the difficulty.

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before Legislative Assembly.

16. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the State Government or the appellate authority or chairman and members of the Committee for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.