The Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996

Act 1 of 1996

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THE UTTAR PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES ACT, 1996

(President’s Act No. 1 of 1996)

[Enacted by the President in the Forty-sixth Year of the Republic of India]

AN

ACT

to constitute a Commission for the State of Uttar Pradesh for backward Classes other than the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and to provide for matters Connected therewith or incidental
In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1995, the President is pleased to enact as follows:

CHAPTER-I

Preliminary

1. (1) This Act may be called the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on November 17, 1996.

Definitions

2. In this Act—

(a) “backward Classes” means such classes of citizens as are defined in clause (b) of section 2 of the Uttar Pradesh Public Services (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Act, 1994 as amended from time to time;

(b) “Commission” means the State Commission for Backward Classes constituted under section 3;

(c) “Member” means a Member of the Commission and includes the Chairman;

(d) “Schedule” means Schedule I to the Uttar Pradesh Public Services (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Act, 1994 as amended from time to time.

CHAPTER-II

The State Commission for Backward Classes

3. (1) The State Government shall constitute a body to be known as the State Commission for Backward Classes to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it under this Act.

(2) The headquarters of the Commission shall be at such place as the State Government may, by notification, specify.

(3) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairman and seventeen other Members nominated by the State Government from amongst persons of eminence, ability and integrity provided that four members including the Chairman shall be from the backward classes.

(1-A) The provisions of sub-section (1) as amended by the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Act, 2001 shall apply also to the Chairman and every other Member holding office immediately before the commencement of the said Act.

(1-B) The Chairman or other Member, who has attained the age of sixty-five years, on or before the commencement of the Act referred to in sub-section (1-A), shall cease to hold office as such on such commencement.”
(c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
(d) refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting;
(e) is, without obtaining leave of absence from the Commission, absent from three consecutive meetings of the Commission;
or
(f) has, in the opinion of the State Government, so abused the position of Chairman or Member as to render that person's continuance in office detrimental to the interests of backward classes or the public interest:

Provided that no person shall be removed under this clause until that person has been given an opportunity of being heard in the matter.

(4) A vacancy caused under sub-section (2) or otherwise shall be filled by fresh appointment.

(5) The salaries and allowances payable to, and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairman and Members shall be such as may be prescribed.

(6) (a) The Chairman shall be having the status of a Minister of the State.

(b) The Vice-Chairman shall be having the status of the Deputy
Minister of the State;

and conditions of service or, the Secretary and other officers and employees appointed for the purpose of the Commission shall be such as may be prescribed.

6. The salaries and allowances payable to the Chairman and Members and the administrative expenses, including salaries, allowances and pensions payable to the officers and other employees referred to in section 5, shall be paid out of the grants referred to in sub-section (1) of section 12.

7. No act or proceeding of the Commission shall be invalid on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Commission.

8. (1) The Commission shall meet at and when necessary at such time and place as the Chairman may think fit.

(2) The Commission shall regulate its own procedure.

(3) All orders and decisions of the Commission shall be authenticated by the Secretary or any other officer of the Commission duly authorised by the Secretary in this behalf.

CHAPTER—III

Functions and powers of the Commission

9. (1) The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:

(a) the Commission shall examine requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as a backward class in the Schedule and hear complaints of wrong inclusion or non-inclusion of any backward class in the Schedule and tender such advice to the State Government as it deems appropriate.
(b) to investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the backward classes under any law for the time being in force or under any order of the State Government to evaluate the working of such safeguards;

(c) to enquire into specific complaints with respect to the deprivation of right and safeguards of the backward classes;

(d) to participate and advice on the planning process of socio-economic development of the backward classes and to evaluate the progress of their development;

(e) to present to the State Government annually and at such other times as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards;

(f) to make in such reports recommendations, as to the measures that should be taken by the State Government for the effective implementation of those safeguards and other measures for the protection, welfare and socio-economic development of the backward classes; and

(g) to discharge such other function in relation to the protection, welfare, development and advancement of the backward classes as may be referred to it by the State Government.

(2) The State Government shall cause the reports of the Commission to be laid before each House of the State Legislature along with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations and the reason for the non-acceptance, if any, of any of such recommendations.

10. The Commission shall, while performing its functions under sub-section (1) of section 9, have all the powers of a civil court trying a suit and in particular, in respect of the following matters, namely—

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;

(d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;

(e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses and documents; and

(f) any other matter which may be prescribed.

11. (1) The State Government may at any time, and shall, at the expiration of ten years from the coming into force of the Act and every succeeding period of ten years thereafter, undertake revision of the Schedule with a view to excluding from the Schedule those classes who have ceased to be backward classes or for including in the Schedule new backward classes.

(2) The State Government shall, while undertaking any revision referred to in sub-section (1), consult the Commission.

CHAPTER—IV

Finance, accounts and audit

12. (1) The State Government shall, after due appropriation made by the State Legislature by law in this behalf, pay to the Commission by way of grants such sums of money as the State Government may think fit for being utilised for the purposes of this Act.
(2) The Commission may spend such sums as it thinks fit for performing the functions under this Act and such sums shall be treated as expenditure payable out of the grants referred to in sub-section (1).

13. (1) The Commission shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The accounts of the Commission shall be audited by such auditor and at such intervals as may be prescribed.

(3) The auditor shall have such powers of requiring the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and for inspecting any of the offices of the Commission as may be prescribed.

14. The Commission shall prepare annual report for each financial year, in such form and at such time, as may be prescribed giving a full account of its activities during that financial year and forward a copy thereof to the State Government.

15. The State Government shall cause the annual report, together with a memorandum of action taken on the advice tendered by the Commission under section 9 and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any, of any such advice, and the audit report to be laid as soon as may be after they are received before both the Houses of the State Legislature.

CHAPTER—V

Miscellaneous

16. The Chairman, Members and employees of the Commission shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

17. (1) The State Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act:

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

(a) salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of, the Chairman and Members under sub-section (8) of section 4 and of officers and other employees under sub-section (2) of section 5;

(b) the form in which the annual statements of accounts shall be maintained under sub-section (1) of section 13;

(c) the form in, and the time at, which the annual report shall be prepared under section 14;

(d) any other matter which is required to be, or may be prescribed.

18. Whoever, being legally bound to obey any order or direction of the Commission under section 20, disobeys such order or direction shall be punishable under sections 174, 175, 176, 178, 179 or 180 of the Indian Penal Code, as the case may be.

19. No court shall take cognizance of any of the offences specified in this section except on the complaints in writing of the Chairman or a member or of an officer of the Commission.
20. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder.

21. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by a notified order, make provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as appear to it to be necessary or expedient, for removing the difficulty.

(2) No order under sub-section (1) shall be made after the expiration of a period of two years from the commencement of this Act.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1) of section 23-A of the Uttar Pradesh General Clauses Act, 1904 shall apply to the order made under sub-section (1) as they apply in respect of rules made by the State Government under any Uttar Pradesh Act.

22. Notwithstanding anything in this Act the Commission constituted by the Uttar Pradesh Government Order No. 22/16/92-Ka-2-93, dated March 9, 1993, shall be deemed to have been duly constituted under the provision of this Act and the term of three years of the Chairman and other Members of the said Commission shall be computed from the date on which they had assumed charge of their respective offices.

23. (1) The Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Second) Ordinance, 1995 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance referred to in sub-section (1), shall be deemed to have done or taken under this Act.

SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA,
President.

K. L. MOHANPURIA,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Reasons for the enactment

In pursuance of the Judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the Mandal Commission Case (Indira Sahani vs. Union of India), the State Government constituted a commission of Backward Classes by notification dated 9th March, 1993. It was decided to regulate the constitution of the said Commission by an enactment. It was further decided that besides examining the request for inclusion of any class of citizens as backward class and complaints of wrong inclusion of non-exclusion in the list of Backward Classes, the Commission may also perform other specified functions with a view to safeguard the interests and welfare of the Backward Classes.

2. Since the State Legislature was not in session and immediate legislative action in the matter was necessary, the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Ordinance, 94 (U. P. Ordinance No. 26 of 1994) was promulgated by the Governor on the 17th November, 1994. To replace the provisions of the aforesaid Ordinance the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council on the 6th February, 1995 but since the said Bill could not be passed the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Ordinance, 1995 (U. P. Ordinance No. 12 of 1995) was promulgated by the Governor the 30th March, 1995 to keep the provisions of the aforesaid Ordinance in force.
3. Since the aforesaid Bill could not be passed in the session of the State Legislature, commencing from the 14th July, 1995, and remained pending with the Legislative Assembly, the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Second) Ordinance, 1995 (U. P. Ordinance No. 31 of 1995) was promulgated by the Governor on the 25th August, 1995 to replace the provisions of the aforesaid U. P. Ordinance No. 12 of 1995.

4. The President issued a proclamation on the 18th October, 1995 under Article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Uttar Pradesh, declaring, inter alia, that the powers of Legislature of the State shall be exercised by or under the authority of Parliament. Parliament has, under Article 357 (1) (a) of the Constitution, now conferred on the President, the power of the Legislature of the State of Uttar Pradesh to make laws vide the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1995 (2 of 1996).

5. The said Ordinance could not be replaced by an Act and the Ordinance is expiring on the 7th January, 1996. It is, therefore, decided that the said Ordinance shall be replaced by a President’s Act.

6. Under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1995 (2 of 1996) the President shall, before enacting any President’s Act, consult a Committee constituted for the purpose consisting of the members of both the Houses of Parliament. As the said committee has yet not been constituted, and the matter is very urgent, it is proposed to enact the measure without reference to the said Committee.

K. B. SAXENA,
Secretary to the Government of India.

By order,
R. D. MATHUR,
Pramukh Sachiv.
IN pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of the Uttar Pradesh Pichhra Varg Rajya Ayog (Sanskodathan) Adhiniyam, 2001 (Uttar Pradesh Adhiniyam Sankhya 28 of 2001) as passed by the Uttar Pradesh Legislature and assented to by the Governor on October 5, 2001:

THE UTTAR PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001
(U.P. ACT NO. 28 OF 2001)
(As passed by the Uttar Pradesh Legislature)

AN

ACT

further to amend the Uttar Pradesh Commission for Backward Classes
Act, 1996.

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-second Year of the Republic of India as
follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Uttar Pradesh Commission for Backward

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on June 8, 2001.

2. In section 4 of the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes
Act, 1996, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, for sub-section (1) the following
sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:

“(1) The Chairman or every other Member shall hold office for a term of three
years from the date he assumes office:

Provided that no Chairman or other Member shall hold office as such after he
has attained the age of sixty-five years:

Provided further that the Chairman shall not be eligible for re-appointment as
Member.

(1-A) The provisions of sub-section (1) as amended by the Uttar Pradesh State
Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Act, 2001 shall apply also to the
Chairman and every other Member holding office immediately before the
commencement of the said Act.

(1-B) The Chairman or other Member, who has attained the age of sixty-five
years, on or before the commencement of the Act referred to in sub-section (1-A), shall
cease to hold office as such on such commencement.”

3. (1) The Uttar Pradesh Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment)
Ordinance, 2001 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, any thing done or any action taken under the
provisions of the principal Act, as amended by the Ordinance referred to in sub-
section (1) shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding
provisions of the principal Act as amended by this Act, as if this Act were in force at
all material times.

By order,

Y. R. TRIPATHI,

Pramukh Sachiv.
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996 (President’s Act no. 1 of 1996) has been enacted to constitute a commission for the State of Uttar Pradesh for Backward Classes other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The said Act though provided for the constitution of the Commission and the term of office of its Chairman and members but it did not provide their maximum age limit till when they could hold their respective offices. It was, therefore, decided to amend the said Act to fix the maximum age of the Chairman and the members of the said Commission as sixty-five years and to provide that the Chairman and other Members of the said commission. Who have already attained the age of sixty-five years shall cease to hold office as such.

Since the State Legislature was not in session and immediate legislative measure was necessary to implement the aforesaid decision, the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (U. P. Ordinance no. 11 of 2001) was promulgated by the Governor on June 8, 2001.

This Bill is introduced to replace the aforesaid Ordinance.
No. 983/VII-V-1-1(Ka) 22-2005

Lucknow: Dated August, 05, 2005

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of the Uttar Pradesh Pichhada Varg Rajya Ayog (Sanskodhan) Adhiniyam, 2005 (Uttar Pradesh Adhiniyam Sankhya 18 of 2005) as passed by the Uttar Pradesh Legislature and assented to by the Governor on August 4, 2005:

THE UTTAR PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2005

(U.P. Act no. 18 of 2005)

(As passed by the Uttar Pradesh Legislature)

AN

ACT

further to amend the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996.

IT IS HEREBY enacted in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Republic of India.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Act, 2005.

2. In section 4 of the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Act, 1996,-

(a) in sub-section (1) the first proviso shall be omitted and in the second proviso for the words "Provided further that" the words "Provided that" shall be substituted.

(b) sub-sections (1-A) and (1-B) shall be omitted.
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 4 of the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996 provides for the Constitution of the Commission and the term of office of the Chairman and the members thereof. In accordance with the existing provisions of the said section the Chairman or every member shall hold office for term of three years from the date he assumes office or till the attaining the age of sixty-five years. In order to take advantage of persons of social background having long experience it had been decided to amend the said Act to omit the provision relating to age limit for holding office of the Chairman or the member.

The Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Bill, 2005 is introduced accordingly.

By order,

D.V. SHARMA,

Pramukh Sachiv.
सरकारी गजट, उत्तर प्रदेश
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भाग—1, खण्ड (क)
(उत्तर प्रदेश अधिनियम)

लखनऊ, मंगलवार, 4 मार्च, 2014

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार
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संख्या 323/79-वि-1—14-1(के)-2014
लखनऊ, 4 मार्च, 2014

अधिसूचना

"भारत का सविधान" के अनुसार भारत के अभिलेख राज्य आयोग (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2014 जो उत्तर प्रदेश पिछड़ा वर्ग राज्य आयोग (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2014 पर दिनांक 4 मार्च, 2014 को अनुमति प्रदान की और वह उत्तर प्रदेश अधिनियम संख्या 4 सन 2014 के रूप में सबसे अधिक पर इस अधिनियम इस प्रकाशित किया जाता है।

उत्तर प्रदेश पिछड़ा वर्ग राज्य आयोग (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2014
(उत्तर प्रदेश अधिनियम संख्या 4 सन 2014)
[जेसा उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य स्वागत तत्त्व] पारित हुआ]

उत्तर प्रदेश पिछड़ा वर्ग राज्य आयोग अधिनियम, 1996 का अनुतर शंखनाथ करने के लिए

अधिनियम

"भारत गणराज्य के दर्शन के वर्ग में निर्मलिक अधिनियम वेतना जाता है—

1—(1) यह अधिनियम उत्तर प्रदेश पिछड़ा वर्ग राज्य आयोग (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2014 के अधिनि यज्ञ करने के लिए

(2) यह दिनांक 17 फरवरी, 2014 से प्रशत हुआ तमाशा जायजा।
In pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of the Uttar Pradesh Pichhada Varg Rajya Ayog (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 1996 (Uttar Pradesh Adhiniyam Sankhya 4 of 2014) as passed by the Uttar Pradesh Legislature and assented to by the Governor on March 04, 2014.

No. 323(2)/LXXIX-V-1-(4)-I(Ka)-7-2014

Dated Lucknow, March 4, 2014
THE UTTAR PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014
(UP. ACT NO. 4 OF 2014)
[As passed by the Uttar Pradesh Legislature]
AN ACT
further to amend the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes
Act, 1996.

IT IS HEREBY enacted in the Sixty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows.—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Act, 2014.

   (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on February 17, 2014.

2. In section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, in sub-section (3),—

   (a) for the words ‘seventeen other members’ the words ‘twenty-five other members’ shall be substituted;

   (b) the following proviso and Explanation shall be inserted, in the end, namely:—

   “Provided that at least one representative from minority community shall be nominated as member in the Commission.

   Explanation:—For the purposes of this Act the word ‘minority’ shall have the same meaning as defined in the Uttar Pradesh Commission for Minorities Act, 1994 (UP. Act no. 22 of 1994).”

3. (1) The Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 is hereby repealed.

   (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action is taken under the provisions of the principal Act as amended by the Ordinance referred to in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act as amended by this Act as if the provisions of this Act were in force at all material times.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996 (President’s Act no. 1 of 1996) has been enacted to constitute a Commission for Backward Classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State. Sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act provided that the Commission shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairman and seventeen other members nominated by the State Government from amongst persons of eminence, ability and integrity. Since the said number of other members was not sufficient to solve the problems of Other Backward Classes and there was no member of the Other Backward Classes of minority community in the said Commission to represent them, it was decided to amend the said sub-section to increase the number of other members from seventeen to twenty-five and to provide that at least one representative from minority community shall be nominated as member in the said Commission.

Since the State Legislature was not in session and immediate legislative action was necessary to implement the aforesaid decision, the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 (U.P. Ordinance no. 2 of 2014) was promulgated by the Governor on February 17, 2014.

This Bill is introduced to replace the aforesaid Ordinance.

By order,

S.B. SINGH,

Pramukh Sachiv.