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THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) (No.2) BILL, 2022 Report of the Subject Committee

The University Laws (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2022 (Bill No.149) was referred to Subject Committee VI -Education for Joint consideration with Subject Committee I–Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries and Subject Committee XII–Health and Family Welfare. The Joint meeting of Subject Committee I, VI and XII considered the Bill clause by clause and now submits this report with the Bill as reported by the Subject Committee annexed thereto.

- 2. The University Laws (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2022 was published as a Gazettee Extraordinary dated 2nd December, 2022. The Bill was introduced in the Assembly on 7th December, 2022 and was referred to Subject Committee VI on the same day for joint consideration with Subject Committee I and XII.
- 3. The Committee considered the bill clause by clause at the meeting held on 7th December, 2022. The Committee recommends to adopt the Bill with the following modifications:

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item(1D) the following item shall be substituted,— $\,$
- (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government."
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
- "(b) in section 27, for sub-section (11), the following sub-section shall be substituted namley:—
- (11) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item(1D) the following item shall be substituted,—
- "(1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government." $\label{eq:chancellor}$
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
 - "(b) in section 10, for sub-section(18), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- (18) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item(1D) the following item shall be substituted,—
- (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government."
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
- "(b) in section 10, for sub-section (18), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- (18) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties.".

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item (1D) the following item shall be substituted,—
- "(1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government."
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
- "(b) in section 10, for sub-seciton (24), the following sub-seciton shall be substituted, namely:—
- (24) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item(1D) the following item shall be substituted,—
- "(1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government."
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
- "(b) in section 24, for sub-section (6), the following sub-seciton shall be substituted, namely:—
- (6) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item (1D) the following item shall be substituted,— $\,$
- "(1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government."
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
- "(b) in section 12, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted,—
- (1) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties.".

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item(1D) the following item shall be substituted,—
- "(1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government."
 - (ii) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted,—
- "(b) in section 12, for sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely: —
- (10) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties.".

- (i) In sub-clause (a) for item (1D) the following item shall be substituted,— $\,$
- "(1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government." $\ensuremath{\text{Government}}$
- (ii) In sub-clause (b) for item (ii), the following item shall be substituted,— $\,$
- "(ii) after sub-section(6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- (6A) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties.".
 - 4. All other changes are either verbal or consequential.
- 5. The minutes of dissent and the Bill as reported by the Subject Committee are appended.

V. SIVANKUTTY,

Thiruvananthapuram,

7th December, 2022.

Chairman,

Subject Committee VI.

APPENDIX I

വിയോജനക്കുറിപ്പ്-1

2022-ലെ സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങൾ (ഭേദഗതി) (രണ്ടാം നമ്പർ) ഖണ്ഡം 3 പ്രകാരം ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യുന്ന 1974-ലെ കേരള സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്റ്റിലെ വകപ്പ് 7(1)(c)യിൽ, പൃതിയതായി നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ചാൻസലറ്റടെ കാര്യാലയം സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ ആസ്ഥാനത്തായിരിക്കും എന്നം സർവ്വകലാശാല പ്രസ്തത കാര്യാലയത്തിന്റെ സൂഗമമായ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന് ആവശ്യമായ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരെയ്യം ജീവനക്കാരെയും നൽകണമെന്നം വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

പ്രസ്തൃത വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ പ്രകാരം ചാൻസലറുടെ കാര്യാലയത്തിനും അവിടെ നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർക്കും വേണ്ടി സർവ്വകലാശാല ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും പണം വിനിയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതായി വരുന്നതാണ്.

യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിൽ സർക്കാർ നൽകുന്ന ഗ്രാന്റം ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്.

ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ബിൽ നിയമമാകമ്പോൾ യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും ഉണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ആവർത്തകവും അനാവർത്തകവുമായ ചെലവ് സംബന്ധിച്ച ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെന്റ് ധനകാര്യ മെമ്മോറാണ്ടത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടത് അനിവാര്യമാണ്.

എന്നാൽ അവ്യക്തമായ ധനകാര്യ മെമ്മോറാണ്ടമാണ് ബില്ലിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

സമാനമായ വ്യവസ്ഥകളാണ് മറ്റ സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങളിലും ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്.

ബില്ലിൽ ചാൻസലർക്ക് യോഗ്യത നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. സർവ്വകലാശാലകളുടെ ചാൻസലർ പദവിയിലേക്ക് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട മേഖലയിൽ നിന്നല്ലാത്ത ഏതൊരാളിനെയും നിയോഗിക്കാവുന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥകളാണ് ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

അവധാനതയില്ലാതെ തയ്യാറാക്കിയതിനാൽ നിയമപരമായി അവ്യക്തതകൾ ഉള്ള ബില്ലിനോട് വിയോജിപ്പ് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നം.

പ്രൊഫ. ആബിദ് ഹുസൈൻ തങ്ങൾ	(ഒപ്പ്)
ടി. വി. ഇബ്രാഹിം	(ഒപ്പ്)
ഷാഫി പറമ്പിൽ	(ഒപ്പ്)

വിയോജനക്കറിപ്പ് -2

2022-ലെ സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങൾ (ഭേദഗതി) 2-ാം നമ്പർ ബില്ലിന്റെ ഖണ്ഡം 2 പ്രകാരം ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യുന്ന 1971-ലെ കേരള കാർഷിക സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്റ്റിലെ വകപ്പ് 25 (1)(c)യിൽ പുതിയതായി നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ചാൻസലറുടെ കാര്യാലയം സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ ആസ്ഥാനത്തായിരിക്കും എന്നും സർവ്വകലാശാല പ്രസ്തുത കാര്യാലയത്തിന്റെ സുഗമമായ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന് ആവശ്യമായ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരെയും ജീവനക്കാരെയും നൽകണമെന്നും വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യിരിക്കുന്നു.

പ്രസ്തുത വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ പ്രകാരം ചാൻസലറുടെ കാര്യാലയത്തിലും അവിടെ നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർക്കും വേണ്ടി സർവ്വകലാശാല ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും പണം വിനിയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതായി വരുന്നതാണ്.

കാർഷിക സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമത്തിലെ വകപ്പ് 45(1)-ൽ യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിനെ കറിച്ച് ഇപ്രകാരം വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യുന്നു.

'The University fund to which shall be credited—

- i) its income from fees endowments and grants if any;
- ii) contributions of grants which may be made by the government to such fund on such conditions as they may impose;
 - c) other receipts'

മറ്റു സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങളിലെ സമാന വ്യവസ്ഥ പ്രകാരവും യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിൽ സർക്കാർ നൽകുന്ന ഗ്രാന്റം ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്.

ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ബിൽ നിയമമാകുമ്പോൾ യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും ഉണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ആവർത്തകവും അനാവർത്തകവുമായ ചെലവ് സംബന്ധിച്ച ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെന്റ് ധനകാര്യ മെമ്മോറാണ്ടത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടത് അനിവാര്യമാണ്. എന്നാൽ അവ്യക്തമായ ധനകാര്യ മെമ്മോറാണ്ടമാണ് ബില്ലിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങൾ രണ്ടാം ഭേദഗതി ബില്ലിന്റെ ഖണ്ഡം $2(\mathfrak{A})$ പ്രകാരം കാർഷിക സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്ലിൽ പകരം ചേർക്കുന്ന വകപ്പ് 25(1) അനസരിച്ച് സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ ചാൻസലറെ നിയമിക്കുന്നത് സർക്കാരാണ് അതായത് നിയമനാധികാരി മന്ത്രിസഭയാണ്.

കാർഷിക സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമത്തിലെ വകപ്പ് 26~(1) പ്രകാരം കൃഷി വകപ്പ് മന്ത്രിയാണ് പ്രസ്തത സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ പ്രോ-ചാൻസലർ. പ്രസ്തത നിയമത്തിന്റെ വകപ്പ് 26(2),~26(3) എന്നിവ താഴെപ്പറയും പ്രകാരം പരാമർശിക്കുന്നു.

- (2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the function of the Chancellor.
- (3) The Pro-Chancellor shall also exercise such other powers and perform such other functions of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may by order in writing delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.

അതായത് ചാൻസലറുടെ നിയമനാധികാരിയായ മന്ത്രി, ചാൻസലർ delegate ചെയ്ത നൽകുന്ന അധികാരങ്ങളും ചുമതലകളും നിർവ്വഹിക്കുവാൻ ബാധ്യസ്ഥനായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നു. വകുപ്പ് 26 (3) പ്രകാരമുള്ള power delegation-ന്റെ നിയമ സാധ്യതയിൽ അവ്യക്തതയുണ്ട്.

വെറ്ററിനറി സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമത്തിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകളിലും മേല്പറഞ്ഞതിന സമാനമായ അവ്യക്തതകളണ്ട്.

ബില്ലിൽ ചാൻസലർക്ക് യോഗ്യത നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. സർവകലാശാലകളുടെ ചാൻസലർ പദവിയിലേക്ക് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട മേഖലയിൽ നിന്നല്ലാത്ത ഏതൊരാളിനെയും നിയോഗിക്കാവുന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥകളാണ് ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

അവധാനതയില്ലാതെ തയ്യാറാക്കിയതിനാൽ നിയമപരമായി അവ്യക്തതകൾ ഉള്ള ബില്ലിനോട് വിയോജിപ്പ് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നം.

(ഒപ്

കറ്റക്കോളി മൊയ്ലീൻ (ഒപ്പ്)

അനുപ് ജേക്കബ്

വിയോജനക്കറിപ്പ്-3

2022-ലെ സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങൾ (ഭേദഗതി) (2-ാം നമ്പർ) ബില്ലിന്റെ ഖണ്ഡം 9 പ്രകാരം ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യുന്ന 2010-ലെ കേരള ആരോഗ്യ സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്ടിലെ വകപ്പ് 7 (1)(c)യിൽ, പുതിയതായി നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ചാൻസലറുടെ കാര്യാലയം സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ ആസ്ഥാനത്തായിരിക്കും എന്നും സർവ്വകലാശാല പ്രസ്തൃത കാര്യാലയത്തിന്റെ സുഗമമായ പ്രവർത്തനത്തിന് ആവശ്യമായ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരെയും ജീവനക്കാരെയും നൽകണമെന്നും വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

പ്രസ്തൃത വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ പ്രകാരം ചാൻസലറുടെ കാര്യാലയത്തിലും അവിടെ നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർക്കും വേണ്ടി സർവ്വകലാശാല ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും പണം വിനിയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതായി വരുന്നതാണ്. യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിൽ സർക്കാർ നൽകുന്ന ഗ്രാന്റം ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്.

ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ബിൽ നിയമമാകമ്പോൾ യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും ഉണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ആവർത്തകവും അനാവർത്തകവുമായ ചെലവ് സംബന്ധിച്ച ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെന്റ് ധനകാര്യമെമ്മോറാണ്ടത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടത് അനിവാര്യമാണ്. എന്നാൽ അവ്യക്തമായ ധനകാര്യമെമ്മോറാണ്ടമാണ് ബില്ലിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമങ്ങൾ രണ്ടാം ഭേദഗതി ബില്ലിന്റെ ഖണ്ഡം 9(4) പ്രകാരം ആരോഗ്യ സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്ലിൽ പകരം ചേർക്കുന്ന വകപ്പ് 7(1) അനസരിച്ച് സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ ചാൻസലറെ നിയമിക്കുന്നത് സർക്കാർ ആണ്. അതായത് നിയമനാധികാരി മന്ത്രിസഭയാണ്.

ആരോഗ്യ സർവ്വകലാശാല നിയമത്തിലെ വകപ്പ് 8(2) പ്രകാരം ആരോഗ്യ വകപ്പ് മന്ത്രിയാണ് പ്രസ്തത സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ പ്രോ-ചാൻസലർ. പ്രസ്തത നിയമത്തിന്റെ വകപ്പ് 8(2), 8(4) എന്നിവ താഴെപ്പറയും പ്രകാരം പരാമർശിക്കുന്നു.

- '8 (2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the function of the Chancellor including presiding over of the convocation of the University.
- 8 (4) The Pro-Chancellor shall also exercise such other powers and perform such other functions of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may by order in writing delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.'

അതായത് ചാൻസലറുടെ നിയമന അധികാരിയായ മന്ത്രി, ചാൻസലർ delegate ചെയ്ത നൽകുന്ന അധികാരങ്ങളും ചുമതലകളും നിർവ്വഹിക്കുവാൻ ബാധ്യസ്ഥനായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നു. വകുപ്പ് 8 (4) പ്രകാരമുള്ള power delegation-ന്റെ നിയമ സാധുതയിൽ അവ്യക്തതയുണ്ട്.

ബില്ലിൽ ചാൻസലർക്ക് യോഗ്യത നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. സർവ്വകലാശാലകളുടെ ചാൻസലർ പദവിയിലേക്ക് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട മേഖലയിൽ നിന്നല്ലാത്ത ഏതൊരാളിനെയും നിയോഗിക്കാവുന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥകളാണ് ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

അവധാനതയില്ലാതെ തയ്യാറാക്കിയതിനാൽ നിയമപരമായി അവ്യക്തതകൾ ഉള്ള ബില്ലിനോട് വിയോജിപ്പ് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തന്നു.

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APPENDIX II

THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) (No.2) BILL, 2022

(As Reported by Subject Committee)

[The words underlined/sidelined indicate the modifications suggested by the Committee]

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further to amend the Kerala Agricultural University Act, 1971, the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994, the Kannur University Act, 1996, the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act, 2010 and the Kerala University of Health Sciences Act, 2010.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Agricultural University Act, 1971 (33 of 1971), the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996), the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act, 2010 (3 of 2011) and the Kerala University of Health Sciences Act, 2010 (4 of 2011) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

- 1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) (No.2) Act, 2022.
 - (2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of Act 33 of 1971.— In the Kerala Agricultural University Act, 1971 (33 of 1971), —
- (a) in section 25, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—

- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.
 - (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- (1F) The Government may, by order, $\,$ remove the Chancellor from his office if he,
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

- (b) in section 27, for sub-section (11), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(11) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
- 3. Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.— In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974),—
- (a) in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.

- (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- (1F) The Government may, by order, $\,$ remove the Chancellor from his office if he,—
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

Provided further that he shall not be removed unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.";

(b) in section 10, for sub-section (18), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

- "(18) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
 - 4. Amendment of Act 5 of 1975.—In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975),—
- (a) in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.
 - (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- (1F) The Government may, by order, $\,$ remove the Chancellor from his office if he,—
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or

- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{(c)}}}$ becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court ; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

- (b) in section 10, for sub-section (18), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(18) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
- 5. Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.—In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),—
- (a) in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.

- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.
 - (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- (1F) The Government may, by order, $\,$ remove the Chancellor from his office if he,—
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

- (b) in section 10, for sub-section (24), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(24) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
- 6. Amendment of Act 5 of 1994.— In the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), —
- (a) in section 8, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.
 - (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.

- (1F) The Government may, by order, remove the Chancellor from his office if he,— $\,$
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

- (b) in section 24, for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(6) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
- 7. Amendment of Act 22 of 1996.—In the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996),—
- (a) in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—

- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.
 - (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- (1F) The Government may, by order, remove the Chancellor from his office if he,— $\,$
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

- (b) in section 12, for sub-section (l), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
- 8. Amendment of Act 3 of 2011.—In the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act, 2010 (3 of 2011),—
- (a) in section 9, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.

- (1D) The Chancellor may submit resignation in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- (1F) The Government may, by order, remove the Chancellor from his office if he.— $\,$
 - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- (1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

- (b) in section 12, for sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(10) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."
- 9. Amendment of Act 4 of 2011.—In the Kerala University of Health Sciences Act, 2010 (4 of 2011),—

- (a) in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(1) The Government shall appoint an academician of high repute or a person of eminence in any of the field of science including agriculture and veterinary science, technology, medicine, social science, humanities, literature, art, culture, law or public administration as the Chancellor of the University.
- (1A) The Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (1B) The person appointed as the Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (1C) The position of the Chancellor shall be an honorary position. The office of the Chancellor shall be at the headquarters of the University and the University shall provide such officers and employees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of his office.
 - (1D) The Chancellor may <u>submit resignation</u> in writing to the Government.
- (1E) The resignation of the Chancellor shall take effect from the date on which the Government accepts it and relieves him from the duties.
- - (a) is declared as an undischarged insolvent; or
- (b) becomes incapable of continuing as such, due to physical or mental disability; or
- (c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a competent court for an offence involving moral turpitude.

(1G) The Government shall have the power to remove the Chancellor from the office by an order in writing on charges of grave misconduct or any other good and sufficient reasons:

Provided that such charges shall be proved by an enquiry conducted by a person who has been a judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court appointed by the Government for the purpose:

Provided further that he shall not be removed unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.";

- (b) in section 10,—
 - (i) clause (iii) of sub-section (6) shall be omitted.;
- (ii) after sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(6A) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the date on which the Vice-Chancellor resumes his duties."

Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature, Thiruvananthapuram, 7th December. 2022.

A. M. BASHEER, *Secretary.*