



THE ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY ACT, 1974



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THE ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY ACT, 1974.

¹ACT NO. XXXIX OF 1974

[21st May, 1974]

An Act to provide for the establishment of an Allama Iqbal Open University at Islamabad.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of an Allama Iqbal Open University at Islamabad and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, and commencement. —(1) This Act may be called the ²[Allama Iqbal Open University Act, 1974.]

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) "Audience level regional centre" means an audience level regional centre maintained and administered by the University;
- (c) "Authority" means an Authority of the University specified in section 17;
- (d) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (e) "Committee of Courses" means the Committee of Courses in a Faculty;
- (f) "Dean" means the Dean of a Faculty;
- (g) "Department" means a department maintained and administered or recognised by the University;
- (h) "Executive Council" means the Executive Council of the University;
- (i) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;
- (j) "Government" means the Federal Government;

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1974, Ext., Pt. III, p. 427.

² Subs. by the People's Open University (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1977 (43A of 1977), s. 2, for "People's Open University Act, 1974".

- ¹[(j) "Institute" means an institute maintained and administered by the University]
- (k) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules;
- (l) "Pro-Chancellor" means the Pro-Chancellor of the University;
- (m) "Registered Graduate" means a graduate of the University who has his name entered in the register maintained in the University for the purpose;
- (n) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" means the Statutes, Regulations and Rules made under this Act;
- (o) "Teachers" includes Professors, Associate Professors, Senior Instructors, Assistant Professors, Instructors and Lecturers engaged whole-time by the University or such other persons as may be recognised as Teachers by the Academic Council;
- ²[(p) "University" means the Allama Iqbal Open University as renamed under this Act;]
- (q) "University Teacher" means a whole-time Teacher appointed and paid by the University, or recognized by the Academic Council as such; and
- (r) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

CHAPTER II

THE UNIVERSITY

3. Establishment and incorporation of the University.—(1) There shall be established a University to be called the People's Open University as a specialised educational institution with its principal seat at Islamabad for purposes of teaching, holding of examinations and tests, establishment of audience level regional centres for guidance and examinations at the post-matric, graduate, post-graduate and research levels in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

¹ *Ins. by the Allama Iqbal Open University (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1981 (8 of 1981), S. 2.*

² *Subs. by the People's Open University (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1977 (43A of 1977), s. 3 for cl. (p).*

¹[(1A) The People's Open University established in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall, on and the commencement of the People's Open University (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977, be renamed as the Allama Iqbal Open University.]

(2) The University shall consist of—

- (i) the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deans, the Chairman of Teaching Departments, the ²[Directors of the Institutes, the Director of the Regional Tutorial Services], the Registrar, the Treasurer, the Auditor, the Controller of Examinations, the Librarian, and such other officers as may be prescribed;
- (ii) members of the Executive Council, the Academic Council and other Authorities;
- (iii) all University Teachers; and
- (iv) Professors Emeritus.

(3) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of the ³[Allama Iqbal Open University] and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(4) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

4. Powers and functions of the University. The University shall have the powers—

- (a) to provide educational facilities to people who cannot leave their homes and jobs in such manner as it may determine;
- (b) to provide such facilities to masses for their educational uplift as it may determine;
- (c) to provide facilities for the training of teachers in such manner as it may determine;
- (d) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning technology or vocations as it may deem fit, and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (e) to prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it;

¹ Sub-section (1A) ins by the People's Open University (Amdt.) Ordinance.1977 (43A of 1977) s. 4.

² Subs. by the Allama Iqbal Open University (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1981(8 of 1981), s. 3.

³ Subs. by Ord. 43A of 1977 s. 2, for "People's Open University".