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THE INDIAN VETERINARY COUNCIL ACT, 1984

ACT NO. 52 OF 1984

[18th August, 1984.]

An Act to regulate veterinary practice and to provide, for that purpose, for the establishment of a Veterinary Council of India and State Veterinary Councils and the maintenance of registers of the veterinary practitioners and for matters connected therewith.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the regulation of veterinary practice and to provide, for that purpose, for the establishment of a Veterinary Council of India and State Veterinary Councils and the maintenance of registers of persons qualified to engage in veterinary practice for the whole of India and for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

AND WHEREAS Parliament has no power to make laws for the States with respect to any of the matters aforesaid except as provided in articles 249 and 250 of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution, resolutions have been passed by all the Houses of the Legislatures of the States of Haryana, Bihar, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan to the effect that the matters aforesaid should be regulated in those States by Parliament by law;

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984.

(2) It extends, in the first instance, to the whole of the States of Haryana, Bihar, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan and to all Union territories¹; and it shall also extend to such other States as may adopt this Act by resolution passed in that behalf in pursuance of clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution.

(3) It shall come into force in a State or Union territory to which it extends, or may become extended in future, on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act or for different States or Union territories.

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

(a) “Council” means the Veterinary Council of India established under section 3;

(b) “member” means a member of the Council;

(c) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(d) “President” means the President of the Council;

(e) “recognised veterinary qualification” means any of the veterinary qualifications included in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule;

(f) “register” means a register maintained under this Act;

(g) “registered veterinary practitioner” means a person whose name is for the time being duly registered in a register;

(h) “regulation” means a regulation made under this Act;

1. Extended to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh by Act 34 of 2019, s. 95 and the Fifth Schedule (w.e.f. 31-10-2019).

(i) “State Veterinary Council” means a Veterinary Council established under section 32 and includes a Joint State Veterinary Council established in accordance with an agreement under section 33;

(j) “veterinary institution” means any University or other institution within or without India which grants degrees, diplomas or licences in veterinary science and animal husbandry;

(k) “veterinary medicine” means modern scientific veterinary medicine in all its branches and includes veterinary surgery and obstetrics;

(l) “Vice-President” means the Vice-President of the Council.

CHAPTER II

INDIAN VETERINARY COUNCIL

3. Establishment and composition of the Council.—(1) With effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf, there shall be established a Council to be called the Veterinary Council of India.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to contract and shall by the said name sue or be sued.

(3) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) five members to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst Directors of Animal Husbandry (by whatever name called) of those States to which this Act extends;

(b) four members to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst the heads of veterinary institutions in the States to which this Act extends;

(c) one member to be nominated by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(d) the Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India, *ex officio*;

(e) one member to be nominated by the Central Government to represent the Ministry of the Central Government dealing with animal husbandry;

(f) one member to be nominated by the Indian Veterinary Association;

(g) eleven members to be elected from amongst themselves by persons enrolled in the Indian veterinary practitioners register;

(h) one member to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst the Presidents of the State Veterinary Councils of those States to which this Act extends;

(i) one member to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst the Presidents of the State Veterinary Associations of those States to which this Act extends;

(j) Secretary, Veterinary Council of India, *ex officio*.

(4) The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the members from amongst themselves in such manner as may be provided by regulations.

(5) Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall discharge the functions of the President.

(6) The names of persons nominated or elected as members shall be notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette.

(7) A person shall not be qualified for nomination or election to the Council unless he holds a recognised veterinary qualification.

4. Mode of election of members.—(1) An election under clause (g) of sub-section (3) of section 3 shall be conducted by the Central Government in accordance with such rules as may be made by it in this behalf and any rule so made may provide that pending the preparation of the Indian veterinary