



# महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

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असाधारण क्रमांक ६८

प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधि व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Public Universities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022 (L. A. Bill No. XXI of 2022), introduced in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on the 17th August 2022, is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SATISH WAGHOLE,

I/c. Secretary (Legislation) to Government,  
Law and Judiciary Department.

### L. A. BILL No. XXI OF 2022.

#### A BILL

*further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.*

WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session ;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; and, therefore, promulgated the Maharashtra Public Universities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 on the 3rd August 2022 ;

Mah. VI  
of 2017.

Mah.  
Ord. VI  
of 2022.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance, by an Act of the State Legislature ; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Public Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2022.

Short title and  
commencement.

(१)

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd August 2022.

Amendment of  
section 109 of  
Mah. VI of  
2017.

**2.** In section 109 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as “ the principal Act ”),—

Mah. VI  
of 2017.

(i) in sub-section (3), in clause (g), in the second proviso, in the Table, for clauses (d), (f) and (g), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely :—

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| “(d) on or before 31st January of the immediately following year after the recommendations of the university. | on or before 17th August 2022.            |
| (f) on or before 1st day of May in which compliance report has been received.                                 | on or before 24th August 2022.            |
| (g) on or before 15th June of the year in which such new colleges or institutions are proposed to be started. | on or before 1st day of September 2022.”; |

(ii) in sub-section (4), in the second proviso, in the Table, for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

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| “(d) on or before 15th June of the year in which permission is granted by the State Government. | on or before 17th August 2022.”. |
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Repeal of Mah.  
Ord. VI of 2022  
and saving.

**3.** (1) The Maharashtra Public Universities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022, is hereby repealed.

Mah.  
Ord. VI  
of 2022.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken (including any notification or order issued) under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done, taken or, as the case may be, issued under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 109 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah.VI of 2017), provides for the procedure for permission for opening new college or new course, subject, faculty, division or satellite center.

Sub-section (3) of the said section 109 provides for time limits for making application for grant of Letter of Intent for opening new college or institution of higher learning, grant of Letter of Intent by the Government, forwarding of compliance report by the University after scrutiny to the State Government and grant of final approval to open new college or institution.

Sub-section (4) of the said section 109 provides for the time limit for granting permission by the State Government to start a new course, subject, faculty, division or satellite center.

2. Some institutions in Aurangabad region have filed Writ Petitions in the Bombay High Court, Bench at Aurangabad objecting to some of the locations in the annual plan 2022-23 of the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. The High Court has granted stay to the advertisement dated the 25th April 2022 issued by the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad regarding perspective plan for opening new colleges and also stayed issuance of Letter of Intent by the Government in such cases until further hearing.

In view of the said stay order, the Government has not granted Letter of Intent to the institutions for opening new colleges under the said University.

Moreover certain institutions, who claimed that their proposals meet the requirements, have made representations to the Government for considering their proposals. However, the Government could not consider such proposals due to expiry of time limits specified in the said section 109 therefor.

3. It was therefore, considered expedient to amend the said section 109, suitably, so as to extent the time limit for granting Letter of Intent and subsequent approvals for opening new colleges and new courses in the academic year 2022-2023.

4. As both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, for the purposes aforesaid, the Maharashtra Public Universities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 (Mah. Ord. VI of 2022), was promulgated by the Governor of Maharashtra on the 3rd August 2022.

5. The Bill is intended to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature.

Mumbai,

Dated the 12th August 2022.

EKNATH SAMBHAJI SHINDE,

Chief Minister.