

Amended Section 10 of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University Act, 1989

In section 10 of the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University Act, 1989 (hereinafter, in this Chapter referred to as "the Open University Act"), for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

- (1) The Vice Chancellor. shall be appointed by the Chancellor in the manner stated hereunder:-
 - (a) There shall be a search-cum-selection committee consisting of the following members to recommend suitable names to the Chancellor for appointment of Vice-Chancellor, namely:-
 - (i) **a member nominated by the Chancellor, who shall be a person of eminence in the sphere of higher education and shall be either an eminent scholar of national repute or a recipient of *Padma* Award in the field of education;**
 - (ii) **the Principal Secretary of Higher and Technical Education Department or any officer not below the rank of Principal Secretary to Government, nominated by the State Government;**
 - (iii) **the Director or Head of an institute or organisation of national repute, such as, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management, Indian Institute of Science, Indian Space Research Organisation or National Research Laboratory, nominated by the Board of Management and the Academic Council, jointly, in the manner specified by the State Government by an order published in the *Official Gazette*;**
 - (iv) **a member to be nominated by the Chairman, University Grants Commission.**
 - (b) The member nominated by the Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Committee;
 - (c) The members nominated on the committee shall be persons who are not connected in any manner with the University or any college or any recognized institution of the University;
 - (d) No meeting of the Committee shall be held unless all the members of the Committee are present.
- (1A) The process of preparing a panel shall begin at least three months before the probable date of occurrence of the vacancy of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be completed within the time limit fixed by the Chancellor. The Chancellor however, may, extend such time limit if in the exigency of the circumstances it is necessary so to do, so however that the period so extended shall not exceed three months in the aggregate.
- (1B) The term of the Vice Chancellor, his emoluments and other conditions of service, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- (1C) The Committee shall recommend a panel of not less than five suitable persons for the consideration of the Chancellor for being appointed as the Vice-Chancellor. The names so recommended shall be in alphabetical order without any preference being indicated.

The report shall be accompanied by a detailed write up on suitability of each person included in the panel.

- (1D) A person for being recommended by the Committee for appointment as a Vice-Chancellor shall -
- (a) be a person possessing highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment;
 - (a-1) be a distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as a Professor in any university or ten years of experience in a reputed research or academic administrative organisation with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership;
 - (b) be able to provide leadership by his own example;
 - (c) be able to provide vision and have ability to translate the same into reality in the interest of students and society; and
 - (d) possess such additional educational qualifications and experience as may be specified by the Government, by an Order published in the Official Gazette, in consultation with the Chancellor.
- (1E) The eligibility conditions and the process for recommendation of names for appointment as Vice-Chancellor shall be given wide publicity to ensure the recommendation of most suitable candidates.
- (1F) If the Chancellor does not approve of any of the persons recommended under subsection (1C), he may constitute the Committee if he deems fit and call for fresh recommendations:
- (1G) If a person selected by the Chancellor does not take over the charge of the post of Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor may select another suitable person from the remaining persons from the panel or he may call for a fresh panel either from the same committee or after constitution of a new committee for the purpose, from such new committee.

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