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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

The 3rd February, 1984.

No. LA/Bill 1/84.— The following Bill introduced in the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly on 3rd February, 1984 is published with the Statement of Objects and Reasons under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly for general information.

Bill No. 1 of 1984.

THE ARUNACHAL UNIVERSITY BILL, 1984

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to establish and incorporate a teaching and affiliating University for the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh.

Whereas it is expedient to establish and incorporate a teaching and affiliating University for the benefit of the people of the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh and to develop the intellectual, academic and cultural advancement of the said people and to ensure development of the natural resources of the said area, it is hereby enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

Short title, extent 1. (1) This Act may be called the Arunachal University Act, 1984. and commencement.

- (2) Netwithstanding anything contained in any other Act, this Act shall extend to the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (3) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Administrator of Arunachal Pradesh may, by notification in the Official Guzette, appoint.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, and in the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made under this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (f) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (2) "Academic Staff" means such categories of staff as arc designated as academic staff of the University;
- (3) "Approved Institution" means an Institution providing facilities for a Certificate or Diploma Course or both;
- (4) "Autonomous College or Campus or Institution" means a College or Campus or Institution on which the status of autonomy has been conferred by the University;

Right of Appeal.

32. Every employee or student of the University or of a College or Institution shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, have a right to appeal within such time as may be prescribed by the Statutes, to the Executive Council against the decision of any officer or authority of the University or of the Principal or the management of any College or Institution, as the case may be and there upon the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the decision appealed against.

Provident and Pension fund.

- 33. (1) The University shall constitute for the benefit of the employees such pension or provident funds or provide such insurance scheme as it may deem fit in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
 - (2) Where such provident or pension fund has been so constituted, the Central Government may declare that the provision of the Provident Fund Act, 1925 shall apply to such funds, as if it were a Government Provident Fund.

Disputes as to the constitution of the University authorities and bodies. 34. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected or appointed as, or is entitled to be a member of any authority or other body of the University the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

Constitution of Committees.

35. Where any authority of the University is given power by this Act or the Statutes to appoint Committees, sue Committees shall; save as otherwise provided consist of the members of the authority concerned and of such other persons (if any) as the authority in each case may think fit.

Filling of casual vacancies.

36. All casual vacancies among the members (other than ex-officio members) of any authority or other body of the University shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by the person or body who appoints, elects or co-opts the member whose place has become vacant and person appointed, elected or co-opted to a casual vacancy shall be a member of such authority or body for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he fills would have been a member.

Proceedings of University authorities or bodies not invalidated by vacancies. 37. No act or proceedings of any authority or other body of the University shall be invalidated merely by reason of existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members.

protection of action taken in good faith.

38. No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against any officer or employee of the University for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of any of the provision of this Act, the Statutes or Ordinances.

Mode of proof of University record. 39. A copy of any receipt, application, notice, order, proceedings, resolution of any authority or Committee of the University, or other documents in possession of the University, or any entry in any register duly maintained by the University, if certified by the Registrar, shall be received as prima facie evidence of such receipt, application notice, order, proceedings or resolution, documents or the existence of entry in the register and shall be admitted as evidence of the matters and transaction therein were the original thereof would, if produced, have been

- (iii) Since the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh has immense potential for economic development, this University should provide for such courses of studies so as to help in producing required skilled manpower for adequate economic exploration and provision of job opportunities and entrepreneurship in the Territtory.
- (iv) Since this Territory has been neglected educationally for decades, it becomes the moral responsibility of the Government to provide adequate facilities for the people of the Territory to fill up the gap speedily so that the people of the area could join the main-stream of the country at equal level with other citizens as best as possible.

Together with above recommendations of the committee of the Government of India for Development of Higher Education, the people of Arunachal Pradesh have also been pressing for a long time for the establishment of a University for the Union Territory and actually on a number of occasions the members of the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh have broached on the subject on the floor of the House and consequently looking to the dire needs for such an Instifucion, the Government seeks to establish a University in Arunachal Pradesh in pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee on Development of Higher Education appointed by the Government of India.

Hence the Bill

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