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## **The Distance Education Council of India Bill, 2014**

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BILL

(No. ----- of 2014)

To provide for the establishment of The Distance Education Council of India for the promotion and coordination of the Distance Education System in the field of higher education and for the determination and regulation of standards thereof and for matters connected therewith the incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Parliament in the Sixty Sixth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Bill No. ----- of 2014

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **Preliminary**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Distance Education Council of India Act, 2014.  
(2) It extends to the whole of India..  
(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

Short Title and Commencement

Definitions

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- (a) "Approved" means a programme recognised by the Council;
- (b) "All India Council for Technical Education" means the Council established under section 3 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987;
- (c) "appointed day" means the date of constitution of the Distance Education Council of India under sub-section (1) of section 3;
- (d) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Council;
- (e) "Council" means the Distance Education Council of India established under sub-section (1) of section 3;
- (f) "course" means a set of topics in a subject:
- (g) "distance education system" means a system of education other than the conventional system and includes open and any form of education and training wherein teachers and learners need not be present at the same time or place and where the method of imparting education and training is through any means of communication, such as broadcasting, telecasting, electronic transmission of text and audio visual materials, including through email, intranet or internet, courses delivered through correspondence course institutes, seminars, contact programme or a combination of such means;
- (h) "higher education" means such education, imparted by means of conducting regular classes or through distance education systems, beyond twelve years of schooling leading to the award of a degree, post graduate diploma or certificate; and includes research associated with such education including technical education;
- (i) "higher education institutions" means an institution of learning including a university or open university, an institution deemed to be university, a college, a technical institution, an institution of national importance declared as such by an Act of Parliament, or a constituent unit of such

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- institution, a polytechnic or other institution in vocational education, which is imparting higher education;
- (j) "foreign University" means a university established or incorporated under the law of any country other than India;
  - (k) "Fund" means the fund of the Council constituted under section 21;
  - (l) "Indira Gandhi National Open University" means the Indira Gandhi National Open University established under section 3 of the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985;
  - (m) "Institution deemed to be University" means an institution declared as such, by notification, by the Central Government, under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;
  - (n) "Member" means a Member of the Council;
  - (o) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;
  - (p) "Open University" means a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act for distance education;
  - (q) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under section 31;
  - (r) "programme" means a set of courses including activities, if any, on successful completion of which, an academic award ,like a degree, diploma or certificate may be awarded;
  - (s) "Recognized Institution" means an institution recognized by the Council under section 15;
  - (t) "Regulations" means regulations made by the Council under this Act;
  - (u) "University Grants Commission" means the Commission established under Section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act 1956;
  - (v) "University" means a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act, and includes any such institution as may, in consultation with the

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University concerned, be recognized by the University Grants Commission in accordance with the regulations made in this behalf under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;

- (w) "Technical Education" means such education as defined in section 2(g) of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987;
- (x) "Technical institution" means such institution as defined in section 2(h) of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987;
- (y) "Vice Chairperson" means the Vice Chairperson of the Council

**CHAPTER II**

**Distance Education Council of India**

3. (1) With effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint, there shall be constituted a Council to be called the Distance Education Council of India (DECI).

Constitution and  
incorporation of the  
Council

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

(3) The head office of the Council shall be at Delhi and the Council may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, establish Offices at other places in India or abroad.

(4) The Council shall consist of the following Members, namely;

- (a) A Chairperson;
- (b) A vice-Chairperson;

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- (c) The secretary to the Government of India dealing with Higher Education or his nominee, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, ex officio;
- (d) The Secretary to the Government of India dealing with Expenditure or his nominee, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, ex officio;
- (e) The Secretary to the Government of India dealing with Space or his nominee, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, ex officio;
- (f) The Secretary to the Government of India dealing with Information Technology or his nominee, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, ex officio;
- (g) The Secretary to the Government of India dealing with Heavy Industries or his nominee, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, ex officio;
- (h) Chairman, University grants Commission, ex officio;
- (i) Chairman, all India Council for Technical Education, ex officio;
- (j) Vice-Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi national Open University, ex officio;
- (k) Three members to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst the following:
  - (i) The Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural research or his nominee.
  - (ii) The Chairperson of the national Council for Teacher Education or his nominee.
  - (iii) The President of the Medical Council of India or his nominee.
  - (iv) The President of the Dental Council of India or his nominee.
  - (v) The President of the Indian Nursing Council or his nominee.

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(vi) The President of the Bar Council of India or his nominee.

(vii) The President of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or his nominee.

(l) Two Vice-Chancellors of the State Open Universities;

(m) One expert each from the following categories having knowledge of and experience in the field of:-

(i) Agriculture sciences, health sciences or Natural Sciences;

(ii) Engineering or Technology;

(iii) Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce or Education;

(iv) Management or Law;

(v) Online education or e-learning;

(vi) Media, Communication or Satellite technology; and

(vii) Educational administration, planning, management or finance;

(viii) Industry.

4. (1) The Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson shall be appointed by the Central Government from amongst educationists of eminence having such qualifications and in the manner as may be prescribed.

Appointments of  
Chairperson, Vice-  
Chairperson and  
Members

(2) All the Members other than ex-officio shall be appointed by the Central Government in the manner as may be prescribed.

5. (1) The Council may associate with itself, in such manner and for such purposes as may be laid down by regulations, any person whose assistance or advice it may consider necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Temporary association of  
persons with Council for  
particular purposes

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(2) A person associated with the Council under sub-section (1) shall have a right to take part in the discussions relevant to that purpose, but shall not have the right to vote at the meetings of the Council.

6. (1) The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall hold office for a term of three years from the day of assuming the charge or until he attains the age of seventy, whichever is earlier.

Provided that a person who has held office as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall be eligible for further appointment.

Provided further that a person, who has held office for two terms, in any capacity, whether as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall not be eligible for any further appointment in any position in DECI.

(2) The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall exercise such of the powers, and discharge such of the duties, as may be prescribed.

(3) The other terms and conditions of the service of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be such as may be prescribed.

7. (1) The term of office of the members nominated under clauses (k), (l) and (m) of sub-section (4) of section 3 shall be three years from the date of their nomination:

Provided that a member nominated by virtue of holding of any other office shall cease to be a member of the Council as soon as he vacates the office by virtue of which he is nominated.

(2) An outgoing member shall be eligible for further nomination as member or appointment as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

(3) The other terms and conditions of service of nominated members shall be such as may be prescribed.

8. (1) The Central Government may, by notification, remove from

Terms and conditions of service of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Term of office and conditions of service of nominated members

Removal from office

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office the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson or any member of the Council, other than ex officio members, who-

- (a) Is found to be of unsound mind; or
- (b) has been adjudged as an insolvent; or
- (c) has been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude  
or
- (d) in the opinion of the Central Government, has failed or is  
unable to carry out his duties;
- (e) In the opinion of the Central Government, indulges in  
conduct unbecoming of such office.

Provided that no one shall be removed under this section unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

9. The Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson or any member, other than an ex officio member, may resign from his office by giving notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Secretary, Higher Education, Government of India and on such resignation being accepted by the Central Government, shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

Resignation from office

10 (1) When the seat of a nominated member becomes vacant by his removal, resignation, death or otherwise, a new member shall be nominated in his place and such member shall hold office so long as the member whose place he fills would have been entitled to hold office if such vacancy had not occurred.

Filling up of a casual vacancy

(2) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairperson, whether by reason of his death, resignation or inability to discharge his functions owing to illness or other incapacity, the Vice-Chairperson holding office as such for the time being shall act as the Chairperson.

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Provided that where no Vice-Chairperson is holding office at the time when the Vacancy in the office of the Chairperson occurs, the Central Government shall appoint any other Member to act as the Chairperson and the person so appointed shall not hold the office of the Chairperson for a period exceeding six months.

(3) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chairperson, whether by reason of his death, resignation or inability to discharge his functions owing to illness or other incapacity, such vacancy shall be filled up by the Central Government by making a fresh appointment.

11. The Council shall meet at such time and place and shall observe such rules of procedure in regard to transaction of business at its meetings as may be laid down by regulations.

Meeting of Council

12. No act or proceedings of the Council shall be invalid by reason merely of any vacancy or any defect in the constitution of the Council.

Vacancies not to  
invalidate proceedings

13. (1) Subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, the Central Government shall appoint a Member Secretary.

Officers and employees  
of Council

(2) Subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, the Council may appoint such officers and employees in a manner as may be laid down by regulations, for the efficient performance of its functions under this Act.

(3) The Council may appoint , either on contract or otherwise, Visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Consultants, Fellows, Scholars and such other persons who may contribute to the advancement of the objects of the Council.

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14. The Chairperson shall authenticate all orders and decisions of the Council under his signature and the Secretary shall authenticate all orders and other instruments issued by the Council.

Authentication of orders and other instruments of Council.

### CHAPTER III

#### Powers and functions of the Council

15. Subject to the provisions of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or The All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987, Pharmacy Council of India, National Council for Teacher Education, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Indian Nursing Council, Council of Architecture, Medical Council of India, Rehabilitation Council of India, Dental Council of India, Central Homeopathic Council and others,. providing for the coordination, determination and regulation of standards in various field of higher education, it shall be the duty of the Council to take necessary steps for the promotion, coordination and determination of standards of the distance education system relating to higher education and for that purpose, the Council may-

Powers and functions of Council

- i) lay down norms, guidelines and standards for offering various programmes of higher education through distance education system and prescribe physical and infrastructural facilities, staffing pattern and staff qualifications required for such programmes and enforce the same;
- ii) grant recognition to programmes of higher education offered through distance education system within the country and/or outside;
- iii) act as a nodal authority for providing communication network, tools, technologies, radiobroadcast, telecast

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- internet, satellite communication and the interactive technology relevant for distance education;
- iv) establish collaborative network of higher education institutions for joint development and/or sharing of educational resources;
  - v) establish and maintain centres or higher education institutions of distance education for providing common facilities and services, and for promotion of research, innovation and training for study learning material course writers moderators and technical personnel working in ODL system;
  - vi) lay down norms, guidelines and standards for regulating and monitoring online programmes;
  - vii) regulate the collaboration between foreign education providers and Indian higher education institutions and take steps to prevent commercialization of distance education system;
  - viii) assess the financial needs, allocate and disburse grants out of the Fund of the Council to a recognized higher education institution offering programmes through distance mode for such purposes as may be prescribed by regulations;
  - ix) develop guidelines for charging fees by higher education institutions imparting distance education so that fee is commensurate and not exorbitant to recover the cost of development of the programme;
  - x) advise the Central and State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Universities and Open Universities, on the following matters on demand:-
    - a) establishment of new Open Universities and institutions of distance education;
    - b) release of grants to higher education institutions of distance education for any general or specific purpose;
    - c) selection of Vice-Chancellor for an Open University;

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- d) introduction of a programme through distance education in a University or an institution not having such system of education; and
  - e) any other matter relating to distance education.
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- xi) Undertake surveys and studies on matters related to distance education;
  - xii) Prescribe norms and standards for appraisal of higher education institutions imparting distance education;
  - xiii) coordinate with the University Grants Commission and other regulatory and promotional bodies in the field of higher education, for the fulfillment of the objective of this Act;
  - xiv) undertake inspection of higher education institutions imparting distance education in the manner as may be laid down by regulations and issue necessary directives for removal of deficiencies, if any; and
  - xv) take such measures as are necessary to maintain prescribed norms and standards in the higher education institution offering distance education programs including derecognition;
  - xvi) to lay down criteria for equivalence of degree diploma and certificate awarded through distance education system vis a vis conventional system.
  - xvii) take all necessary steps to prevent commercialization of open and distance education;
  - xviii) perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

16. Subject to such regulations as may be framed, the Council may constitute such Committees as it may deem fit for assisting it in discharge of its functions and for the purpose of meeting its objectives under this Act.

Constitution of  
Committee

17. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or any other Act relating to regulation of

Recognition

higher education, no higher education institution shall offer distance education programmes after the appointed day without obtaining prior recognition of the Council.

Provided that a higher education institution offering distance education programmes before the appointed day shall apply for recognition of such programmes by the Council, within six months from the appointed day.

(2) Every higher education institution seeking recognition of its programmes from the Council shall apply to the Council in the manner prescribed by regulations.

(3) The Council shall process the application and take a decision in a transparent and time bound manner regarding grant of recognition or otherwise.

(4) The form and manner for making application for recognition and Procedure for processing such application for grant of recognition shall be such as may be prescribed by regulations.

(5) The Council shall grant programme wise recognition to a higher education institution after following prescribed norms, standards and procedure.

18. Where the Council, on its own motion or on any representation received from any person, is satisfied that a higher education institution having recognition to offer distance education programme has contravened any of the provision of this Act or the rules, regulations or orders made or issued there under, or any condition of recognition of programmes, it may withdraw the recognition granted to such institutions in accordance with the procedure as may be prescribed by regulation.

Withdrawal of recognition

Provided that before withdrawal of recognition the higher education institution shall be provided a reasonable opportunity of being heard on the proposed withdrawal.

## CHAPTER IV

### Penalties

19.(1) In case any complaint is filed before the council by any person or if the Council is satisfied that any higher education institution has contravened any of the provisions of the Act or the rules or regulations made there under, or any direction issued by the Council, it may, by order in writing, direct that, without prejudice to any other law, pay, by way of penalty, an amount not less than ten lakh rupees but which may be extended to fifty lakh rupees.

Penalties

(2) Any institutions which offers or gives admission to students through misleading or wrongful information in the prospectus or advertisements in the print, electronic or any other media or fails to publish disclosures as required by the council, shall be liable to:

- (a) Refund the fee so levied or collected;
- (b) Confiscation of any illegal gains made; and
- (c) A penalty which shall not be less than fifty lakh rupees but which may be extended to two hundred and fifty lakh rupees.

(3) The procedure for imposing penalty referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) and the manner in which the council may impose the penalty shall be such as may be prescribed by rules.

(4) The Council may impose penalty under sub-section (1) or sub-

section (2) only after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to the intuitions concerned.

(5) Any amount payable under this section, if not paid, may be recovered as if it were an arrear of land revenue.

(6) Notwithstanding the provision of this and the previous Sections of the Act it will be open to the Council to initiate criminal proceedings against any person acting in breach of the provision of the Act or the rules made there under before the competent criminal court which may award punishment upto 3 years imprisonment in addition to the penalty already imposed by the Council under this Section of the Act.

20. (1) An appeal against the decision of the Council under sections 17 and 18 may be filed before the Central Government within a period of thirty days from the passing of the order by the Council in such manner as may be prescribed by rules:

Appeal

Provided that the Central Government may entertain the appeal even after the expiry of the said period of thirty days, if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal within the said period.

## CHAPTER V

### Finance, Account and Audit

21. The Central Government may pay to the Council in each financial year such sums as may be considered necessary for performance of the functions of the Council under this Act.

Payment to Council

22. (1) The Council shall have its own Fund and all sums which may,

Fund of the Council



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from time to time, be paid to it by the Central Government and all the receipt of the Council, (including any sum realized through penalty or received from any State Government or any other authority or person) shall be credited to the Fund and all payments by the Council shall be made there from.

(2) All money belonging to the Fund shall be deposited in such banks or invested in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The Council may spend such sums as it thinks fit for performing its functions under this Act, and such sums shall be treated as expenditure payable out of the Fund of the Council.

23. The council shall prepare once in every year, in such form and at such time as may be prescribed, a budget in respect of the financial year next ensuing, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Central Government.

Budget of the Council

24. The Council shall prepare once in every year, in such form and at such time as may be prescribed, an annual report giving a true and full account of its activities during the previous year, and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of the Parliament.

Annual Report of the Council

25. (1) The Council shall maintain such books of account and other books in relation to its accounts in such form and in such manners the Central Government may prescribed in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

Annual Account of the Council

(2) The Council, as soon as, may be after closing its annual accounts, shall prepare a statement of accounts in such form, and forward the same to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India

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by such date, as the Central Government may prescribed in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

(3) The accounts of the Council shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India at such times and in such manner as he thinks fit.

(4) The accounts of the Council as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any other person appointed by him on his before together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of the Parliament.

**CHAPTER VI**  
**Miscellaneous**

26. The Council may by general or special order in writing, delegate to the Chairpersonship or to any other member or to any officer of the Council, subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may be specified in the order, such of its powers and functions under this Act (except the power to make regulations under section 32), as it may deem necessary.

Delegation of Powers and functions

27. No prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Central Government, the Council or any committee appointed by it, or any member of the council of its committees, or any officer or employee of the Central Government or the Council or any other person authorized by the Central Government or the Council, for anything done or intended to be done in good faith in pursuance of the objectives of this Act and in discharge of functions of the Council.

Protection of action taken in good faith

28. The Council shall furnish to the Central Government such

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returns or other information with respect to its property or activities as the Central Government may, from time to time, require.

29. (1) The Council shall, in the discharge of its functions under this Act, be bound by such directions on questions of policy as the Central Government may give in writing to it from time to time.

Power of the Central Government to issue directions

(2) The decision of the Central Government as to whether a question is one of policy or not shall be final.

30. (1) If the Central Government is of the opinion that the Council is unable to perform, or has persistently made default in the performance of the duty imposed on it by or under this Act or has exceeded or abused its powers, or has willfully or without sufficient cause, failed to comply with any direction issued by the Central Government under Section 29, the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, supersede the Council for such period not exceeding two years as may be specified in the notification:

Power to supersede Council

Provided that before issuing a notification under this sub-section, the Central Government shall give reasonable time to the Council to show cause why it should not be superseded and shall consider the explanation and objections, if any, of the Council.

(2) Upon the publication of a notification under sub-section (1) Superseding the Council;-

- (a) all the members of the Council shall, notwithstanding that their term of office has not expired as from the date of supersession, vacate their offices as such members;
- (b) all the powers and duties which may, by or under the provisions of this Act, be exercised or performed by or on

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behalf of the Council shall, during the period of supersession, be exercised and performed by such person or persons as the Central Government may direct;

(c) all property vested in the Council shall, during the period of supersession, vest in the Central Government.

(3) On the expiration of the period of supersession specified in the notification issued under sub-section, the Central Government may-

(a) extend the period of supersession for such further period as it may consider necessary;

Provided that total period of supersession shall not exceed two years; or

(b) reconstitute the Council in the manner provided in section 3.

31. (1) The Central Government may, by notification, make rules to carry out the purposes of this act. Power to make rules

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

(a) the powers and duties of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersonship under sub-section (2) of section 6;

(b) the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson under sub-section (3) of section 6;

(c) the other terms and conditions of service of nominated members under sub-section (3) of section 7;

(d) the terms and conditions of service of the Member Secretary of the Council under sub-section (1) of section 13;

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- (e) the terms and conditions of service of the officer and employees of the Council under sub-section (2) of section 13;
- (f) such other functions of the Council under clause (xviii) of section 15;
- (g) the procedure and manner in which the council may impose penalty under sub-section (3) of section 19;
- (h) the manner of filing appeal against the decision of the Council under sub-section (1) of section 20;
- (i) The form in which and the time within which the budget of the Council shall be prepared under section 23;
- (j) The form in which and the time within which the annual report shall be prepared under section 24;
- (k) The form and the manner for maintaining accounts under sub-section (1) of section 25;
- (l) The form and time frame for preparation of statement of accounts under sub-section (2) of section 25;
- (m) Any other matter which has to be, or may be, prescribed.

32. The Council may, by notification make regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and the rules made there under, for all or any of the following matters namely:- Power to make regulations

- (a) the manner in which and the purposes for which the Council may associate persons for obtaining assistance or advice under sub-section (1) of section 5;

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- (b) the times and places at which the Council shall meet and rules of procedure to be followed for transaction of business at its meetings under section 11;
- (c) charging fees by higher education institution imparting distance education under clause (xi) of section 15;
- (d) measure to maintain prescribed names and standards for distance education programme including de recognition under clause (xv) of section 14;
- (e) the manner in which institutions offering distance education are to be inspected by the Council under clause (xiv) of section 15;
- (f) such other conditions required for granting of recognition under clause (1,3 & 5) of section 17;
- (g) the form and manner in which institutions offering distance education are to apply to the council for recognition under sub-section (4) of section 17;
- (h) procedure for withdrawal of recognition under section 18;  
and
- (i) any other matter which has to be, or may be specified.

33. Every rule and every regulation made or notification issued under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made or issued, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive session aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule,

Rules, regulations and notifications to be laid before Parliament

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regulation or notification or both Houses agree that the rule, regulation or notification should not to be made or issued, the rule, regulation or notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule, regulation or notification.

34. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order, published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provision of this Act as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty;

Power to remove difficulties

Provided that no order shall be made under this section after the expiry of two years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament.

35. The following amendments in the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 shall be made:-

Amendment to the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985

(a) in the long title, the words “and for the co-ordination and determination of standards in such systems’ shall be omitted;

(b) in section 4, the words “and to co-ordinate and determine the standards in such systems” shall be omitted;

(c) in section 5, sub-section (2) shall be omitted;

(d) in section 24, clause (j) shall be omitted;

(e) in the Second Schedule, Statute 2(1) “and the Distance Education Council” shall be omitted and” , “after the word ‘Board’ shall be substituted by ‘and’; and

(f) in the Second Schedule, Statute 28 shall be omitted.

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