## PUBLIC NOTICE

"THE HARYANA COACHING INSTITUTES (CONTROL AND REGULATION) BILL, 2024".

The State Government has made the decision to create legislation Governing Private Coaching Institutes within the State. On January 24, 2024, the draft bill was uploaded on the Department of Higher Education's website. It will be available for 15 days during which public and stakeholders may provide feedback and comments on the draft Bill through email id i.e. hechrynpe3@gmail.com.

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# THE HARYANA COACHING INSTITUTES (CONTROL AND REGULATION) BILL, 2024

#### Bill

to provide for the control and regulation of private coaching institutes of the State, to register and regulate such institutes, monitor cost of required study material and other charges levied by coaching institutes, to take care of interests of students and their guardians, to reduce stress among students enrolled in the coaching institutes and to provide better academic support in preparation of different competitive examinations and admission into specialized institutions etc.

Be it enacted by the Haryana State Legislature in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

## CHAPTER-I

## Preliminary

- 1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Haryana Coaching Institutes (Control and Regulation) Act, 2024.
  - (2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Haryana.
  - (3) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Definitions .- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-
  - (i) "Appellate Authority" means State Authority constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary In-charge of Higher Education under section 9 of this Act;
  - (ii) "coaching institute" means a institute including tuition centre, established, run or administered by any person or body of persons, society or trust or company to provide guidance and assistance for any study programme or job oriented competitive examinations or academic support to students at school, college and University level, running with single or multidisciplinary courses and has staff appointed whether on temporary/ permanent/ contract basis/ guest faculty on payroll for more than any registered or non-registered coaching institutes charging fees but shall not include the regular courses conducted by the educational institutions recognized by the Government or as the case may be, University and any other regulatory body such as primary, secondary, technical and vocational institutions, graduate, post graduate colleges, professional course colleges end university, individual home tuition upto 50 students per day;

- (iii) "curriculum" means the curriculum prescribed by All India/State level competitive examinations/different Boards;
- (iv) "District Authority" means Authority constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner under section 3 of this Act;
- (v) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules, regulations and notifications;
- (vi) "registered coaching institute" means the coaching institute registered under this Act;
- (vii) "registration" means registration number given under this Act;
- (viii) "registration certificate" means registration certificate issued under this Act;
- (ix) "registration fee" means requisite fee for the registration of coaching institute;
- (x) "rules" means rules made under this Act;
- (xi) "State Government" means Government of Haryana;
- (xii) "student" means students enrolled in coaching institutes;
- (xiii) "tuition fees" means the amount taken from the enrolled students for academic support by the registered coaching institute, namely admission fee, teaching fees etc.; and
- (xii) "violation" means violation of provisions of the Act or rules and concerned not fictions for the running of coaching institute.

#### **CHAPTER-2**

## Composition of Authority and Registration of Coaching Institute

- **3. District Authority.-** (I) The following shall be the District Authority to register and inspect the coaching institutes in every District:-
  - (a) Deputy Commissioner Chairman
  - (b) Superintendent of Police Member,
  - (c) Secretary, Local bodies- Member;
  - (d) District Higher Education Officer (Higher)- Member
  - (e) District Education Officer (Secondary) Member;
  - (f) an officer of accounts Service, not below the rank of Financial Advisor nominated by Chairman Member; and
  - (g) Principal, Government Post Graduate College nominated by Chairman— Member- Secretary.

- (2) District Authority shall mandate the installation of helpline for students and parents to address queries of students at its office.
- **4. Powers and Functions of the District Authority.-** (1) The Authority shall ensure strict Compliance of the guidelines or rules issued under this Act.
  - (2) The other powers and functions of the Authority shall be as follows:
  - the Authority shall take all such steps as necessary for ensuring the promotion and protection of all stakeholders along with ensuring imparting of quality education in all private coaching institutes;
  - the Authority shall constitute a Grievance Redressal Cell at the district and block level for prompt and effective resolution of the grievances of students, their parents;
  - (iii) the Authority will take steps to rein in the malpractices of bogus advertising, and false claims (number of students selected in a particular exam, name of faculty and others) of coaching (tuition centres;
  - (iv) the Authority may inspect *suo moto* or upon any complaint, any records of a coaching institute. The person-in-charge or the owner of the coaching institute shall produce before the Authority such records as may be required by the competent officer during the inspection;
  - (v) the Authority seeks to address the serious issue of high levels of stress among students and their parents enrolled in the coaching institute. To achieve this, the Authority shall make comprehensive provisions as prescribed in the rules for reducing the stress level of students; and
  - (vi) any other function which seems to be done for the betterment of all stakeholders in line with future requirements and developments in the educational arena in the larger interests of the society.
  - 5. Establishment/registration of coaching institutes for the academic support for preparation of curriculum and different competitive examinations.- (1) The pre-established coaching institutes shall have to be registered within three months from the enactment of this Act.
  - (2) After the Commencement of this Act, no coaching institutes including residential' and online coaching/tuition centres shall be established or run without obtaining valid registration certificate
  - (3) Every coaching institutes or a branch of such coaching institute shall obtain a separate registration certificate for that branch from the concerning registration Authority.

- (4) After the commencement of this Act, any person, Society, Trust or Company who desires to establish or a coaching institute,'- shall have to apply before the District Authority in the prescribed form with registration fee of rupees ten thousand, along with the following information:-
- (a) Determination of curriculum- (i) Curriculum for different kinds of academic support and duration for completion of curriculum shall be clarified.
  - (ii) Number of maximum students shall be mentioned for every curriculum.
- (b) Academic qualification of teachers- the teaching shall be performed by non-government teachers or retired teachers having at least graduation qualification, along with the bio-data of the teachers, their academic qualification and experience shall be mentioned.
- (c) Tuition fees- (i) The coaching institutes shall have to issue a prospectus, mentioning different curriculum/duration of completion of curriculum and with tuition fees.
- (ii) Under the curriculum, it shall be mandatory to mention in the prospectus the number of lectures, tutorial, group discussions etc.
- (d) Physical Infrastructure- Within the basic structure of the coaching institutes, minimum one square meters area should be for each student.
- (e) Other facilities- The following other facilities shall be made available by every coaching institutes:-
  - (i) Sufficient furniture (bench/desk etc.);
  - (ii) Sufficient lighting arrangement (electrification);
  - (iii) Facility of drinking water;
  - (iv) Facility of toilets;
  - (v) Facility of sanitation and cleanliness;
  - (vi) Arrangement for fire extinguisher;
  - (vii) Arrangement for stress management and control;
  - (viii) Arrangement for counsellors;
  - (ix) Policy regarding fee collections fee refund and easy exit;
  - (x) Arrangement for Grievance Redressal;
  - (xi) Medical assistance/treatment facility;
  - (xii) Facility of refreshment centre and canteen;
  - (xiii) Facility of parking for cycles/vehicles;
  - (xiv) Reading Rooms;
  - (xv) Any other relevant information.
- (5) Registration certificate will be given within thirty days of application, by the District Authority, after examination on the basis of conditions of registration,

- (6) The tenure of registration shall be for three years.
- (7) In case of rejection of application submitted for registration certificate, copy of the reasoned order to that effect shall be given to the applicant.
- (8) Once an application for registration has been rejected, the applicant can apply after a gap of six months for applying fresh.
- (9) Soon on completion of three years of registration, for renewal of registration, the coaching institutes shall apply in prescribed form with rupees five thousand registration fee.

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6. Enquiry of activities of coaching institute. The District Authority itself or an officer or officers of academic administration appointed by the Chainman of District Authority shall get enquired regarding the fulfilment of required eligibility of registration and the satisfactory activities of coaching institute.

## **CHAPTER-3**

## Penalty

- 7. Penalty.- (I) Under this Act, the District Authority shall have the power of civil courts. The Authority shall have such power which is vested in the courts under Civil Procedure Code, 1908 (Central Act No. V of 1908) for consideration of any suit namely:-
  - (i) to accept evidence with proof through affidavit;
  - (ii) to summon and to enforce attendance of any person, and his examination on oath;
  - (iii) to enforce production of records; and
  - (iv) to award cost.
  - (2) In case of violation of any provision of this Act or the rules and notification issued under this Act, the coaching institutes shall be liable to penalty as follows:-
    - (i) upto rupees 25,000/- for the first offence;
    - (ii) upto rupees shall be for the second offence;
    - (iii) in case of proof of allegations against the coaching institutes even after the second offence, the registration shall be cancelled by the District Authority, after show-cause and giving sufficient opportunity of hearing.

### **CHAPTER-4**

## Disposal of Complaints and Appellate Authority

- **8.** Appellate Authority.- (1) The aggrieved coaching institutes, students and parents shall file appeal within thirty days against the action taken under section 4 and 5 before the Appellate Authority consists of the following:-
  - (i) Director Higher Education Department- Chairman;
  - (ii) Financial Advisor of Higher Education Department- Member
  - (iii) An officer of Haryana Legal Service not below the rank of Deputy Legal Remembrancer, Higher Education Department Member; and
  - (iv) Joint Secretary, Higher Education Department Member- Secretary.
- (2) The Appellate Authority may entertain the appeal 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 in time.
- (3) The Appellate Authority shall dispose of the appeal within forty-five days of filing of appeal after giving appropriate opportunity of hearing to both parties. The decision of Appellate Authority shall be final.
- **9.** Restriction on shifting of coaching class.- A coaching class or its branch shall be conducted only at the place indicated in the registration certificate and shall not be shifted to any other place than its registered place, without the prior written approval of the District Authority in that behalf.
- 10. Prohibition of misleading advertisement relating to coaching class.- No coaching class shall publish or cause to be published or take part in the publication of any misleading advertisement relating to such class.

**Explanation.-** For the purpose of this section, "advertisement" shall include making any claim, directly or indirectly, of quality of coaching in such class or the facilities offered there or the result procured by such coaching glass or the student who attended such class, but shall not include the publication of information and details of the coaching class, that is to say, its names location, the establishment of such class, the courses offered therein and guarantee of selection/success.

#### **CHAPTER-5**

#### Miscellaneous

- 11. Power to make rules.- (1) The State Government may make rules for carrying out the purpose Of this Act.
- (2) All rules made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after they are so made, before the House of the State Legislature, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which they are so laid, or of the session immediately following, the House of the State Legislature makes any modifications in any of such rules, or resolves that any such rule should not be made, such rules shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be 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 there under.
- (3) Every rule made under this Act shall be published by the State Government in the Official Gazette.
- 12. Power to remove difficulties.- (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the 'State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with this Act, as it deems necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

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

(2) Every notification issued under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is issued, be laid before the House of State Legislature.