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No. LGL 121/77/119. - The following Act of the Assam Legislative Assembly which received the assent of the President is hereby published for general information.

ASSAM ACT I OF 1980

(Received the assent of the President of India on 7th May 1980)

THE ASSAM VETERINARY COUNCIL ACT, 1979
An
Act

to provide for the registration of Veterinary Practitioners in Assam and for certain other matters connected therewith.

Preamble. It is hereby enacted in the Thirtieth Year of the Republic of India, as follows :—

PART I

Short title, 1. (a) This Act may be called the Assam Veterinary Council extent and Act, 1979.
commencement.

(b) It extends to the whole of the State of Assam.

(c) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Definitions. 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) 'COUNCIL' means the Assam Veterinary Council established under this Act ;
- (b) 'DIRECTOR' means the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Government of Assam ;
- (c) 'HOSPITAL' means an institution in the State of Assam where animals shall be treated by methods approved by the Council ;
- (d) 'MEMBER' means a member of the Council who shall be a recognised Veterinary practitioner registered under this Act ;
- (e) 'PRESCRIBED' means prescribed by Rules and Regulations made under this Act ;
- (f) 'PRESIDENT' means the President of the Council ;
- (g) 'REGISTER' means the Register of Veterinary Practitioners maintained under this Act ;
- (h) 'REGISTERED VETERINARY PRACTITIONER' means a Veterinary practitioner who holds a recognised Veterinary qualification and is for the time being duly registered;
- (i) 'RECOGNISED VETERINARY QUALIFICATION' means any of the Veterinary degrees or diplomas or certificates included in the Schedule :

Provided that the degrees or diplomas or certificates granted by the Government or any other authority of any State in India outside Assam shall not be deemed to be recognised Veterinary qualifications for the purposes of this Act unless, in pursuance of a scheme of reciprocity for recognition of Veterinary qualifications, the Government of such State has, by notification, recognised for the purposes of that State, the degrees or diplomas or certificates granted by the Government and other authorities of Assam.

- (j) 'REGISTRAR' means the Registrar appointed under this Act;
- (k) 'REGISTRATION OFFICER' means the Registration Officer appointed under this Act;
- (l) 'RULES AND REGULATIONS' means the Rules and Regulations made under this Act;
- (m) 'SCHEDULE' means the schedule appended to this Act;
- (n) 'STATE GOVERNMENT' means the Government of Assam;
- (o) 'VETERINARY COLLEGE' means the Assam Veterinary College/College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University.

PART II

ASSAM VETERINARY COUNCIL : ESTABLISHMENT CONSTITUTION MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Establish-
ment of a
Council.

- 3. (i) The State Government shall, as soon as it may be possible after the preparation of the first Register, by notification in the Official Gazette, establish a Council to be called the Assam Veterinary Council, and such Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and common seal and shall, by the said name, sue and be sued;
- (ii) The Council shall also act as an advisory body to the State Government in all policy matters concerning the Veterinary profession, Veterinary education and development of Animal Husbandry in the State.

Constitution
of the Coun-
cil and elec-
tion of Pre-
sident and
Vice-Presi-
dent.

- 4. (i) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely :—
 - (a) The Director, Ex-Officio member;
 - (b) The Dean/Principal of Veterinary College, Ex-Officio member;

- (c) One representative other than the Dean/Principal of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science or Faculty, by whatever name called, which deals with Veterinary education in the University or Universities in the State of Assam;
- (d) Six members to be elected by the Veterinary practitioners residing in the State of Assam and registered under this Act or, in the case of the first election, qualified to be so registered;
- (e) Two members to be nominated by the State Government from among the registered veterinary practitioners, residing in the State of Assam or, in the case of first nomination, qualified to be so registered under this Act.
 - (ii) The election of the members of the Council under this section shall be held at such time and at such place, and in such manner as may be prescribed by rules.
 - (iii) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Act, in respect of the first constitution of the Council, all the members thereof other than the Ex-officio members shall be nominated by the State Government.
 - (iv) The members of the Council shall elect a President and a Vice-President from among themselves:

Provided that on the first constitution of the Council after its establishment, the President and the Vice-President shall be appointed by the State Government.

- (v) The President or the Vice-President shall be deemed to have vacated office as soon as the Council holds its first meeting after its reconstitution, provided that he shall also cease to hold office if he ceases to be a member of the Council before its reconstitution.
- (vi) The appointed President or the Vice-President may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the State Government and shall be deemed to have vacated the office on such resignation being accepted by the State Government.
- (vii) The elected President or the Vice-President may resign his office by a notice in writing addressed to the Council and shall be deemed to have vacated the office on such resignation being accepted by the Council at a meeting.

(viii) Any casual vacancy in the office of the President or the Vice-President caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise shall be filled by appointment or election, as the case may be and the person so appointed or elected shall hold office for the unexpired period of the term of office of the President or the Vice-President whose place he fills.

Nomination of members in default of election. 5. In the event of the requisite number of the members not being elected under any of the clauses (c) and (d) of Section 4 or, if any of the electoral bodies referred to in clauses (c) and (d) of Section 4 does not, by such date as may be prescribed elect a person to be a member of the Council, the State Government shall fill up the vacancy or vacancies by nominating the required number of registered veterinary practitioners, and any person so nominated shall be deemed to be a member as if he had been duly elected by such body.

Disqualification for being elected or nominated as a member. 6. A person shall be disqualified for being elected or nominated as a member of the Council, if he—
(a) is not registered under this Act; or
(b) has been convicted and sentenced by any court for any non-bailable offence, such sentence not having been subsequently reversed or quashed; or
(c) is an undischarged insolvent; or
(d) is of unsound mind adjudged and certified by a competent court:

Provided that the State Government may condone the disqualification referred to in clause (b) if the sentence has been fully undergone and a period of two years has elapsed since the termination of such sentence.

Publication of names of members. 7. The name of every person elected or nominated under Section 4 or 5 shall be published by the State Government in the official Gazette.

Leave of absence to members. 8. The Council may permit a member to absent himself from the meetings of the Council for a period not exceeding six months.

Cessation of membership. 9. (1) A member of the Council shall be deemed to have vacated his seat, who—

- (a) fails to accept office within one month of the date of his nomination or election; or
- (b) is absent without excuse sufficient in the opinion of the Council, from three consecutive meetings of the Council; or
- (c) is absent, out of India for a period exceeding six consecutive months; or

(d) becomes disqualified for election or nomination as a member for any of the reasons mentioned in Section 6.

(2) On the occurrence of a vacancy referred to in sub-section (1), the President shall forthwith report the fact of such vacancy to the State Government.

(3) The State Government may on the recommendation of the Council supported by atleast two-third of the total numbers of its members, remove from office any member elected or nominated under this Act, if such member has been found guilty of misconduct in the discharge of his duties, or of any disgraceful conduct, or has become incapable of performing his duties as a member:

Provided that no resolution recommending the removal of any member shall be passed by the Council, unless the member to whom it relates has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause as to why such recommendation should not be made.

Filling of Casual vacancies. 10. If a member of the Council dies or resigns his membership, or ceases to be a member as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 9, the vacancy shall be filled within three months by a fresh election or nomination as the case may be.

Term of office of members. 11. (1) The term of office of the first member elected or nominated under Section 4 or 5 shall commence from such date as may be appointed by the State Government.

(2) The term of office of a member of the Council shall be three years from the date of his acceptance of office.

(3) When a member is elected or nominated in a seat vacated under sub-section (1) of Section 9 and, or under Section 10, the term of office of such member shall be unexpired term of office of the member in whose place he is nominated or elected.

(4) Any member shall, if not disqualified for any reasons mentioned under Section 6, be eligible for re-election or re-nomination at the end of the term of office.

Regulation as to meeting, quorum and voting. 12. (1) (a) No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Council unless a quorum of five members be present.

(b) When a quorum is not formed in a meeting, the President shall, after waiting for not less than twenty minutes for such quorum, adjourn the meeting to such hour on the same day or to a future day as he may notify on the notice board at the office of the Council, and the business which would have been brought before the original meeting had there been a quorum, shall be brought before the adjourned meeting, and may be disposed of at such meeting or at any subsequent adjournment meeting, whether there be a quorum present or not.

(2) The President shall preside over all the meetings of the Council. In absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside over the meeting. In absence of both the President and the Vice-President, some other member to be chosen from amongst the members will preside over the meeting.

(3) Save as otherwise provided in clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 25, all questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members present and voting, or, in the case of an equality of votes by the casting vote of the President of the meeting.

(4) No act or proceeding of the Council shall be deemed to be invalid merely by reason of a vacancy in the Council or of a defect in the election or nomination of a person acting as a member of the Council.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any rules made thereunder by the State Government, the Council may make regulations in respect of—

- (a) the time and place at which such meeting shall be held;
- (b) the issue of notices convening such meetings; and
- (c) the conduct of business thereat.

(6) Until such time as the regulations referred to in sub-section (5) have come into operation, it shall be lawful for the President to summon, by letter addressed to each member, a meeting of the Council at such time and place as to him shall seem expedient.

7. (a) The proceedings of the discussion of every meeting of the Council shall be treated as confidential and no person shall, without the previous permission of the Council, disclose any portion thereof:

Provided that nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit any person from disclosing or publishing the text of any resolution adopted by the Council, unless the Council directs such resolution also to be treated as confidential.

(b) No disqualification of, or defect in the election, nomination or appointment of, any person as member or as a presiding authority of a meeting, shall of itself be deemed to vitiate any act or proceeding of the Council, in which such person has taken part, or during any vacancy in the Council, the continuing members may act, as if no vacancy had occurred, unless the number of vacancies exceeds two in number.

Payment of expenses 13. There shall be paid payment to the members of the Council, the expenses as may from time to time be prescribed to members by regulation under clause (a) of sub-section (4) of Section 34.

Appointment of Registrar and other officials 14. (1) With the previous sanction of the State Government the Council—

(a) shall appoint a Registrar;

(b) may grant leave to such Registrar and appoint a person to act in his place; and

(c) shall pay to the Registrar and to the person if any appointed to act in his place such salary and such allowances as the Council may determine from time to time.

(2) The Council may appoint such other officers and such ministerial and class-IV staff as it may consider necessary for the purposes of this Act, and shall pay them such salary and allowances if any as the Council may determine.

(3) The Registrar or the persons appointed to act in his place shall act as Secretary of the Council.

(4) Every person appointed under sub-sections (1) and (2) shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

Punishment 15. (1) The Council may punish or dismiss a person appointed under sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 14, after he has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him:

Provided that previous sanction of the State Government shall be necessary in the case of a person appointed under sub-section (1) of Section 14:

Provided further that a person appointed under sub-section (2) of Section 14, shall have a right of appeal to the State Government against an order under this Section within one month from the date of the communication of the order to him.

(2) The power to punish conferred by sub-section (1) shall be deemed to include the power to suspend an officer.

(3) The power to dismiss conferred by sub-section (1) shall be deemed to include the power to suspend any person against whom the power of dismissal might be exercised, pending inquiry into his conduct.

THE REGISTER OF VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

Orders by the Council for maintenance of register. 16. (1) The Council shall, as soon as convenient, after the commencement of this Act and from time to time as occasion may require, make orders for regulating the maintenance of the register of Veterinary practitioners.

(2) The said register shall be kept in such form as may be prescribed.

Registrar's functions in respect of register. 17. (1) The Registrar shall maintain the register of Veterinary Practitioners in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed and shall make from time to time such entries, corrections, alterations or modifications in the entries therein as may be necessary or as may be directed by the Council.

(2) To enable the Registrar to fulfil the duties imposed upon him by sub-section (1), he may send through the post a letter to any registered practitioners, addressed to him according to his registered address or appointment, to enquire whether he has ceased to practise or whether his residence or appointment has been changed; and if no answer to any such letter is received within a period of six months from its despatch, the Registrar may erase the name of such registered veterinary practitioners from the register:

Provided that any name erased under this sub-section may be re-entered in the register under the direction of the council.

Persons entitled to be registered. 18. (i) Any person holding any of the qualifications referred to in the schedule or for the time being registered under any Act for the registration of Veterinary practitioners in force in any other State in India, if reciprocity of registration has been arranged with the authority administering such Act, shall, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained and on payment of such fees as may be fixed in this behalf by regulations made under clause (b) of sub-section (4) of Section 34, be entitled to have his name entered in the register of Veterinary Practitioners:

Provided that the Registrar shall refer to the Council an application for entry in the register from a person in respect of whom he considers that the Council may wish to proceed under sub-section (1) of Section 25 :

Provided also that the Registrar, if so directed by the Council, shall refuse to register the name of any person notwithstanding the fact that he is in possession of Veterinary degree or diploma recognised and included in the Schedule of this Act.

(ii) if it appears to the State Government on the report of the Council or otherwise that the courses of study and examinations prescribed by any University, Body or Institution conferring any degree, diploma, certificate or any other like award not entered in the Schedule, are such as to secure the possession by its recipient of the requisite knowledge and skill for the efficient practice of veterinary science, the State Government may from time to time, by notification in the 'Official Gazette' amend the Schedule and include therein such degree, diploma, certificate or, as the case may be, award, subject to any conditions that may be specified thereof and the Council may thereupon recommend to the State Government to amend the Schedule accordingly.

Power of Council to call for information 19. The Council shall have power to call on the government of any Veterinary Faculty/Agriculture University, included in or desirous of being included in the University Schedule ;

Veterinary College. (a) to furnish such reports, returns or other information as the Council may require to enable it to judge the efficiency of the instruction given therein ; and
 (b) to provide facilities to enable a member of the Council deputed by the Council in this behalf to be present at the examination held by such University/College.

Information required of applicant for registration renewal fee etc. 20. (i) Every person who applies to have his name entered in the register of Veterinary Practitioners—

(a) must satisfy the Registrar that he is in possession of the recognised Veterinary qualifications referred to in the Schedule as altered by notification, if any, issued under Section 18 (ii) ;
 (b) must inform the Registrar of the dates on which he obtained the title or qualifications which entitled him to claim registration under this Act ; and

(c) give the Registrar any information which he reasonably may require for the purpose of discharging his duties under this Act.

(ii) (a) The Council may, on being satisfied that a person applying for registration possesses a recognised Veterinary qualification and has paid the prescribed fee, allow the application and direct the Registrar to enter his name in the register and such entry shall, unless cancelled earlier, be borne in the register for one year;

(b) The Registrar shall, on registration of a person's name, give him a certificate of registration under his hand and seal.

(iii) (a) A Veterinary Practitioner whose name is entered in the register shall be entitled to have his name retained in the register on payment of such annual renewal fee and within such time as may be prescribed;

(b) If the renewal fee is not paid within the time prescribed, the Registrar shall strike off the name of the defaulter from the register:

Provided that any name so struck off from the register may, subject to such conditions as the Council may by regulation provide, be re-enter in the register on payment of the renewal fee and nominal fine not exceeding Rupees fifty.

(iv) (a) A veterinary practitioner whose name is struck off from the register under sub-section (iii) (b) of Section 20 shall forthwith surrender his certificate of registration to the Registrar and the name so struck off shall be published in the official gazette;

(b) If any such name is afterwards re-entered in the register in accordance with the provision of this Act, the fact of such re-entry shall be published in the official gazette and the certificate of registration shall be returned to the veterinary practitioner concerned.

Entry of
New titles
and qual-
ifications in
register.

21. If a person whose name is entered in the register of veterinary practitioners obtains any title or qualification other than the title or qualification in respect of which he has been registered, he shall on payment of such fees as may be prescribed in this behalf by regulation made under clause (b) of sub-section (4) of Section 34, be entitled to have an entry stating such other title or qualification made against his name in the register, either in substitution for, or in addition to, any entry previously made.

Financial matters. 22. (1) The Council shall, for the administration of its purposes, realise registration fees for renewal of registration, application fees and such other fees and fines as may be decided by the Council, provided that the rate of which fees shall be charged or any variance thereof shall be given effect to with the prior approval of the Government. Government may also issue any direction to the council in this regard.

(2) It shall be competent for the Council to incur expenditure for the following purposes, namely—

- (a) salaries and allowances of the Registrar and staff maintained by the Council;
- (b) fees and allowances paid to the members of the Council;
- (c) such other expenses as are necessary for performing its duties and functions under this Act.

(3) The Council shall maintain in such form as may be prescribed proper accounts which shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed in this behalf by the State Government.

(4) A copy of every audit report shall be furnished by the Council to the State Government and to the Accountant General, Assam, within one month from the date of which the audit report is received by the Council.

(5) The draft budget before it is placed before the Council shall be submitted to the State Government and the views of the Government may be recorded at the time this is submitted before the Council for consideration.

(6) The State Government may make such annual grants, as it may consider necessary to the Council for the proper discharge of the functions of the Council under this Act.

(7) All moneys received by the Council as fees and grants under this Act or otherwise shall be credited into a fund to be called "the Assam Veterinary Council Fund" which shall be under the management and control of the Council and shall be held and applied by the Council for the purpose of this Act in such manner as may be prescribed.

(8) All moneys credited to the "Assam Veterinary Council Fund" shall forthwith be deposited into the State Bank of India or in any Nationalised Bank to the credit of an account to be called "the Assam Veterinary Council Fund Account".

Appeal to Council from decision of Registrar. 23. If a person is dissatisfied with a decision of the Registrar refusing to enter the name or any title or qualification of such person in the register of Veterinary Practitioners he may, at any time within three months from the date of such decision, appeal to the Council whose decision shall be final.

Eraser of fraudulent & incorrect entries. 24. Any entry in the register of Veterinary Practitioners which is proved to the satisfaction of the Council to have been fraudulently or incorrectly made may be erased under an order in writing of the Council, after notice has been given to the person concerned and his objections (if any) have been considered.

Power of Council to Prohibit entry in or removal from the register etc. 25 (1) The Council may upon reference to the register or otherwise prohibit the entry in, or order the removal from, the Register, the name of any Veterinary Practitioner :—

(a) who has been sentenced by a criminal court or a court martial to imprisonment for an offence indicating in the opinion of the Council such defect in character as would render the entry or continuance of his name in the register undesirable ; or

(b) whom the council after enquiry (at which an opportunity has been given to him to be heard in his defence and to appear either in person or by council, vakil, pleader or attorney, and which may at the discretion of the Council be held in camera) has found guilty by a majority of two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting of infamous conduct in any professional respect.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to justify the exclusion or removal from the register of the name of any Veterinary Practitioner on the ground of his adoption of a theory of veterinary medicine or surgery not in accordance with the accepted view for the time being or of his association with an un-registered practitioner, so long as the un-registered practitioner :—

(a) is in possession of a Recognised Veterinary qualification ;

(b) is not a person whose name the Council has reason to believe has been excluded or removed from the register by the Council under sub-section (1) or would be so excluded if application for registration thereof were made.

(3) The Council may direct that the name of any person against whom an order has been made under sub-section (1) shall be entered or re-entered as the case may be.

Appeal to State Government from decision of Council. 26. (1) An appeal shall lie to the State Government from every decision of the Council under Section 23 or 25.

(2) Every appeal under sub-section (1) shall be preferred within three months from the date of such decision.

Bar to suits and other legal proceedings. 27. No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie in respect of any act done in good faith in the exercise of power conferred by this Act on the State Government or the Council or any of its members or office-bearers.

Notice of deaths and erasure of names from register. 28. (1) Every Registrar of deaths who receives notice of the death of a person whose name he knows to be entered in the register of Veterinary Practitioners shall forthwith transmit by post to the Registrar of the Council a certificate of such death signed by him and stating particulars of the time and place of death.

(2) On receipt of such certificate, or other reliable information regarding death, the Registrar shall erase the name of the deceased person from the register.

(3) Every person registered under the Act shall be exempted, if he so desires, from serving on any inquest.

Penalty on person representing that he is registered. 29. If a person whose name is not entered in the unregistered register of Veterinary Practitioners falsely pretends that it is so entered or uses in connection with his name or title any words or letter representing that his name is so entered, he shall, whether any person is actually deceived by such representation or not, be punishable, on conviction by a Magistrate of the first class, with fine which may extend to three hundred rupees.

Court competent to try offence under this Act. 30. (i) No court other than the court of a Magistrate of the first class shall take cognizance of or try an offence under this Act.

(ii) For the purpose of any inquiry held under Section 25, or of any appeal under Section 23, the Council shall be deemed to be a Court within the meaning of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, and shall exercise the powers of a Commissioner appointed under the Public Servants' (Inquiries) Act, 1850, and every such inquiry and appeal shall be conducted, as far as may be in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 and Section 8.

8 to 10 of the said Public Servants' (Inquiries) Act, 1850 and shall have the powers of a Civil Court while disposing of suits under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters—

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath,
- (b) requiring the discovery and production of documents, and
- (c) receiving evidence on affidavits.

31. No person other than a Registered Veterinary Practitioner shall be competent to hold an appointment as Veterinary Physician Surgeon or other Veterinary Officer in any Government institution and hospital/dispensary which is supported partially or wholly by public funds, or in any public or private establishment, body or institution or under a local authority unless he is registered under this Act.

Qualified practitioners certificates etc. 32. (1) No certificate required by any Act from any Veterinary Practitioner or Veterinary Officer shall be valid unless the person signing the certificate shall have been registered under this Act.

(2) No prescription by a Veterinary Practitioner or Veterinary Officer shall be disposed of by chemists unless the person prescribing the prescription shall have been registered under this Act.

(3) No person shall be qualified to give evidence as an expert under Section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 on any matter relating to Veterinary Science, unless the said person shall have been registered under this Act.

ANNUAL VETERINARY LIST

Publication of & presumption as to cause 33. (1) The Registrar shall once in every three years, on or before a date to be fixed in this behalf by the Council, entries in Annual Veterinary list. names for the time being entered in the register of Veterinary Practitioners setting forth :—

- (a) All names entered in the register arranged in alphabetical order according to the surnames ;
- (b) The registered address or appointment of each person whose name is entered in the register ; and
- (c) The registered titles and qualification of each such person and the date on which each such title was granted or each such qualification was certified.

(2) The Registrar shall also cause to be printed and published an annual supplement in January every year showing therein the corrections made upto the 31st December proceeding, in the list of names in the register of Veterinary Practitioners last published.

(3) Every court shall presume that a person whose name is entered in the latest of such lists is duly registered under this Act, and that person whose name is not so entered is not registered under this Act :

Provided that, in the case of any person whose name does not appear in such list, a certified copy signed by the Registrar of the entry of the name of such person in the register of Veterinary Practitioners shall be evidence that such person is registered under the Act.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations 34.(1) The State Government may, after previous publication from time to time, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide :—

- (a) to regulate elections under this Act ;
- (b) to prescribe the form of the register of Veterinary Practitioners to be maintained under this Act ;
- (c) to regulate the application of fees ;
- (d) to regulate the procedure to be followed by the Council for :—
 - (i) conducting any inquiry under Section 25 ; and
 - (ii) disposing of appeals from the decision of the Registrar preferred under Section 23.

(3) "Every rule made under this section shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before the Assam Legislative Assembly 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 it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Assam Legislative Assembly agree in making any modification in the rule or the Assam Legislative Assembly agree that the rule should not be made the rule 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".

(4) In addition to the power conferred by Section 12, the Council may, with the previous sanction of the State Government make regulations :—

- (a) to prescribe the expenses payable to members of the Council, such as fees for attendances at meetings of the Council and reasonable travelling expenses as may from time to time be allowed by the Council ;
- (b) to prescribe the fees chargeable in respect of any registration under this Act ;
- (c) to regulate the keeping of accounts; and
- (d) to prescribe condition of service of persons appointed under Section 14.

(5) All such rules and regulations shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Power of State Government to give directions to the Council. 35. The State Government may give to the Council such directions as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Act and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions.

Control of Council by the State Govt. 36(1) If at any time it appears to the State Government that the Council has failed to exercise or has exceeded or abused any of the powers conferred upon it by or under this Act, or has failed to perform a duty imposed upon it by this Act, the State Government may, if it considers such failure, excess or abuse to be of a serious character, notify the particulars thereof to Council, and if the Council fails to remedy such failure, excess or abuse within such time as may be fixed by the State Government in this behalf, the State Government may dissolve the Council and cause all or any of the powers and duties of the Council to be exercised and performed by such agency and for such period as it may think fit :

Provided that it shall take steps, as soon as it may be convenient, to constitute a new Council of members provided in Section 4.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or in the Rules or the regulations, if at any time, it appears to the State Government that the Council or any other authority empowered to exercise any of the powers or to perform any of the duties or functions under this Act, has not been validly constituted or appointed, the State Government may cause any of such powers or functions to be exercised or performed by such agency in such manner and for such period not exceeding six months and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

Schedule Part I

Recognised Veterinary Qualification
Recognised Veterinary Degree and Diplomas
granted by institution in India

[Rule 2 (i)]

Institution	qualification	Abbreviation for Registration
DEGREE		
1. Assam Agricultural University.	Bachelor of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry.	B. V. Sc. & A.H.
2. Agra University	Do	Do
3. Andhra University	Do	Do
4. Bihar University	Do	Do
5. Bombay University	Bachelor of Science (Vety.)	B. Sc. (Vety)
6. Calcutta University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	B. V. Sc.
7. Gauhati University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry.	B. V. Sc. & A.H.
8. Kerala University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	B. V. Sc.
9. Madras University	Do	Do
10. Osmania University	Do	Do
11. Punjab University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry.	B. V. Sc. & A.H.
12. Rajasthan University	Do	Do
13. Sagar University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	B. V. Sc.
14. Utkal University	Bachelor of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry.	B. V. Sc. & A.H.
15. Vikram University	Do	Do
Diploma		
16. Assam Veterinary College.	Graduate in Veterinary Science.	G. V. Sc.
17. Bengal Veterinary College.	(i) Graduate of Bengal Veterinary College. (ii) Graduate in Veterinary Science.	G. B. V. C. G. V. Sc.
18. Bihar Veterinary College.	Graduate of Bihar Veterinary College.	G. B. V. C.

PART II

RECOGNISED VETERINARY QUALIFICATIONS GRANTED BY
INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE INDIA

1. The Royal Veterinary College, the United Kingdom.	Member of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.	M. R. C. V. S.
2. The University of Edinburge.	(i) Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery	B. V. M. S.
	(ii) Bachelor of Science	B. Sc.
3. The London University	(i) Do	Do
	(ii) Bachelor of Veterinary Medicines.	B. Vety. Med.
4. The Liverpool University.	Bachelor of Veterinary Science.	B. V. Sc.
5. The University of Glasgo.	Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.	B. V. M. S.

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