

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
LAW DEPARTMENT**

Legislative

West Bengal Act IV of 2001¹

**THE WEST BENGAL STATE HEALTH SERVICE
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001.**

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

[Assent of the Governor was first published in the *Calcutta Gazette, Extraordinary*, of the 14th March, 2001.]

An Act to amend the West Bengal State Health Service Act, 1990.

West Ben.
Act VII of
1990.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal State Health Service Act, 1990, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-second Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal State Health Service (Amendment) Act, 2001.

Short title
and
commence-
ment.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In section 14 of the West Bengal State Health Service Act, 1990 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

Amendment
of section 14
of West Ben.
Act VII of
1990.

(1) in sub-section (1), in clause (a) of the second proviso, for the words “ten years”, the words “eleven years” shall be substituted;

(2) in sub-section (2A), in the second proviso, for the figures, letters and words “24th day of May, 2000.”, the figures, letters and words “24th day of May, 2001.” shall be substituted.

3. In the proviso to section 19A of the principal Act, for the words “ten years”, the words “eleven years” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section
19A.

4. In the proviso to section 22 of the principal Act, for the words “ten years”, the words “eleven years” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section
22.

¹For proceedings of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, see the proceedings of the meeting of that Assembly held on the 13th February, 2001.

(Section 5.)

Saving and
validation.

5. Anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act before the publication of this Act in the *Official Gazette* shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act as if this Act were in force when such thing was done or such action was taken.

**Statement of Objects and Reasons on the West Bengal
State Health Service (Amendment) Bill, 2001
(Bill No. 2 of 2001).**

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The West Bengal State Health Service Act, 1990 (West Ben. Act VII of 1990), was brought into force on the 25th May, 1990. While implementing the provisions of the said Act, specially sections 14, 19A and 22, some practical difficulties cropped up in the course of complying with the minimum standards for medical teaching institutions stipulated by the Medical Council of India in so far as the recruitment to vacant posts of medical teachers in the West Bengal Medical Education Service are concerned. Such problems are deemed to attract adverse observations from the Medical Council of India during its periodic routine and special inspection visits in the Medical teaching institutions of this State. Since Medical Council is empowered by the Union Government to oversee, regulate and govern the standard of Medical teaching and minimum infrastructural and personnel requirement therefor, so on the event of non compliance with the prescribed standards set forth by the Medical Council, any Medical teaching institution in this State is liable to be de-recognised.

2. In order to remove such difficulties, it became urgently necessary to amend the said Act suitably.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve such purpose by an Act of the Legislature.

KOLKATA,
The 9th January, 2001.

PARTHA DE,
Member-in-charge.