

(6) The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are laid down by this Act.

16. (1) The Minister for Agriculture, Maharashtra State, shall be the Pro-Chancellor of each of the Universities and shall in the absence of the Chancellor preside over the convocation of the University. Pro-Chancellor.

(2) The Pro-Chancellor may call for his information any papers relating to the administration of the affairs of the University and such requisition shall be complied with by the University.

(3) The annual programme of work of the University shall be referred to the Pro-Chancellor for his information and any suggestion made by him shall be considered by the Executive Council.

(4) He shall also exercise such powers and perform such duties of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may by order in writing delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.

✓ 17. (1) The Vice-chancellor of each University shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of this sub-section. For the selection of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall constitute ¹[a Committee of four persons,] one of whom shall be the Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, one person nominated by the Chancellor and one non-official member of the Executive Council of the concerned University nominated by that Executive Council ²[and the Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Maharashtra]. The Chancellor shall also appoint one of the three as the Chairman of such Committee. The Committee shall prepare a panel of not less than three persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, are suitable to hold the post of the Vice-Chancellor and shall submit this panel to the Chancellor. The Chancellor may select ³[one of the said persons] from such panel for the post of the Vice-Chancellor and appoint the person to such post. If the Chancellor does not approve any of the persons in the panel or if the person selected by the Chancellor for the post of Vice-Chancellor is not willing to accept the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor may require the above mentioned Committee to prepare a fresh panel. Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The Chancellor shall proceed to constitute the Committee mentioned in sub-section (1) well in advance of the expiry of the term of any existing Vice-Chancellor. The Committee shall submit a panel of names to the Chancellor within two months of its constitution. If the Committee fails to submit a panel of names within the period of two months, the Chancellor may proceed to appoint any person whom he deems fit to the office of the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.

¹ These words were substituted for the word "a Committee of three persons" by Mah. 14 of 2003, s.5 (a) (1).

² These words were inserted, *ibid*, s. 5 (a) (2).

³ These words were substituted for the words "one of the three" by *ibid*, s. 5 (a) (3).

¹[(4) ²“The Vice-Chancellor shall, subject to the terms and conditions of his service, hold office for a period of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office ; and shall not be eligible for reappointment :

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor who is in office on the date of coming into force of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (*Krishi Vidyapeeths*) (Amendment) Act, 2003 shall, if,—

- (i) it is his second term in office on reappointment, continue to hold the office only till the completion of his term of three years ; and
- (ii) it is his first term in office, continue to hold the office till the completion of the term of five years from the date of his appointment to that office.]

The Chancellor may, by order,—

(a) direct that notwithstanding the expiration of his term, the Vice-Chancellor may continue to hold office ; or

(b) nominate a Director or a Dean of the University, or of any other Agricultural University in the State or any other person to hold the office of the Vice-Chancellor for such term not exceeding, six months in the aggregate, as he may specify from time to time in his order :

Provided that, the Vice-chancellor, so continuing or the Director, Dean or other person so nominated to hold office of the Vice-Chancellor, shall cease to hold such office on the date on which the person appointed as Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) enters upon his office.

(4A) No person shall hold, or continue to hold, the office of Vice-Chancellor after he attains the age of sixty-five years.

(4B) For the removal of doubt, it is hereby declared that, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the terms of any contract of service or the term of office of any person who, on the date of commencement of the Maharashtra Agricultural Universities (*Krishi Vidyapeeths*) (Amendment) Act, 1989, continues to hold the office of the Vice-Chancellor of any University,—

(a) after having completed three years or more in such office or attained the age of sixty-five years ; or

(b) completes three years in such office after the date of such commencement, shall cease to hold such office on the date of such commencement or, as the case may be, on the date of completion of three years in such office, and accordingly such person shall be deemed to have vacated such office on the respective such date and such office shall be deemed to be vacant on such date.]

¹ These sub-sections were substituted for sub-section (4) by Mah. 41 of 1989, s. 3.

² This clause was substituted for the Principal clause of sub-section (4) beginning with words “The Vice-Chancellor shall” and ending with the words “only for a second term.” by Mah. 14 of 2003, s. 5(b).

(5) The Vice-Chancellor may, after giving three months' notice, resign his office, by tendering his resignation in writing to the Chancellor. The resignation shall take effect on its acceptance by the Chancellor.

(6) (a) The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Pro-Chancellor on the ground that the Vice-Chancellor, has neglected or without reasonable excuse has failed to carry out his responsibility of implementing the directions issued by the Pro-Chancellor under section 7, or by the State Council under section 12, by order, remove the Vice-Chancellor at any time from office.

(b) If the Vice-Chancellor, in the opinion of the Chancellor, omits or refuses to carry out the provisions of this Act ¹[or commits or has committed breaches of any of the terms and conditions of the service contract] or abuses the powers vested in him and if it appears to the Chancellor that the continuance of the Vice-Chancellor in office is detrimental to the interest of the University, the Chancellor may, after consultation with the concerned Executive Council, by order, remove the Vice-Chancellor at any time from office.

(c) No order under clause (a) or (b) shall be made, unless the Vice-Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. In respect of the action proposed to be taken against him.

²[(7) (a) The Vice-Chancellor shall draw such emoluments as the State Government may, from time to time, whether prospectively or retrospectively, determine ;

(b) The other conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be determined by the Statutes and accepted by the Vice-Chancellor at the time of his appointment :

Provided that, the emoluments and other conditions of service shall not be varied to the disadvantage of a Vice-Chancellor during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor].

(8) In the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor by reasons of death, resignation or otherwise, the Chancellor may nominate a Director or a Dean of the University or of any other Agricultural University in the State or any other person to act as Vice-Chancellor, until a regular appointment of Vice-Chancellor is made in accordance with sub-section (1) of this section :

Provided that, the period of such interim arrangement shall not exceed six months.

(9) Where any temporary vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor occurs by reason of leave, illness or other cause, the Pro-Chancellor shall make such arrangements for carrying on the duties of the office of the Vice-chancellor, as he may think fit. Until such arrangements are made, the Director or the Dean or any other person nominated by the

¹ These words were inserted by Mah. 14 of 2003, s.5 (c).

² Sub-section (7) was substituted for the original by Mah. 12 of 1988, s. 4.

Pro-Chancellor for that purpose shall carry on the current duties of the office of the Vice-Chancellor :

Provided that, in the case of a temporary vacancy of less than two months, the Vice-Chancellor may, by order in writing entrust his duties to any Director or Dean or, in their absence to the Registrar, as a measure of emergency.

18. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive of the University. He shall, in the absence of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor, preside at any convocation of the University. He shall be also an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

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Chancellor.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise general control over the affairs of the University and shall be responsible for the due maintenance of discipline in the University.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to convene meeting of the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of this Act and the Statutes and the Regulations are faithfully observed, and he shall have all powers necessary for this purpose.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for the proper administration of the University including financial administration and for close co-ordination and integration of teaching, research and extension education programmes.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for prompt and proper implementation, by the University and its authorities and officers, of the directions issued by the Pro-Chancellor under section 7, and by the State Council under section 12, from time to time, and he shall have and exercise all the powers necessary for this purpose, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in the Statutes and Regulations made or deemed to be made under this Act.

(7) The Vice-Chancellor shall manage, through appropriate officers and staff members, the colleges, departments, institutions of specialised studies, laboratories, libraries, museums, hostels and schools maintained by the University, both at the headquarters and outside.

(8) The Vice-Chancellor may call for reports from the colleges, recognised institutions and hostels on all activities of the University, as he deems necessary for the proper functioning of the University.

(9) The Vice-Chancellor shall supervise and control the residence, conduct and discipline of the students of the University. He shall also make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare, in consultation with such Committee as may be prescribed.

(10) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to appoint such employees of the University as provided in this Act or in the Statutes.

(11) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for the presentation of the annual accounts and the balance-sheet in time to the Executive Council.