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CORRIGENDUM

‘उत्तराखण्ड अल्पसंख्यक शिक्षा विधेयक, 2025 (उत्तराखण्ड राज्य का अधिनियम संख्या: 18, वर्ष 2025) के उत्तराखण्ड शासन के राजपत्र के विधायी परिशिष्ट भाग-1, खण्ड (क) में सर्व-साधारण के सूचनार्थ प्रकाशित अधिसूचना संख्या:-368/XXXVI(3)/ 2025/46(1)/ 2025, दिनांक 08 अक्टूबर, 2025 के अंग्रेजी पाठ में धारा-4 के पश्चात धारा-7, 8, 9 एवं धारा-5, 6 प्रकाशित है, जो त्रुटिपूर्ण है, के स्थान पर धारा-4, के पश्चात क्रमशः धारा-5, 6, 7, 8, 9 से धारा-21 तक पढ़ा जाये।

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धनंजय चतुर्वेदी,
प्रमुख सचिव।

No. 368/XXXVI(3)/2025/46(1)/2025
Dated Dehradun, October 08, 2025

NOTIFICATION

Miscellaneous

In pursuance of the provisions of Clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of **The Uttarakhand Minority Education Act, 2025 (Act No. 18 of 2025)**.

As passed by the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly and assented to by the Governor on 06 October, 2025.

THE UTTARAKHAND MINORITY EDUCATION ACT, 2025

[Uttarakhand Act No. 18 of 2025]

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AN

ACT

to establish and constitute the Uttarakhand State Authority for Minority Education (hereinafter referred to as "USAME") vested with powers and functions for the recognition of educational institutions established and administered by minority communities, to facilitate and promote educational excellence in such institutions, and to assist for all matters ancillary, incidental, connected with, or consequential to the aforesaid purposes,

Be it enacted by the Uttarakhand State Legislature in the Seventy-sixth year of the Republic of India, as follows -

Short title, commencement and extent 1. (1) This Act may be called the Uttarakhand Minority Education Act, 2025.

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

(3) It extends to the whole of the State of Uttarakhand.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

(a) "Authority" means the Uttarakhand State Authority for Minority Education (USAME);

(b) "Board" means the Board of School Education, Uttarakhand;

(c) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Authority;

(d) "educational institution" means an educational institution upto senior secondary/intermediate level affiliated with the Board;

(e) "Member" means a member of the Authority;

(f) "minority community", for the purpose of this Act, means a community comprising either Muslims or Christians or Sikhs or Buddhists or Jains or Zoroastrians (Parsis);

(g) "minority educational institution" means an educational institution established and administered by a minority community and recognized as such by the Authority; and

(h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

Requirement and Consequences of Granting Recognition	3. (1) For an educational institution established by a minority community which is seeking to impart education related to its religion, it shall be mandatory to obtain recognition from the Authority as a minority educational institution. (2) Subject to the provisions contained in this Act, a minority educational institution may, in addition to the subjects permitted and prescribed by the Board, teach additional subjects specific to its religion which shall conform to the standards, quality and content laid down by the Authority. (3) For additional subjects taught in accordance with sub-section (2), each minority educational institution shall arrange for conducting examination, evaluating the performance of students and issuing necessary certificates to them under the overall supervision of the Authority. (4) The certificate to be issued by a minority educational institution under sub-section (3) shall be in addition to the certificate issued by the Board and it may mention that the institution is recognized by the Authority.
Requirement of Recognition for an existing recognized Madarsa	4. A Madarsa, recognized by the Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board on the date of commencement of this Act, may continue to impart education until the end of the academic session 2025-26 in accordance with provisions contained in the Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board Act, 2016 and Uttarakhand Non-Government Arabic and Persian Madarsa Recognition Regulations, 2019: Provided that for the purpose of imparting religious education by any such Madarsa from the academic year 2026-27 onwards, it shall be necessary to obtain re-recognition from the Authority constituted under this Act, subsequent to being duly affiliated with the Board.
The Authority	5. The State Government shall, in Uttarakhand State, establish an Authority, to be known as the Uttarakhand State Authority for Minority Education (USAME).
Composition of the Authority	6. (1) The Authority shall consist of a Chairperson and eleven members to be nominated by the State Government. (2) The Chairperson shall be an academicians from a minority community with a teaching experience of fifteen years or more, that includes at least five years experience as a Professor in an institution/institutions imparting higher education. (3) Of the eleven members, six shall be from minority community and as far as possible one each from the

communities mentioned in clause (f) of section 2 will comprise these six members. Such a member shall be an academicians with a teaching experience of ten years or more, in an institution/institutions imparting higher education, preferably in a subject relating to her/his religion or the language in which the related religious scripts are originally written. This teaching experience shall include at least three years experience as a Professor.

(4) The other five members shall include-

(a) A retired officer of the Government of Uttarakhand who has held positions equivalent to or above Secretary to the Government;

(b) A social worker having a minimum experience of ten years in the field of school education;

(c) Director General, School Education, Uttarakhand (*ex-officio*).

(d) Director, State Council of Educational Research & Training, Uttarakhand (*ex-officio*).

(e) Director, Minority Welfare, Uttarakhand (*ex-officio*) - Member Secretary.

Terms of office
and conditions of
service of
Chairperson and
Members

7. (1) The Chairperson as well as each Member shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which she/he assumes office:

Provided that the Government of Uttarakhand may, by notification, extend the term of the Chairperson or a Member for a period not exceeding three years.

(2) The Chairperson or a Member may, by writing, resign from her/his office at any time and she/he shall cease to hold office from the date of acceptance of her/his resignation by the Government of Uttarakhand.

(3) The salaries, allowances and terms & conditions of service of the Chairperson and Members (other than *ex-officio* members) shall be as determined/prescribed by the Government of Uttarakhand.

Removal of
Chairperson/Mem-
ber

8. The Government of Uttarakhand may remove, the Chairperson or a Member from the office (other than an *ex-officio* member), if the person holding such an office -

(a) becomes insolvent; or/and

(b) is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of six months or more; or/and

(c) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or/and

(d) is, without obtaining leave of absence, absent in three consecutive meetings of the Authority; or/and

(e) in the opinion of the Government of Uttarakhand, has so abused the position of Chairperson or Member, as the case may be, to render that person's continuance in office detrimental to public interest:

Provided that no person shall be removed under this section without giving the person an opportunity of being heard in the matter.

**Officers and
other employees
of the Authority**

9. (1) For efficient discharge of its functions, the Authority may appoint such number of officers and other employees as may be prescribed/approved by the Government of Uttarakhand.
- (2) The salaries, allowances and terms & conditions of service of the officers and other employees shall be prescribed/determined by the Government of Uttarakhand.

**Meeting of the
Authority**

10. (1) The Authority shall meet at least once a quarter and depending on the necessity, more frequently or at any time as the Chairperson thinks fit.
- (2) The Chairperson and, in her/his absence, the senior most official amongst ex-officio members shall preside the meeting.
- (3) All questions arising in a meeting of the Authority shall be decided by majority of votes of the Chairperson and the Members, present and voting, and in case of equality of votes, the senior most official amongst ex-officio members present in the meeting shall decide the matter.

**Specific Functions
of the Authority**

11. (1) The Authority shall act as a Competent Authority for granting the recognition to minority educational institution under this Act.
- (2) The Authority shall develop a curriculum for subjects related to the religions and/or languages of the minority community to be taught to the students of the minority community registered in the educational institutions of the minority community. For this purpose, the Authority shall, as far as possible, within 30 days from the date of its constitution, form a sub-committee/sub-committees from among its members, which shall develop the curriculum within the next six months.
- (3) Approval from the Board of School Education, Uttarakhand shall be obtained for the above-mentioned curriculum .

**General Functions
of the Authority**

12. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Authority shall -

- (1) grant recognition as a minority educational institution, if an application received from an educational institution in this regard is found in order;
- (2) provide all necessary assistance to the Board in extending modern educational opportunities to the students of minority communities and facilitating excellence of education in minority educational institutions, thus ensuring welfare of students belonging to minority communities;
- (3) as and when required by the Government of Uttarakhand, based on the recommendation of the sub-committee/sub-committees formed in accordance with the provisions contained in section 11, revise and notify the revised course curricula with the approval of the Board of School Education, Uttarakhand ;
- (4) guide, supervise and give directions to the minority educational institutions on the way examinations regarding the additional subjects as per sub-section (2) of section 3 are conducted, performances of students are evaluated and certificates are issued to them;
- (5) attend to the grievances of the minority educational institutions keeping in view the overall welfare of the students belonging to minority communities; and
- (6) do such other acts and things as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects of the Authority.

**Power of the
Authority to decide
on granting
recognition as
Minority
Educational
Institution**

13. On receipt of an application from an educational institution for recognition as a minority educational institution, the Authority shall have the power to officially recognize an educational institution as a minority educational institution or reject an application made for this purpose based on the necessary conditions enumerated in section 14.

**Necessary
conditions for
granting the
recognition as
Minority
Educational
Institution**

14. The Authority shall grant the recognition as a minority educational institution only if the following conditions are fulfilled by the applicant educational institution -

- (a) The educational institution is established and administered by a minority community;
- (b) The educational institution is affiliated with the Board;

- (c) The educational institution is managed by a body either registered as a Society under The Societies Registration Act, 1860 or as a Trust under The Indian Trusts Act, 1882 or as a non-profit making company under Section 8 of The Companies Act, 2013;
- (d) The title/registered lease of the land on which the educational institution is established is in the name of the Society/Trust/Company registered under clause (c);
- (e) All financial transactions of the educational institution necessarily take place through a bank account opened in the name of that institution in a commercial bank;
- (f) The Managing Committee/Trustees/Directors of the Society/Trust/Company, as the case may be, and the Governing body of the educational institution, wholly or substantially consist of persons belonging to the related minority community;
- (g) The aim and objectives of the Society/Trust/Company registered under clause (c) clearly specify that it is meant to primarily serve the interest of the minority community to which it belongs;
- (h) The minority educational institution shall not compel its students or employees to take part in any of its religious activities;
- (i) The minority educational institution shall appoint teachers as per the qualifications laid down by the Board;
- (j) In all academic, administrative and financial matters, the rules and regulations laid down or directions issued by the Board and the Authority, from time to time, shall be wholly applicable to minority educational institutions;
- (k) The minority educational institution shall not do anything which may come in the way of communal and social harmony;
- (l) Not more than fifteen percent students from non-minority community shall be enrolled in the minority educational institution.

Procedure for
seeking recognition
as a Minority
Educational
Institution

15. (1) Educational institution seeking recognition as a minority educational institution shall submit an application in a prescribed form.

- (2) A fee, as determined by the Government of Uttarakhand, shall be charged for processing the application and for inspection of the institution. Also, in case of renewal of recognition, a fee determined by the Government of Uttarakhand shall be charged.
- (3) The Authority shall examine the application for recognition as minority educational institution as per the conditions enumerated in Section 14 and if required, get the educational institution inspected.
- (4) The recognition given by the Authority shall be valid for a period of three academic sessions.
- (5) The minority educational institution shall apply to the Authority for renewal of the recognition at least three months prior to the expiry of the validity period.

Power to cancel
the recognition

16. At any time after granting recognition as a minority educational institution, the Authority may, after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to the institution, cancel such status if it finds -
 - (a) violation of any of the conditions enumerated in Section 14; and/or
 - (b) mis-utilisation of funds received through fees, donations, grants or through any other source of funding.

Powers of the
Government of
Uttarakhand to
give directions to
Authority

17. (1) Government of Uttarakhand shall have the power to address the Authority with reference to any work conducted or done by the Authority and to communicate to the Authority its views on any matter with which the Authority is concerned.
- (2) If on the issues relating to sub-section (1), the Authority does not, within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Government of Uttarakhand, it may after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Authority, issue such directions consistent with this Act, as it may think fit, and the Authority shall comply with such directions.
- (3) Whenever, in the opinion of the Government of Uttarakhand, it is necessary or expedient to take immediate action, it may, without making any reference to the Authority under the foregoing provisions, pass such order or take such other action consistent with this Act as it deems necessary and in particular, may by such order, modify or rescind any action taken or order passed by the Authority or make any regulation in respect of any matter and shall forthwith inform the Authority accordingly; the Authority shall be duty bound to comply with the same.

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| Overriding effect of the Act | 18. | Notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other Act or rules/regulations made by Uttarakhand State, the provisions of this Act, shall be valid and effective. |
| Power to make rules | 19. | <p>(1) The Government of Uttarakhand may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act.</p> <p>(2) Every rule made under this section shall as soon as may be laid before the State Legislative Assembly.</p> |
| Power to remove difficulties | 20. | <p>(1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government of Uttarakhand may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient, for removing the difficulty:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.</p> <p>(2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislative Assembly.</p> |
| Repeal and Savings | 21. | <p>(1) The Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board Act, 2016 and Uttarakhand Non-Government Arabic and Persian Madrasa Recognition Regulations, 2019 shall stand repealed with effect from July 01, 2026:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Provided that all operations, examinations and results related to the academic session 2025-26 shall continue to be governed by the provisions contained in the Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board Act, 2016 and Uttarakhand Non-Government Arabic and Persian Madrasa Recognition Regulations, 2019:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Provided further that from the date of commencement of this Act, no new registration shall take place under the Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board Act, 2016 and Uttarakhand Non-Government Arabic and Persian Madrasa Recognition Regulations, 2019 and recognition of minority educational institution shall be granted under this Act.</p> <p>(2) Such repeal shall not affect-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired or incurred under the repealed laws;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) any ongoing legal proceeding in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, or liability.</p> |

By Order,

DHANANJAY CHATURVEDI,
Principal Secretary.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Uttarakhand Madrasa Education Board Act, 2016 and Uttarakhand Non-Government Arabic and Persian Madrasa Recognition Regulation, 2019 was enacted for recognition of Madrasas in the State.

2. The proposed bill is related to recognition of minority educational institutions, facilitation of excellence in education in such institutions. These provisions are aimed to provide quality education in minority institutions.
3. For fulfilling the above objectives the Minority Education Act, 2025 is required.
4. The proposed Bill fulfills the aforesaid objectives.

Pushkar Singh Dhami
Chief Minister