

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

***Telangana Public Libraries
Act, 1960***

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THE TELANGANA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ACT, 1960

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An Act, to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the establishment and maintenance of Public Libraries in the State of Telangana and matters connected therewith.

CHAPTER - I

PRELIMINARY

SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

@1(1) This Act, may be called the Telangana Public Libraries Act, 1960.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Telangana,

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint.

DEFINITION

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

(1) 'Aided Library' means a library declared by the Director to be eligible for aid either from the Government or from the Library Fund in accordance with the rules made under this Act;

*(2) Omitted.

(3) 'Director' means the Director of Public Libraries appointed under Section-08,

(4) 'District' means a Revenue District;

(5) 'Government' means the State Government;

1. For statement of objects and reasons see Part-IV-A of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 25th July, 1959.

2. * Sub-Section (2) was omitted by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989.

3. @ Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.35 School Edn.(Trg.) Dept., dt:21.12.2015

- (6) 'Library Cess' means the Cess levied under Sub-Section (1) of Section-20;
- (7) 'Notification' means a notification published in the Telangana Gazette.
- * (8) 'Parishad' means the Telangana Grandhalaya Parishad established under Section-03;
- (9) 'Public Library' means:-
- (a) a Library established or maintained by a *Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, including the branches and delivery stations of such library;
- (b) a Library established or maintained by the Government and declared open to the public;
- (c) a Library established or maintained by any local body or co-operative society and declared open to the public;
- (d) a Library declared to be eligible for aid and receiving aid from the Government or from the Library Fund; notified by the Government as a Public Library for the purpose of this Act;
- (10) 'State' means the State of Telangana;
- (11) 'State Central Library' means a Library established by the Government as the State Central Library;
- (12) @ 'Regional Library' means a library established by the Government as a "Regional Library";
- (13) 'Year' means the financial year,

* Clause (8) was inserted by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989.

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*** CHAPTER II**

TELANGANA GRANDHALAYA PARISHAD

**ESTABLISHMENT
& COMPOSITION
OF THE
TELANGANA
GRANDHALAYA
PARISHAD**

- 3(1) There shall be establish by the Government by notification for the State of Telangana a Parishad by the name of “The Telangana Grandhalaya Parishad”.
- (2) The head quarters for the Parishad shall be Hyderabad.
- (3) The Parishad shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, and the rules made there under, to acquire, hold and dispose of property and to enter into contracts and shall by the said name sue and be sued.
- (4) The Parishad shall consist of the following members namely:—
- (a) A Chairman to be appointed by the Government from; among the persons who have rendered eminent service for the cause of education and library movement;
- (b) The Director of Public Libraries, who shall be the Member Secretary; and
- (c) Seven members to be nominated by the Government of whom
- (i) one shall be an expert having special knowledge of Library Science;
- (ii) two shall be from among those who have rendered service for the development of library movement and education;
- (iii) one shall be a person representing the recognized Aided Libraries;
- (iv) one shall be from among the Chairmen of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas; and
- (v) one shall be from among the Secretaries of Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas;
- (vi) the Chief Librarian, State Central Library, Hyderabad shall be Member, Ex-officio.

OBJECTIVES OF
THE PARISHAD

4. The objects of the Parishad shall be :-
- (i) to organize and promote library services in the State.
 - (ii) to establish, equip maintain and develop an integrated, comprehensive and efficient library services in the State.
 - (iii) to augment the supply of books and periodicals to all the libraries in the State.
 - (iv) to develop infrastructural facilities such as buildings, furniture, equipment to all public libraries and Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas in the State.
 - (v) to raise finances and regulate their usage for the promotion of library services.
 - (vi) to undertake other related activities.
 - (vii) to augment the income of the Parishad and Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas and suggest ways and means for raising additional resources; and
 - (viii) to prepare long term and short term plans for improving the library service in the State and also to supervise the implementation of approved plans.

POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS OF
THE PARISHAD

- 5(1) The Parishad shall be the principal policy formulating body and shall exercise the following functions namely:-
- (a) to evolve perspective plans for the development of library services and to co-ordinate and determine the standard of library service in Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.
 - (b) to prepare consolidated programs in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government and the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation and also to implement the developmental programs.
 - (c) to approve the Budget Estimates of Parishad and Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.
 - (d) to sanction the opening of library branches, village libraries and book deposit centers subject to availability of funds and creation of full time posts with the approval of the Government.
 - (e) to accord administrative and financial sanction for the construction of buildings for the purpose of Public Libraries.
 - (f) to accord administrative and financial sanction or additional staff with the prior approval of the Government.

- (g) to approve the shifting of Regional and Mobile Libraries.
 - (h) to accept gifts or endowments for any purpose connected with library activities of a value up to (@) Rupees Fifty Lakhs and with permission of the Government of a value exceeding Fifty Lakhs.
 - (i) to approve and submit to Government every year the audited statements of account and utilization certificates of its funds.
 - (j) to approve the annual audited statements of accounts of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.
 - (k) to approve the annual report on the working of Public Libraries under the Act, and cause to be placed before the Legislature.
 - (l) to decide the policy for selection and purchase of books required by the Public Libraries in the State and for this purpose to constitute sub-committees, which shall include: –
 - ‘one expert in the subject or language concerned besides other eminent persons in the faculties concerned’.
 - (m) to organize and conduct library seminars and conferences.
 - (n) to setup sub-committees, as may be necessary from time to time to regulate the work.
 - (o) to co-ordinate all the activities **connected** with the library services and also to supervise the proper utilization of funds allotted to such activities including the cess collected by the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas, and
 - (p) to prepare consolidated program in the sphere of the library service in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.
- (2) The Parishad shall advise the Government on all matters arising under this Act, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

@@(3) The Parishad shall meet at least once in three months. 1/3rd of the existing Members are necessary to constitute a Quorum at the meetings.

POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS OF
THE CHAIRMAN

6. The Chairman shall be head of the office of the Parishad and shall preside over all its meetings. He shall **SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE** policies and programs of the Parishad and exercises such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

SALARIES AND
ALLOWANCES OF
CHAIRMAN ETC.

7(1) The Chairman of the Parishad shall be entitled to such salary and allowances and shall be subject to such conditions of service as may from time to time be prescribed.

@(2) The Chairman and every member of the Parishad, other than Ex-officio Members, shall hold office during the pleasure of the Government.

(3) The other Members of the Parishad shall receive such allowances as may be prescribed.

POWERS And
FUNCTIONS OF
THE MEMBER
SECRETARY

7.A. The Member-Secretary shall be the Chief Executive of the Parishad and shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions namely:-

- (1) implement all the policies and programs of the Parishad.
- (2) exercise general supervision and control over the Parishad office staff, field staff of libraries or any other employees of the Parishad and all the libraries under Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.

@ @ (3) Omitted.

- (4) run the day to day administration of the Parishad and conduct all its financial administrative transactions.
- (5) be the custodian of the finances of the Parishad.
- (6) prepare and present the audited statements of accounts and utilization certificates to the Parishad for its approval.
- (7) obtain audited statements of account of all the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas and place them before the Parishad for its approval along with utilization certificates and;
- (8) recommend administrative and financial sanction for the creation of the post of officers and other employees for the performance of functions of the Parishad.

Amended in A.P. Act, No.16 of 1990.

@ Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.35 School Education (Trg.) Dept. dt:21.12.2015.

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FILLING UP OF
CASUAL
VACANCIES OF
THE CHAIRMAN
AND THE
MEMBERS OF
THE PARISHAD

7(B) Any vacancy occurring in the office of the Chairman or as the case may be of the member of the Parishad (*) shall be filled by nomination of another **person** in the manner provided in Section 3 (*).

FUNDS OF THE
PARISHAD

7(C)(1) The Parishad shall have its own funds, consists of: -

- (a) the grants made by the State Government;
- (b) all moneys received by or on its behalf under the provisions of this Act, or any other law for the time being in force or under any other contract;
- (c) all proceeds of the disposals of the property by or on behalf of the Parishad;
- (d) all moneys received by or on behalf of the Parishad from the public bodies, private bodies or private individuals by way of grants, donations or deposits;
- (e) all interests and profits arising from any investment or **from** any transaction in connection with any money belonging to the Parishad; and
- (f) such other sums from the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas as may be required for specific purposes as provided under the Act, or as per the instructions of the Government, from time to time.

(2) All moneys belonging to the Parishad shall be deposited in such banks or invested in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The Parishad may spend such sums as it may deem fit for performing its functions under this Act, and such expenditure shall be treated as expenditure payable out of this fund.

Deleted in A.P. Act, No.16 of 1990

TRANSFER OF
PROPERTIES AND
STAFF

7(D). The Government may at any time after the constitution of the Parishad transfer to it any properties of the Public Libraries along with staff on such terms and conditions as it may deem proper.

POWER OF THE
GOVERNMENT
TO GIVE
DIRECTIONS

7(E). The Parishad shall function under the general supervision and control of the Government and the Government shall have power to give such directions as it may deem fit from time to time and may review the actions of the Parishad.

CHAPTER - III

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC
LIBRARIES AND
APPOINTMENT
OF DIRECTOR
THEREOF AND
HIS DUTIES

8. For the purpose of this Act, the Government shall constitute a separate Department of Public Libraries and appoint a Director for that Department. The Director so appointed shall, subject to the control of the Government.
- (a) supervise the State Central Library and the branches of such library;
 - (b) superintend and direct all matters relating to Public Libraries;
 - (c) declare, in accordance with the rules made under this Act, what libraries are eligible for aid from the Government and supervise and direct all matters relating to such libraries;
 - (d) direct and control the work of all Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas under this Act, in the manner prescribed;
 - (e) * Omitted.
 - (f) submit reports to the committee on the working of libraries, whenever necessary.
 - (g) publish annually a bibliography of all the books published in the State in any language other than English or Sanskrit;
 - (h) perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as are imposed or conferred on him by this Act, or the rules made there under;
 - (i) arrange for centralized classification, cataloguing, inter-library loan, co-ordination of book selection and maintenance of copyright registry;
 - * (j) Omitted.
 - @ (k) to deal with all the administrative matters pertaining to appointments, postings, transfers, promotions and disciplinary action on the staff of Parishad and Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.

* Omitted by Act, No.11 of 1989

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LIBRARIANS
FOR CITY
CENTRAL
LIBRARY,
HYDERABAD
AND DISTRICT
CENTRAL
LIBRARIES

- *8.A(1) The Government may, at any time, create such number of posts of Librarians for City Central Library, Hyderabad and for District Central Libraries, as they may consider necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
- (2) All appointments to the posts of the Librarians created under Sub-Section (1) and transfer of the holders of such posts shall be subject to the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 as such other rules as may be made under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India.
 - (3) The Government shall pay, out of the consolidated fund of the State, the Salaries, Allowances, Leave Allowances, Pensions and Contributions, if any, towards the Provident Fund of the Pension cum Provident Fund of the Librarians referred to in Sub-Section (1).
 - (4) The Classification and methods of Recruitment conditions of service, pay and allowances and discipline and conduct of the Librarians referred to in Sub-Section (1) shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act, 23 of 1984. Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 as amended from time to time and to such other rules as may be made under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India.
 - (5) Every holder of the post of Librarian, who is appointed under this Act, immediately before the commencement of the Andhra Pradesh Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1986 shall notwithstanding anything in this Act, continue to hold such post subject to the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 as amended from time to time and to such other rules as may be made under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution and until provision. In that behalf is so made, the rules for the time being in force regulating the recruitment and conditions of service applicable to such holder immediately before such commencement, except the provision relating to age of superannuation, shall continue to apply to such holder.
 - (6) The Government may, from time to time by order give such directions to any Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas or Director as may appear to them to be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Section; and Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha or Director, as the case may be, shall comply with all such directions.

CHAPTER- IV

THE ZILLA GRANDHALAYA SAMSTHAS

**CONSTITUTION
AND
INCORPORATION
OF ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHAS**

- *9(1) For the purposes of organizing and administering Public Libraries in the State, there shall be constituted Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas, one for the City of Hyderabad by the name of the Hyderabad City Grandhalaya Samstha; one for the District of Hyderabad excluding the said City by the name of the Hyderabad Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and one for each of the other Districts by the name of the District concerned.
- (2) Every Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall by the name of the area of which it is constituted, be a body corporate having perpetual succession and common seat with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, and to enter into contracts and may by the said name sue and be sued.
- (3) It shall be the duty of every Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha to provide library service in the area of its jurisdiction.

**COMPOSITION
OF ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHAS**

- #10(1) The Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad shall consist of the following members:-
- (a) three members nominated by the Government from among the residents of the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad who have rendered eminent service in the field of education or Public Libraries;
- (b) one member nominated by the Government from among the Presidents of the Governing bodies of the Aided Libraries in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
- (c) two members nominated by the Government from among the Councillors of the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad.
- (d) The District Educational Officer, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio;
- (e) The Deputy Director, Office of the Directorate of Adult Education, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio;
- (f) The District Public Relation Officer, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio;
- (g) The Librarian, City Central Library, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio who shall be the Member Secretary.

* Substituted by Act, No.7 of 1969.

Substituted by Act, No.13 of 1987

(2) The Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha for each District shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) three members nominated by the Government from among the residents of the District, who have rendered eminent service in the field of education or Public Libraries;
- (b) One member nominated by the Government from among the Presidents of the governing bodies of the Aided Libraries in the District.
- (c) One member nominated by the Government from among the Councillors of either Municipal Corporations or Municipalities of the Districts;
- (d) Two members nominated by the Government from among the Presidents of Mandal Panchayats in the District concerned;
- (e) The District Educational Officer, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio;
- (f) The Deputy Director, Office of the Directorate of Adult Education, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio;
- (g) The District Public Relations Officer, Hyderabad, Ex-Officio;
- (h) The Librarian, District Central Library, Ex-Officio; who shall be the Member Secretary,
- (i) The District Panchayat Officer of the District concerned, Ex-Officio;

(3). The Government shall nominate one of the Non-Official Members as the Chairman of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha.

TERM OF OFFICE
OF MEMBERS OF
ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHA AND
ITS CHAIRMAN

*11(1) Every member of a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha not being an Ex-Officio Member shall hold office (**) during the pleasure of @ Government.

* Substituted by A.P.Act, No.13 of 1987.

** Amended by A.P.Act, No.16 of 1990

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The Chairman of Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall hold office during the pleasure of Government.

- (2) A member nominated or elected in his capacity as a holder of particular office shall if he ceases to be holder of that office, cease to be a member of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha.
- (3) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, the Chairman shall however, cease to hold office, before the expiration of such term on his ceasing to be a member of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.

**DISQUALIFICA-
TION FOR
BEING A
MEMBER OF
THE ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHA**

*11A(1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha if he:-

- (a) is or has been sentenced by a criminal court to imprisonment for a period of more than six months for any offence involving moral delinquency, such sentence not having been reserved or the offence pardoned, and a period of five years has not elapsed from the date of the expiration of such sentence;

Provided that the Government may direct that such sentence shall not operate as a disqualification;

- (b) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
 - (c) is a deaf-mute is suffering from leprosy;
 - (d) applies to be adjudicated as an insolvent or is an un-discharged insolvent;
 - (e) absents himself from three consecutive meetings without excuse sufficient to the opinion of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha to exonerate the absence.
- (2) Where a person ceases to be a member under Clause (e) of Sub-Section (1), the Secretary, shall at once intimate the fact, in writing to such person and report the same to the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha at its next meeting. Where such person applies for restoration of membership to the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha on or before the date of its next meeting or within fifteen days of the receipt by him of such intimation, the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha may, at the meeting next after the receipt of the application, or suo-motu, restore him as member thereof.

Provided that a member shall not be so restored more than twice during **the period he holds office.**

FILLING UP OF
CASUAL
VACANCIES OF
THE MEMBERS
OF ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHAS

*12. A vacancy occurring in the office of nominated member of Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha before the expiration of his term shall be filled by nomination of another person, in the manner provided in Section 10 and the person so nominated shall hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.

12A(1). Where, for any reason, there is a delay in the constitution of the Parishad in accordance with the provisions of the Section 3 of the constitution of Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad under Sub-Section(1) of Section 10 of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha for the District under Sub-Section(2) of Section 10, or the nomination of the Chairman of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha under Sub-Section(3) of Section 10, the Government may appoint a person or persons to manage the affairs of the Parishad or of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha or to perform the functions of the Chairman, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding six months and they may in the like manner from time to time extend such period beyond six months; so however, that the aggregate period including the extended period, if any shall not exceed two years.

(2) The person or persons so appointed shall, subject to the control of the Government and to such instructions or directions as they may issue from time to time exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of the Parishad or of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and its Chairman, as the case may be and take all such action as may be required in the interest of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha;

(3) The Government may fix the remuneration payable to the person or persons so appointed. The amount of such remuneration and other costs, if any, incurred in the management of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall be payable out of the Library Fund.

POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS OF
ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHA

13(1) A Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha may:-

(a) provide suitable lands and buildings for public libraries and also the furniture, fittings, materials and conveniences requisite thereof ;

(b) stock such libraries with books, periodicals, news papers, manuscripts, maps, works and specimens of art and science, lantern slides, films, cinema projectors, recorders and the like ;

Amended in A.P. Act, 16 of 1990 *

* Provided that the books that may be stocked in the Libraries shall be selected from the list of books approved from time to time by the Parishad.

Provided further that the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall stock also directed from time to time by the Parishad or by an Officer authorised by the Parishad in their behalf, the aggregate value where of shall not be less than twenty five per cent of the provision made in the budget of that Samstha for the purpose of this clause;

(c) Omitted **

*** (d) with the previous sanction of the Director, shift or close any Public Library mentioned in Sub-Clause (a) of Clause-09 of Section - 02, or discontinue aid to any other Public Library, the payment of which is regulated by rules and made under this Act.

(e) accept any gift or endowment for any purpose connected with its Activities;

(f) provide for lectures and the holding of classes and conduct other activities connected with Public Library service including social education;

(g) with the consent of the management and the previous sanction of the Parishad or an officer authorised by the Parishad in this behalf, acquire any library on such conditions as may be approved by the Parishad or an officer authorised by the Parishad in this behalf;

(h) distribute grants for Public Libraries and social educational purposes;

*(h-1): with the previous approval of the Director, organise, or participate in conferences for the discussions of matters relating to the development of Public Libraries and the library service.

(1) in general do everything necessary to carry out provisions of this Act.
(2) nothing in Sub-Section (1) shall apply to the library maintained by the Government.

* Inserted by A.P. Act, NO.7.1969 and amended by A.P.ACT, NO. 11 OF 1989.

** OMITTED by A.P. Act, No.17 of 1964.

*** Substituted by A.P. Act, NO.1969.

INSERTED BY A.P. Act, No.17 of 1964.

- SCHEMES TO BE SUBMITTED BY ZILLA GRANDHALAYA SAMSTHAS
- 14(1) As soon as possible after a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha is constituted and thereafter as often as may be required by the Parishad, every Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall and whenever it considers if necessary so to do, a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha may prepare a scheme for establishing libraries and for spreading library service within its area in such form and manner as may be prescribed and submit it to the Parishad for sanction. The Parishad may sanction it with such alterations, if any as Parishad may think fit after giving the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha an opportunity to make its representations, if any, in respect of such alterations and the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall there upon give effect to the scheme so sanctioned by the Parishad.
- (2) The Parishad may on application by the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha concerned, modify any scheme sanctioned under Sub-Section (1) or replace it by a new scheme.
- EXECUTIVE / SUB-COMMITTEES OF ZILLA GRANDHALAYA SAMSTHAS
- 15(1) A Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha may appoint an executive committee consisting of such of its members as it may deem fit and delegate to such committee any of its powers or functions under this Act, except the power to levy Library Cess, to borrow money, to dispose of immovable property and to pass the budget, accounts and the audit and annual reports.
- (3) A Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha may also, from time to time appoint Sub-Committees to inquire into and report or advise on any matters which it may be refer to them.
- ACT OF PARISHAD OR ZILLA GRANDHALAYA SAMSTHAS NOT TO BE INVALIDATED BY INFORMALITY, ETC.
16. No act of the Parishad or a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy or any defect in the constitution of that authority.

VESTING OF
PROPERTIES IN
ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHAS

- 17(1) All property acquired or held in any area by the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha for the purpose of any Public Library defined in Sub-Clause (a) of Clause (9) of Section 2 shall vest in the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha of that area.
- (2) Any immovable property required by the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall be deemed to be land needed for a public purpose within the meaning of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Central Act, 1 of 1894) and may be acquired under that Act.

*Amended by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989

POWER OF ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHAS TO
MAKE BYE-LAWS

18. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and rules made there under a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha may make bye-laws, generally to carry out the purpose of this Act,.
- (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such bye-laws may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-
- (a) the admission of the Public to the Public Libraries in its area on such conditions as it may specify;
provided that no fees shall be charged for such admission;
 - (b) the guaranty or security to be furnished by persons desiring to use such libraries, against injury to or misuse, destruction or loss of the property of such libraries;
 - (c) the manner in which the property of libraries may be used and the protection of such property from injury, misuse, destruction or loss;
 - (d) the authority to be exercised by its officers and servants in the matter of exclusion or removal from any such library, or any person who contravenes or does not comply with provisions of this Act, or the rules or bye-laws made there under;
- @(e) Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas shall meet once in three months. 1/3rd of the existing Members are necessary to constitute a Quorum at the Meeting;
- * Provided that a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall not have power to make any bye-laws affecting a public library mentioned in Sub-Clause (11) or Sub-Clause (12) of Section 2;
- (3) The Director may modify or cancel any bye-law made by a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha under Sub-Section (2);
- Provided that before modifying or canceling any bye-law, the Director shall give the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha concerned a reasonable opportunity to make its representations in the matter.

* Inserted by Act, No.17 of 1964

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POWER OF
GOVERNMENT
TO REMOVE
CHAIRMAN OF
THE ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHA

- *18A(1) The Government may by notification, remove any Chairman of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, who in their opinion willfully omits or refuses to carry out or disobeys the provisions of this Act, or the rules, bye-laws or lawful orders made there under, or abuses his position or powers vested in him.
- (2) The Government shall, when they propose to remove a Chairman under Sub-Section (1), give the Chairman concerned an opportunity for explanation, and the notification issued under the said Sub-Section shall contain a statement of the reasons of the Government for the action taken.
- (4) The Government shall have power to review any order of removal published under Sub-Section (1) and pending such review to stay such order.
- (5) Any person removed under Sub-Section (1) from the office of the Chairman shall not eligible for re-election to the said office for a period of three years from the date of his removal.

CONTROL OF THE
PARISHAD OR
THE ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHA BY THE
GOVERNMENT

19. If at any time, it appears to the Government that the Parishad or as the case may be a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha has failed to perform its functions or has exceeded or abused any of the powers conferred upon it by or under this Act, the Government may communicate the particulars thereof to the Parishad or as the case may be Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and if the Parishad or Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha, omits to remedy such failure, excess or abuse or to give a satisfactory explanation there for within such time as the Government may fix in this behalf, the Government may suspend, dissolve or supersede the Parishad as the case may be the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and cause all or any of the powers and functions of such authority to be exercised and performed by any person or agency for such period as they may think fit or direct that it be reconstituted.

CONSTITUTION
OF A LIBRARY
SERVICE FOR
ZILLA
GRANDHALAYA
SAMSTHAS IN
THE STATE

- **19-A Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Government may, by notification, constitute a Library Service for the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas in the State and appoint to that service such category of Librarians as may be prescribed.

* Inserted by Andhra Pradesh Act, No. 7 of 1969

** Amended by Andhra Pradesh Act, No. 11 of 1989.

CHAPTER V

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

- LIBRARY CESS 20(1) Every Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall levy in its area a Library Cess in the form of a surcharge on the property tax or house tax, levied in such area under the relevant laws providing for the levy of such property tax or house tax, at the rate of eight paisa for every rupee in the property tax or house tax so levied;
- (2) The Cess levied under Sub-Section (1) shall be collected :-
- * (a) in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad by Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad;
 - ** (b) in an area within the Jurisdiction of a Municipal Council, by such council;
 - (c) in an area within the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat by the Gram Panchayat; and
 - (d) in an area in a District not included within the jurisdiction of a Municipal Council or a Gram Panchayat by the local body having jurisdiction in such area, as if the cess were a property tax or house tax payable under the relevant laws for the time being in force in the area, and all the provisions of the said laws relating to collection or property tax or house tax shall apply subject to such modifications as may be specified by the Government in the notification issued in this behalf.
- (3) The Cess collected under Sub-Section (2) shall be paid to the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha concerned in the same manner, such as may be prescribed.

* Clause (a) was substituted by A.P. Act, No.17 of 1964.

** Substituted by A.P. Act, No.7 of 1960.

- LIBRARY FUND 21(1) Every Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha shall maintain a fund called the "Library Fund" from which all the payments under this Act, shall be met.
- * (2) There shall be credited to the Library Fund are following sums namely:-
- (a) the cess collected under Sub-Section (2) of Section 20,
 - (b) contributions, gifts and income from endowments made to the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha for the benefit of Public Libraries;
 - (c) special grants which the Government may make for any specified purpose connected with libraries and social education;
 - (d) funds and other amounts collected by Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha under any rules or bye-laws made under this Act;
- * (e) grants released by the Government from time to time.
- ** (3) Omitted.

- MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS 22(1) An account shall be kept of the receipts and expenses of the Parishad and each Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha.
- (2) The accounts shall be open to inspection, shall be subject to audit disallowance and surcharge and shall be dealt with in all other respects in such manner, as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER VI

REPORTS, RETURNS AND INSPECTION

- REPORTS AND RETURNS ***23 Every Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and every person in-charge of a Public Library shall submit such reports and returns and furnish such information to the Parishad or to any person authorised by it in this behalf in such manner as the Parishad or the person authorised may, from time to time, required.
- INSPECTION OF LIBRARIES ***24 The Parishad or any person authorised by it in this behalf may inspect any Public Library or any institution attached thereto for the purpose of satisfying himself that the provisions of this Act and the rules and bye-laws made there under are duly carried out.

* Inserted by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989

** Omitted by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989.

*** Amended by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIGILANCE AND AUDIT CELL *24-A There shall be established by Parishad a separate accounts, inspection, vigilance and audit cells to look after the accounts, inspections, vigilance and audit work of the Department of Public Libraries in the manner and with such officers as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER - VII

MISCELLANEOUS

- POWER TO MAKE RULES 25(1) The Government may, by notification, 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 for:-
- #(a) the method of appointment, nomination, members to the Parishad and the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas;
 - (b) the publication of audited statements of the accounts of Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and of the reports of the auditors;
 - (c) the Publication of a Library Grant-in-Aid code regulating the grant of aid to Aided Libraries and the standards to be maintained by such libraries;
 - (d) The maintenance of State Registers of Libraries and Librarians.
 - ** (e) The employment of necessary staff for the Public Libraries maintained by a Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha and for regulating the classification, methods of recruitment, pay and allowances, discipline and conduct and other conditions of service of the staff employed in such libraries;
 - *** (f) The classification, methods of recruitment pay and allowances, discipline and conduct and other conditions of service of the members of the library service constituted under Section 19-A;
 - *** (g) The recognition of the library associations and regulation of grants to such associations.

* Amended by A.P. Act, No.11 of 1989

** Inserted by A.P. Act, No. 17 of 1964

*** Inserted by A.P. Act, No.7 of 1969

- #(3) Every rule made under this Act, shall immediately after it is made, be laid before each House of the State Legislature if it is in session and if it is not in session, in the session immediately following for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiration of the session, in which it is so laid or the session immediately following both Houses agree in making any modification or in the annulment of the rule. The rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or shall stand annulled 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.

**26. Omitted.

AMENDMENT TO
THE PRESS AND
REGISTRATION
OF BOOKS ACT,
1867 IN ITS
APPLICATION TO
THE STATE OF
TELANGANA

27. The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (Central Act, XXV of 1867) shall, in its application to the State of Telangana be amended as follows:-

(i) in the first paragraph of Section 9, for Clause (a) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

(a) "in any case, within one calendar month after the day on which any such book shall first be delivered out of the press, three such copies, and",

(ii) in the last paragraph of the same Section, for clause

(J) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"any second or subsequent edition of a book in which edition no additions or alterations either in the letterpress or the maps, book prints or other engravings belonging to the book have been made, and three copies of the first or some proceeding edition of which books have been delivered under this Act, or;"

(iii) in Section 11 for the first sentence the following sentence shall be substituted, namely:-

“Out of three copies delivered pursuant to clause (a) of the first paragraph of Section 9 of this Act, one copy shall be sent to the State Central library, Hyderabad, referred to in Clause (a) of Section 8 of the Telangana Public Libraries Act, 1960 and the remaining two copies shall be disposed of in such manner as the Government may, from time to time determine”.

Substituted by AP Act, No.17 of 1984

** Omitted by AP Act, No.7 of 1969

REPEAL
SAVING

AND 28 (1) The Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948 (Madras Act, XXIV of 1948) and the Public Libraries Act, 1955 (Hyderabad Act, III of 1955) are hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal:-

(a) the members of the State Library Committee or the State Library Council, as the case may be and the Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha constituted under the said Acts and holding office immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be respectively the members of the State Library Committee and Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas constituted under this Act and shall exercise all powers and perform all duties conferred on such committee or authorities in the respective areas in which they are functioning at such commencement until their present term expires or until a new Committee or authorities are constituted under this Act., whichever is later;

(b) all rules, bye-laws and regulations made under the said Acts and in force at the commencement of this Act, shall so far as such rules, bye-laws and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue to be in force in the respective areas in which they are in force at such commencement, and such rules shall be deemed to be rule and such bye-laws and regulations shall be deemed to be bye-laws, made under the provisions of this Act, until they are superseded or modified by rules and bye-laws made under this Act.

-*-* The End -*-*

