**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**19 October 2016**

**No.PAP/Legis-2(145)/2016/1483.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

**THE FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE LAHORE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

**Bill No. 42 of 2016**

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*to amend the Forman Christian College Lahore Act, 2004.*

Amendments in the Forman Christian College Lahore Act, 2004 (XXIII of 2004) are necessary in order to enable the Forman Christian College to obtain foreign accreditation and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Forman Christian College Lahore (Amendment) Act 2016.

 (2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 2 of Act XXIII of 2004.**– In the Forman Christian College Lahore Act, 2004 (XXIII of 2004), for brevity cited as the Act, in section 2:

(a) after clause (b), the following clause (bb) shall be inserted:

“(bb) ”Accreditation Committee” means the Accreditation Committee constituted under the Punjab Higher Education Commission Act 2014 (I of 2015);” and

(b) after clause (i), the following clause (ii) shall be inserted:

“(ii) “Punjab Higher Education Commission” means Punjab Higher Education Commission set up under the Punjab Higher Education Commission Act 2014 (I of 2015);”.

**3.** **Amendment in section 4 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 4, for clause (c), the following shall be substituted:

“(c) to hold examinations and confer on, or award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to, persons who have passed the examinations;”.

**4.** **Amendment in section 6 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 6:

 (a) for subsection (2), the following shall be substituted:

“(2) The Patron or, in his absence, the Rector shall preside at the convocation of the University.”; and

(b) for subsection (3), the following shall be substituted:

“(3) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to the approval of the Patron on the recommendation of the Board.”.

**5.** **Amendment in section 7 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 7:

(a) after subsection (1), the following subsection (1a) shall be inserted:

“(1) For inspection or inquiry under subsection (1), the Patron shall refer the matter to a committee consisting of at least three members including a nominee of the Government not below the rank of an Additional Secretary, a nominee of the Punjab Higher Education Commission not below the rank of a member of the Commission and a nominee of the Chairman of the Society.”;

(b) for subsection (5), the following shall be substituted:

 “(5) If the Board fails to comply with the directions of the Patron under subsection (4), the Patron may, on the recommendations of Accreditation Committee, take any appropriate action.”;

(c) for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

“(6) The Government may, by notification, make rules to provide detailed procedure for any action under this section.”; and

(d) for subsection (7), the following shall be substituted:

“(7) The Patron may, on the recommendation of Accreditation Committee, annul any decision of the Board on the ground of academic excellence, religion, culture, ideology or national integrity.”.

**6.** **Amendment in section 8 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 8, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

“(1) The Rector shall be an eminent scholar of repute or distinguished administrator who shall be appointed by the Government on the recommendation of the Board on such terms and conditions as may the Board may determine.”.

**7.** **Amendment in section 13 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 13, in subsection (1), for clauses (ii) and (iii), the following shall be substituted:

“(ii) members of the Board of Directors of the Society subject to a maximum of ten members; and

(iii) five eminent persons of national repute to be nominated by the Society.”.

**8.** **Amendment in section 17 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 17, for clause (vii), the following shall be substituted:

“(vii) an expert in the field of education to be nominated by Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, from a panel of experts recommended by the Board; and”.

**9.** **Amendment in section 22 of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in section 22, the following shall be substituted:

“**22. Removal of difficulties**.– If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Board may, with the approval of the Government, give such directions, not inconsistent with the Act, as it may consider necessary for the removal of such difficulty.”.

**10. Amendment in Schedule of Act XXIII of 2004**.– In the Act, in the Schedule:

(a) for paragraph 10, the following shall be substituted:

“**10. Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors.-** The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors shall consist of -

(a) five members of the Board nominated by the Board; and

(b) an eminent scholar nominated by the Society;”;

(b) for paragraph 14, the following shall be substituted:

“**14.** **Finance Committee of the Board of Governors.-** The Finance Committee of the Board of Governors shall consist of -

(a) five members of the Board nominated by the Board;

(b) Director (Planning) of the Higher Education Commission; and

(c) a representative of Punjab Higher Education Commission.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The administration of the Forman Christian College submitted a request to the Government for amendments in the charter of the College keeping in view the requirements of accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the USA. The amendments proposed by the administration of FC College were thoroughly deliberated keeping in view the best interest of the students of the institution. Certain amendments have been agreed to in the series of meetings with the College administration. Hence this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**19 October 2016 Secretary**