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DRAFTING) DEPARTMENT(GROUP-II)NOTIFICATIONJaipur, September 23, 2020No. F. 2(4)Vidhi/2/2020.- In pursuance of Clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to authorise the publication in the RajasthanGazette of the following translation in the English language of Rajasthan Madarsa BoardAdhiniyam, 2020 (2020 Ka Adhiniyam Sankhyank 24):-(Authorised English Translation)THE RAJASTHAN MADARSA BOARD ACT, 2020(Act No. 24 of 2020)(Received the assent of the Governor on the 22ndday of September, 2020)AnActto establish a Board of Madarsa Education in the State of Rajasthan and to provide formatters connected therewith or incidental thereto.Be it enacted by the Rajasthan State Legislature in the Seventy-first Year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

Chapter I Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Rajasthan

Madarsa Board Act, 2020.(2)It extends to the whole of the State of Rajasthan.(3)It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may by notification the Official Gazette, appoint.

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

(a)"Advisory Committee" means the Advisory Committee constituted undersection 21;(b)"Board" means the Rajasthan Madarsa Board established under section 3;(c)"Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board;

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4 ()(d)"Competent Authority" means the Authority specified by notification in the Official Gazette by the State Government to hear the appeal preferred undersection 26;(e)"Fund" means the Fund constituted under section 18;(f)"Head Master/Principal" means the head of the teaching staff of a Madarsa, bywhatever name he may be designated;(g)"Madarsa" means an educational institution registered with the Madarsa Boardand imparting instruction in Madarsa Education;(h)"Madarsa Education" means a system of education which includes studies in Islamic history and culture, and theology, and also includes general educationwhich prepares the student to appear for exams conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education or Secondary Education Boards of other States;(i)"Madarsa Management Committee" means the person or the body of persons forthe time being entrusted with the management of the affairs of the Madarsa;(j)"Majority" means the majority votes of the members including Chairperson, present and voting in the meeting of the Board; (k) "Member" means a member of the Board under this Act;(1)"Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;(m)"Regulations" mean regulations made under this Act;(n)"Rules" mean rules made under this Act;(o)"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Board;(p)"Sadar" means the head of the Madarsa Management Committee;(q)"Social Worker" means a person who is engaged in the field of social work and social, economical, psychological and educational upliftment of the society; (r) "State Government" means the Government of Rajasthan; and(s)"Teacher" means a person appointed for imparting instruction and includes a Shiksha Sahyogi and the Head Master/Principal.

Chapter II The Board

3. Establishment and incorporation of the Board.- (1) With effect from such date

| as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint, establish aBoard to be | | | | | |
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| called the Rajasthan Madarsa Board.(2)The headquarters of the Board shall be at Jaipur.(3)The | | | | | |
| Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common sealand shall have power | | | | | |
| to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and subject to the approval of the State | | | | | |
| Government, to transfer any property held by it and to enter intocontract and to do all other things | | | | | |
| necessary for, or conducive to the purposes of this Act andmay sue or be sued in its corporate | | | | | |
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4. Constitution of the Board.- (1) The Board shall consist of the following, namely:-

(a) Chairperson appointed by the State Government; (b) the Secretary Incharge of the Minority Affairs and Waqf Department, Rajasthanor his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government, ex-officio member;(c)the Secretary Incharge of the Finance Department, Rajasthan or his nominee notbelow the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government, ex-officio member;(d)the Secretary Incharge of the Social Justice Department, Rajasthan, or hisnominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government, ex-officiomember; (e) the Secretary Incharge of the Department of Personnel, Rajasthan, or hisnominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government, ex-officiomember; (f) the Director, Directorate of Minority Affairs, Rajasthan ex-officio member;(g)the Secretary Incharge of the Education Department, Rajasthan or his nomineenot below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government, ex-officio member;(h)the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Rajasthan, ex-officio member; (i) the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan, ex-officio member; (j) the Chief Executive Officer, Waqf Board, Rajasthan, ex-officio member;(k)one person from Teaching Faculty of Urdu/Arabic or Persian Language from any State University of Rajasthan, nominated by the State Government, member; (1) six Sadars, at least two of them shall be women, of the Madarsa ManagementCommittee nominated by the State Government, member; and(m)four social workers, at least one of them shall be a woman, of repute from the Muslim Community nominated by the State Government, member. Explanation. - For the purposes of this sub-section expression "Secretary Incharge" means the Secretary to the Government Incharge of a department and includes an AdditionalChief Secretary or a Principal Secretary when he is Incharge of a department.(2)All the appointments and nominations under sub-section (1) shall be made by the notification published in the Official Gazette.

5. Terms and conditions of the service of Chairperson.- (1) The Chairperson shall

be an eminent educationist or a social worker of repute.(2)The Chairperson shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of hisappointment or until the pleasure of the State Government, whichever is earlier.(3)The Chairperson may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the State Government, and shall vacate his office with effect from the date on which hisresignation is accepted by the State Government.(4)The Chairperson shall cease to hold office if, at any time, he becomes subject to any of the disqualifications, referred to in sub-section (1) of section 7.

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6. Terms and conditions of the service of the members.- (1) A member, other than

ex-officio member, shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of hisnomination or until the pleasure of the State Government, whichever is earlier.(2)A member, other than ex-officio member, may resign his office by writing underhis hand addressed to the State Government and shall vacate his office with effect from thedate on which his resignation is accepted by the State Government.(3)A member, other than ex-officio member, shall cease to hold office if, at any time,he becomes subject to any of disqualifications referred to in sub-section (1) of section 7.(4)The salary and allowances payable to the nominated members shall be such asmay be prescribed.(5)The other conditions of service of the members shall be such as may be prescribed.

7. Disqualifications.- (1) A Chairperson and a member shall be disqualified for being

appointed or nominated as a Chairperson or, as the case may be, a member of the Board, ifhe-(i)has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind;(ii)is an undischarged insolvent;(iii)has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which, in the opinion of the State Government, involves moral turpitude;(iv)has, in the opinion of the State Government, so misused the position of Chairperson or member as to render that person's continuance in officedetrimental to the interest of minorities or the public interest.(2)If a Chairperson or a member becomes after his appointment/nomination, subject to any of the disqualifications specified in sub-section (1), his membership shall thereuponcease with effect from such date as the State Government may direct.

8. Filling of Vacancies.- (1) In the event of any vacancy in the office of the

Chairperson or a nominated member by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, suchvacancy shall be filled by the State Government by fresh appointment or, as the case may be,nomination.(2)Where the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant by reason of leave, suspension or otherwise, the State Government may, by order, authorize a member toexercise the powers and perform duties of Chairperson till the new Chairperson assumes hisduties.

9. Meetings of the Board.- (1) The Board shall meet at such times, not less than four

| times in a year, as may be decided by the Chairperson. □ 4() □ □ □ □ |
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| through circulation mode, subject to the ex post facto approval of the Board.(3)The Chairperson may |
| invite any person to the meeting whose assistance or adviceit may desire to obtain in performing any |
| of its functions under this Act:Provided that the person so invited under sub-section (3) shall have a |
| right to take partin such meeting, but shall not have a right to vote.(4)The quorum for the meeting |
| of the Board shall be one-third of the total number of members. (5) Any issues and questions which |
| may come up before any meeting of the Boardshall be decided by a Majority. |

Chapter III

Powers and Duties of the Chairperson

10. Powers and duties of the Chairperson.- (1) It shall be the duty of the

Chairperson of the Board to ensure the strict observance of provisions of this Act and therules thereof.(2)The Chairperson shall be responsible for carrying out, and giving effect to, the decisions of the Board and of any Committee constituted under this Act.(3)The Chairperson shall exercise general supervision over the Secretary and theother officers and employees appointed by the Board.(4)The Chairperson of the Board shall exercise such other powers and discharge such other duties as may be prescribed.

Chapter IV

Powers and Functions of the Board

11. Powers and functions of the Board.- (1) It shall be the duty of the Board to

advise the State Government on all matters relating to Madarsa Education.(2)Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, any general orspecial orders of the State Government, the Board shall have power to direct and superviseMadarsa Education and in particular shall exercise the following powers and discharge thefollowing functions, namely:-(a)to grant or refuse registration to Madarsa and to deregister a Madarsa, if itthinks fit and necessary;(b)to upgrade an existing Madarsa, if it thinks fit and necessary;(c)to maintain all records relating to registered Madarsas in accordance with theregulations made in this behalf;(d)to prescribe courses, curriculum and pedagogy;(e)to prescribe text books and other teaching material;(f)to arrange for the conduct of examinations including Board level examinations;

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12. Power to delegate.- The Board may, by general or special order, direct that any

power exercisable by it under this Act, except the power to make regulations, may also be exercised

by its Chairperson or by such Committee or officer in such cases and subject tosuch conditions, as may be specified therein.

Chapter V Officers of the Board

13. The Secretary.- (1) The Secretary shall be appointed by the State Government,

who shall be an officer of the Rajasthan Administrative Service.(2)Subject to the general control and supervision of the Chairperson, the Secretaryshall be the principal administrative officer of the Board and shall be entitled to participate in the meetings of the Board but shall not be entitled to vote thereat. He shall be responsible for recording the proceedings of the meetings of the Board.

14. The Accounts Officer.- (1) The State Government shall appoint an Accounts

Officer who shall be an officer of the Rajasthan Accounts Service to supervise and controlthe finances and accounts of the Board. He shall work under the overall supervision of the Secretary of the Board.(2)He shall-(i)be responsible for the preparation of the Budget and for the presentationthereof to the Board;(ii)administer the Fund of the Board;(iii)supervise and control the expenditure of the Board; and(iv)ensure that no expenditure not authorized in the Budget is incurred by the Board.

15. Other officers and employees of the Board.- (1) For the purpose of enabling the

| Board to efficiently discharge its functions under this Act the State Government may depute such | | | | | | |
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| number of officers and other employees, as it may deem fit.(2)The State Government may also | | | | | | |
| create such number and category of posts of officers and other employees in the Board as it may | | | | | | |
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| employees of the Board, appointed under this section, shall be such as may be prescribed. | | | | | | |

16. District Level Office.- Subject to the control and supervision of the Board, the

office of the District Minority Welfare Officer, under the Department of Minority affairs, shall also function as the district level office for the purpose of implementing schemes and programs of the Board and to inspect and monitor Madarsas on behalf of the Board.

Chapter VI Budget and Finances of the Board

17. Budget.- (1) The Board shall cause to be prepared, in such form and at such time

in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Board and after its approval forward the same to the State Government.(2)No sum shall be expended by or on behalf of the Board unless the expenditure of the same is covered by the budget provisions approved by the State Government.

18. Fund.- (1) There shall be established a Fund to be called Madarsa Board Fund,

hereinafter referred to as the 'Fund'.(2)The following moneys shall form part of, and be paid into, the Fund, namely:-(i)any grants received from the State Government or the Central Government;(ii)any trust, bequests, donations, endowments and other grants; and(iii)any other sums received on behalf of the Board.(3)The Fund shall be applied strictly for the purposes of this Act and not otherwise.

19. Accounts and Audit.- (1) The accounts of the Board shall be prepared and

maintained in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.(2)The Accounts of the Board shall be subject to audit by the Director Local FundAudit in accordance with the provisions of the Rajasthan Local Fund Audit Act, 1954 (ActNo. 28 of 1954) or in the manner as may be prescribed by the rules.(3)The Accounts of the Board shall be audited by any registered Chartered AccountFirm annually and its report shall be a part of annual report.(4)The Board shall pay from their funds the charges for the audit as may be prescribed by the rules.

20. Annual Report.- (1) The Board shall prepare every year a report of its activities

under this Act during that year and submit the report to the State Government.(2)The State Government shall, as soon as may be after the receipt of a report undersub-section (1), cause the same to be laid before the House of the State Legislature.

Chapter VII Committees of the Board

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21. Advisory Committee.- (1) An Advisory Committee shall be constituted as

provided hereunder to advise the Board on policy matters, issues involving finance and toreview the performance of the Board from time to time:-(i)Chief Minister of Rajasthan ex-officio Chairperson;(ii)Minister for Minority Affairs,Rajasthanex-officio Vice-Chairperson;(iii)Minister for School Education,Rajasthanex-officio Member;(iv)Minister for Finance, Rajasthan ex-officio Member;(v)Minister for Social Justice andEmpowerment, Rajasthanex-officio Member;(vi)Chairperson, Waqf Board,Rajasthanex-officio Member;(vii)Chairperson, Rajasthan MinorityCommissionex-officio Member;(viii)Chairperson, Madarsa Board,Rajasthanex-officio Member;(ix)Secretary Incharge, MinorityAffairs, RajasthanMember-Secretary.Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-section expression "Secretary Incharge"means the Secretary to the Government Incharge of a department and includes an AdditionalChief Secretary or a Principal Secretary when he is Incharge of a department.(2)The Chairperson may authorize the Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committeeto chair any meeting of the Committee.

22. Other Committees.- (1) The Board may, constitute such Committees as it may

consider necessary for its proper and efficient functioning.(2)The composition and the terms and conditions of the services of the members of the Committees shall be such as may be prescribed.(3)The Board may make regulations to regulate the powers, functions and procedure of the Committees constituted under this section.

Chapter VIII Miscellaneous

23. Chairperson, members, officers and employees of the Board to be public

servants.- The Chairperson and all members, officers and employees of the Board shall, when acting or purporting to act in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or of any rules or regulations made thereunder, be deemed to be public servant within the meaning of section

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24. Protection of acts done in good faith.- No suit, prosecution or other legal

proceedings shall lie against the State Government, the Board or any of its Committees orany other person in respect of anything which is done or intended to be done in good faith inpursuance of the provisions of this Act or any rule or regulation, order or direction made thereunder.

25. Power of the State Government to issue directions.- (1) The State Government

may issue such directions to the Board as it may deem necessary for the fulfilment of thepurposes of this Act and the Board shall comply with such directions.(2)The State Government shall have power to address the Board or express its viewswith respect to anything done or purported to be done by the Board.(3)The State Government may by order in writing, specifying the reasons thereof, suspend the execution of any resolution or order of the Board and any Committee thereof and prohibit the execution of any act intended to be done under this Act, if the State Government of the opinion that such resolution, order or act is in excess of the powers conferred by this Act or is prejudicial to the purposes of this Act.

26. Appeal against the decisions of the Board.- Any person or body aggrieved by

any decision of the Board may prefer an appeal within sixty days of passing of such order to the Competent Authority:Provided that the Competent Authority may admit the appeal after the expiry of the said period of sixty days if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.

27. Reports.- The Board shall furnish to the State Government such reports, returns

and statements as may be prescribed and such further information on any matter relating to the Board as the State Government may require.

28. Power of State Government to make rules.- The State Government may, by

notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

29. Power of Board to make regulations.- The Board may, with the previous

approval of the State Government, make regulations consistent with this Act and the rulesmade thereunder, as necessary for the exercise of its powers and the discharge of functionsunder this Act.

30. Rules and regulations to be laid before the House of the State Legislature.-

Every rule and regulation made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is somade, before the House of the State Legislature, while it is in session, for a period of not less than fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successives sessions and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or of the session immediately following, the House of the State Legislature makes any modification in the ruleor regulation or resolves that the rule or regulation should not be made, the rule or regulationshall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.

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| 31. Power to remove difficulties (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the | | | | | | |
| provisions of this Act, the State Government may by order, published in the Official Gazette,make such provisions not inconsistent with the purposes of this Act as may appears to benecessary for | | | | | | |

such provisions of this Act, the State Government may by order, published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the purposes of this Act as may appears to benecessary for removing the difficulty: Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of twoyears from the date of commencement of this Act.(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it ismade before the House of the State Legislature.

32. Savings.- Any madarsa registered with the Rajasthan Madarsa Board, constituted

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