

FAQs

1. Q. - Whether each University Department shall have separate Students' Council?

Ans. - No. All University Departments shall have one common Students' Council

2. Q. - Whether University centres for research shall be treated as University Departments for Students' Council election?

Ans. – Yes, only if such centre offers full time course and student is enrolled as a full time student.

3. Q. – In case of "School" pattern, whether each department in the school shall have separate student representative (as class representative) ?

Ans. – Yes, as department is defined in the Act as "a department teaching a particular subject or a group of subjects"

4. Q. – In case of University Department Students' Council, whether Reservation Representative will be by rotation?

Ans. – No, as it is not so specified under Section 99(2)(d)

5. Q. – In case of College Students' Council, how the category of Reserve Representative for the year for a college is to be decided.

Ans. – Please refer to Proviso to Section 99(3)(d). The University shall have to decide the category of Reservation for each college by drawing lots in advance. Please refer to Clause 5(2) of Notification Dated 26 Oct. 2018.

6. Q - For deciding such category of Reservation, what shall be the rationale for number of Reservations for each category?

Ans. – The proportionate percentage for each category as prescribed by the State Government shall be the basis for deciding such number. i.e. 13% for SC, 7% for ST, 11% for DT(VJ)/NT and 19% for OBC . eg. A university has 500 conducted / affiliated Colleges and Recognized Institutions. Then, 130 Colleges/Institutions (26% of 500) shall have SC category reservation, 70 (14% of 500) Colleges/Institutions shall have ST category reservation, 110(22% of 500) Colleges/Institutions shall have DT(VJ)/NT category reservation, 190 (38% of 500) colleges/institutions shall have OBC category of reservation.

7. Q. – In the above calculation, why is it the double of percentage of each category?

Ans.- 13% for SC , 7% for ST, 11% for DT(VJ)/NT & 19% for OBC is the Statutory Reservation out of 100. However, in this case each college has to have one Reserved Representative. Therefore the process to double is needed.

8. Q.- Who is eligible to vote in the election ?

Ans. – A Student who is engaged in full time studies is eligible. For this purpose, "fulltime course" means and includes an undergraduate degree or post graduate degree course approved by the university but shall not include –

- Any other certificate / diploma course,
- "Add-on" course,

- Any academic programme in distance / external mode and
- Any other autonomous course offered by college / institution / university department.

9. Q. – Who is eligible to contest the election?

Ans. – Refer Clause 6 of Notification dated 26 Oct. 2018. Readmitted student in the same class or a student who has not cleared all heads of passing of previous years without any backlog and / or benefit of Allow to Keep Term (ATKT) shall not be eligible to contest the election. In case of election for the Representative of Reserve Category, Cast Certificate issued by competent authority at the timing of filing of nomination is necessary.

10. Q. What is the upper age limit for a candidate to contest the Election?

Ans. – 25 completed years as on 30th Sept. of that academic year.

11. Q. What is the disqualification to contest the election?

Ans. – Disqualification is as under

1. He / She has completed seven academic years from the first entry to higher education.
2. He/ She has been punished for indulging in unfair means in university examination or for committing any misconduct or
3. He/ She has been convicted for any offence involving moral turpitude

12. Q. In case of nominations from NSS, NCC, Sports and Cultural Activities, is there any prescribed criterion?

Ans. – Yes, please refer Uniform Statute No. 7 of 2018 Dt. 26 Oct. 2018

13. Q. Who has the authority to make such nominations?

Ans.– 1. In case of University Department – Vice Chancellor.

2. In case of College / Institution – Principal / Director

3. In case of University Students' Council – President of University Students' Council in consultation with Director, Students' Development.

14. Q. For such nominations to University Students Council, is it necessary to nominate from the students who are members of university Students' association?

Ans. – Refer Section 99(4)(b)(v). Even though, this Clause is silent on the issue, it is expected that such nominations shall be from the list of such nominated students of University Departments / College Students' Council. It is necessary to ensure that such nominations shall be from the field of respective activities. Therefore it will be prudent to prepare four independent lists of nominated students in University Department / College Students' Council – one each for NSS, NCC, Sports and Cultural Activities and from such respective list the nominations be made.

15. Q. What is the Electoral College for University Students' Council?

Ans. – University Students' Association constituted under Section 99(4)(a) is the Electoral College for University Students' Council.

16. Q. In case of University Students' Council, the election for one Representative belonging to Reserved Category is to be conducted. How shall such category be decided every year?

Ans. – As per Section 99(4)(b)(iv), it is by rotation in the sequence of SC, ST, DT(VJ)/NT,OBC,SBC. i.e. in the first, year it shall be reserved for SC and subsequently in the second year for ST and so on .

17. Q. In case of University Students' Council, for the Election to the reserve category, who is allowed to contest?

Ans. – Any member of University Students Association who belongs to the specified category can contest.

18. Q. Does this mean that even a member of University Students' Association who is President or Secretary or Lady Representative of the University Department / College Students' Council who is belonging to the specified category can contest for the post of Reserved Representative ?

Ans. – Yes, President / Secretary / LR of University Department / College Students' Council belonging to specified reserved category can contest for the post of Reserved Representative.

19. Q. Who is the Election Officer?

Ans.- In case of a College / Institution, a teacher nominated by the Principal / Director shall be Election Officer. In case of University, a teacher nominated by Director, Students' Development in consultation with Pro -Vice -Chancellor shall be the Election Officer.

20. Q. Who has to prepare and publish the list of members of University Students' Association as Electoral College for University Students' Council?

Ans.- Director, Students' Development.

21. Q. Can a candidate contest election for more than one position at a time?

Ans.- No.

22. Q. To contest the election for the post of President, Secretary of the University Students' Council, is it necessary that the candidate should be President or Secretary respectively of University Department /College Students' council?

Ans. – No. Any member of University Students' Association can contest.

23. Q. To contest the election for Lady Representative of University Students' Council, is it necessary that the female candidate should be Lady Representative of University Department / Students Council

Ans.- No. Any Female representative of University Students Association can contest. eg. Lady President / Secretary /

Reserved category representative can contest for the post of Lady Representative of University Students' Council.

24. Q. Who can contest for the post of Representative of the Reserved Category in University Students' Council?

Ans. – The Category of the Reserved Representative Categories has to be decided and declared in advance by the University. It is to be decided "**by rotation**". Any member of University Students' Association who belongs to such "declared" category, can contest the Election as the Representative of such category. eg.- In the first year, the post shall be reserved for SC category. In this case, even President / Secretary / LR members of University Department / College Students' Council who are member of University Students' Association (Electoral College) belonging to SC category shall be eligible to contest for this post.

25. Q. What is the Authority to prepare the Election Programme?

Ans. – Director, Students Development in consultation with the Vice Chancellor, shall prepare the Election Programme and declare it on or before 31st July. He shall ensure that the University Students' Council is constituted on or before 30th September.

26. Q. Shall there be one common schedule for conducting Election to University Department / College Students' Council?

Ans.– Yes. The elections at all Colleges / Institutions / University departments are to be held on the same working day.

27. Q. Is there any specific Code of Conduct for Elections?

Ans. - Yes. Code of Conduct is prescribed Under Clause 9 of Notification dated 26 Oct. 2018

28. Q. Who is the Grievance Redressal Authority ?

Ans. –

As per Clause 10(3) of notification dated 26 Oct. 2018,

1. The Grievance Redressal Authority in case of College / Institution shall be Principal / Director.
2. In case of University Departments Students' Council and University Students' Council, Pro-Vice+- Chancellor.