



GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT

LEGISLATIVE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

GUJARAT ACT No. I OF 1961

The Gujarat Official Languages Act, 1960

(As modified upto the 31st October, 2012)

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GUJARAT ACT No. I OF 1961¹

[THE GUJARAT OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT, 1960]
[15th February 1961.]

An Act to declare the official languages of the State of Gujarat.

It is hereby enacted in the Eleventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1.

(1) This Act may be called the Gujarat Official Languages Act, 1960.

Short title, extent and commencement.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Gujarat.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.
2.

Hindi in Devnagari script (hereinafter referred to as "Hindi ") and Gujarati shall be the languages to be used for all official purposes of the State of Gujarat except such purposes as the State Government may, from time to time, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, specify:

Official languages for official purposes of the State.
- Provided that the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, declare that Hindi shall be used for such official purposes only as may be specified in the notification.
3.

All notifications made under section 2 shall be laid before the State Legislature as soon as may be after they are made and shall be subject to such modifications as the State Legislature may make during the session in which they are so laid or the session immediately following.

Notifications to be laid before Legislature.
4.

Unless otherwise provided by a notification under section 2, Hindi and Gujarati shall from such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint in respect thereof, be the languages to be used for —

Language of Bills, Ordinances, orders, rules, etc.
- (a) all Bills introduced, or amendments thereto moved in the State Legislature,
- (b) all Acts passed by the State Legislature and all Ordinances promulgated by the Governor under article 213 of the Constitution, and
- (c) all orders, rules, regulations and bye-laws issued by the State Government under the Constitution or under any law made by Parliament or the State Legislature.

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Gujarat Government Gazette*, 1960, Part V, p. 118.
[2.This Act was assented to by the Governor on -----](#)