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The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 2nd September, 1959, and are hereby published for general information:—

THE WAKF (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1959

No. 30 OF 1959

[2nd September, 1959.]

An Act to amend the Wakf Act, 1954

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Wakf (Amendment) Act, 1959. Short title.
- 29 of 1954. 2. In sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Wakf Act, 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),— Amendment of section 1.
 - (a) in the proviso, the word “Delhi,” shall be omitted; and
 - (b) after the proviso, the following further proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

37 of 1956.

“Provided further that where on account of the territorial changes brought about by the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, this Act is, as from the 1st day of November, 1956, applicable only to a part of a State, the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, bring this Act

into force in the remaining part of that State with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification.”.

Amendment of section 10. 3. For sub-section (1) of section 10 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Board shall consist of—

(a) eleven members, in the case of a State and the Union territory of Delhi; and

(b) five members, in the case of any other Union territory.”.

Insertion of new sections 66A and 66B. 4. After section 66 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

Special provision for reorganisation of certain Boards.

“66A. (1) Where on account of the reorganisation of States under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, the whole or any part ^{37 of 1956,} of a State in respect of which a Board was, immediately before the 1st day of November, 1956, functioning has been transferred on that day to another State and by reason of such transfer, it appears to the Government of a State in any part of which the Board is functioning that the Board should be dissolved or that it should be reconstituted and reorganised as an intra-State Board for the whole or any part of that State, the State Government may frame a scheme for such dissolution or such reconstitution and reorganisation, as the case may be, including proposals regarding the transfer of the assets, rights and liabilities of the Board to any other Board or State Government and the transfer or re-employment of employees of the Board and forward the scheme to the Central Government.

(2) On receipt of a scheme forwarded to it under sub-section (1), the Central Government may, after consulting the State Governments concerned, approve the scheme with or without modifications and give effect to the scheme so approved by making such order as it thinks fit.

(3) An order under sub-section (2) may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) the dissolution of the Board;

(b) the reconstitution and reorganisation in any manner whatsoever of the Board including the establishment, where necessary, of a new Board;

(c) the area in respect of which the reconstituted Board or new Board shall function and operate;

(d) the transfer, in whole or in part, of the assets, rights and liabilities of the Board (including the rights and liabilities under any contract made by it) to any other Board or State Government and the terms and conditions of such transfer;

(e) the substitution of any such transferee for the Board, or the addition of any such transferee, as a party to any legal proceeding to which the Board is a party; and the transfer of any proceeding pending before the Board to any such transferee;

37 of 1956.

(f) the transfer or re-employment of any employees of the Board to, or by, any such transferee and subject to the provisions of section 111 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, the terms and conditions of service applicable to such employees after such transfer or re-employment;

(g) such incidental, consequential and supplemental matters as may be necessary to give effect to the approved scheme.

(4) Where an order is made under this section transferring the assets, rights and liabilities of any Board, then, by virtue of that order, such assets, rights and liabilities of the Board shall vest in, and be the assets, rights and liabilities of, the transferee.

(5) Every order made under this section shall be published in the Official Gazette and this Act and the notifications issued thereunder shall have effect subject to the provisions of the order.

(6) Every order made under this section shall be laid before each House of Parliament, as soon as may be, after it is made.

37 of 1956.

66B. (1) Where on account of the territorial changes brought about by the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, this Act is, as from the 1st day of November, 1956, applicable only to any part or parts of a State but has not been brought into force in the remaining part thereof, then, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, it shall be lawful for the Government of the State to establish one or more Boards for such part or parts in which this

Special provision for establishment of Board for part of a State.

Act is in force and in such a case, any reference in this Act to the word "State" in relation to a Board shall be construed as a reference to that part of the State for which the Board is established.

(2) Where any such Board has been established and it appears to the Government of the State that a Board should be established for the whole of the State, the State Government may, by order notified in the Official Gazette, dissolve the Board established for the part of the State or reconstitute and reorganise such Board or establish a new Board for the whole of the State and thereupon, the assets, rights and liabilities of the Board for the part of the State shall vest in, and be the assets, rights and liabilities of the reconstituted Board or the new Board, as the case may be."

THE EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES (COMPULSORY NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES) ACT, 1959

No. 31 OF 1959

[2nd September, 1959.]

An Act to provide for the compulsory notification of vacancies to employment exchanges

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959.

Short title,
extent and
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ment.

(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(3) It shall come into force in a State on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf for such State and different dates may be appointed for different States or for different areas of a State.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "appropriate Government" means—

Definitions.

(1) in relation to—

(a) any establishment of any railway, major port, mine or oil-field, or

(b) any establishment owned, controlled or managed by—

(i) the Central Government or a department of the Central Government,

(ii) a company in which not less than fifty-one per cent. of the share capital is held by the Central Government or partly by the Central Government and partly by one or more State Governments,

(iii) a corporation (including a co-operative society) established by or under a Central Act which is owned, controlled or managed by the Central Government,

the Central Government;

(2) in relation to any other establishment, the Government of the State in which that other establishment is situate;

(b) "employee" means any person who is employed in an establishment to do any work for remuneration;

(c) "employer" means any person who employs one or more other persons to do any work in an establishment for remuneration and includes any person entrusted with the supervision and control of employees in such establishment;

(d) "employment exchange" means any office or place established and maintained by the Government for the collection and furnishing of information, either by the keeping of registers or otherwise, respecting—

(i) persons who seek to engage employees,

(ii) persons who seek employment, and

(iii) vacancies to which persons seeking employment may be appointed;

(e) "establishment" means—

(a) any office, or

(b) any place where any industry, trade, business or occupation is carried on;

(f) "establishment in public sector" means an establishment owned, controlled or managed by—

(1) the Government or a department of the Government;

(2) a Government company as defined in section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956;

(3) a corporation (including a co-operative society) established by or under a Central, Provincial or State Act, which is owned, controlled or managed by the Government;

(4) a local authority;

(g) "establishment in private sector" means an establishment which is not an establishment in public sector and where ordinarily twenty-five or more persons are employed to work for remuneration;

(h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(i) "unskilled office work" means work done in an establishment by any of the following categories of employees, namely:—

(1) *daftri*;

(2) *jemadar*, orderly and peon;

(3) dusting man or *farash*;

(4) bundle or record lifter;

(5) process server;

(6) watchman;

(7) sweeper;

(8) any other employee doing any routine or unskilled work which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare to be unskilled office work.

3. (1) This Act shall not apply in relation to vacancies,—

Act not to
apply in
relation to
certain
vacancies.

(a) in any employment in agriculture (including horticulture) in any establishment in private sector other than employment as agricultural or farm machinery operatives;

(b) in any employment in domestic service;

(c) in any employment the total duration of which is less than three months;

(d) in any employment to do unskilled office work;

(e) in any employment connected with the staff of Parliament.

(2) Unless the Central Government otherwise directs by notification in the Official Gazette in this behalf, this Act shall not also apply in relation to—

(a) vacancies which are proposed to be filled through promotion or by absorption of surplus staff of any branch or

department of the same establishment or on the result of any examination conducted or interview held by, or on the recommendation of, any independent agency, such as the Union or a State Public Service Commission and the like;

(b) vacancies in an employment which carries a remuneration of less than sixty rupees in a month.

Notification of vacancies to employment exchanges.

4. (1) After the commencement of this Act in any State or area thereof, the employer in every establishment in public sector in that State or area shall, before filling up any vacancy in any employment in that establishment, notify that vacancy to such employment exchanges as may be prescribed.

(2) The appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, require that from such date as may be specified in the notification, the employer in every establishment in private sector or every establishment pertaining to any class or category of establishments in private sector shall, before filling up any vacancy in any employment in that establishment, notify that vacancy to such employment exchanges as may be prescribed, and the employer shall thereupon comply with such requisition.

(3) The manner in which the vacancies referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall be notified to the employment exchanges and the particulars of employments in which such vacancies have occurred or are about to occur shall be such as may be prescribed.

(4) Nothing in sub-sections (1) and (2) shall be deemed to impose any obligation upon any employer to recruit any person through the employment exchange to fill any vacancy merely because that vacancy has been notified under any of those sub-sections.

Employers to furnish information and returns in prescribed form.

5. (1) After the commencement of this Act in any State or area thereof, the employer in every establishment in public sector in that State or area shall furnish such information or return as may be prescribed in relation to vacancies that have occurred or are about to occur in that establishment, to such employment exchanges as may be prescribed.

(2) The appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, require that from such date as may be specified in the notification, the employer in every establishment in private sector or every establishment pertaining to any class or category of establishments in private sector shall furnish such information or

return as may be prescribed in relation to vacancies that have occurred or are about to occur in that establishment to such employment exchanges as may be prescribed, and the employer shall thereupon comply with such requisition.

(3) The form in which, and the intervals of time at which, such information or return shall be furnished and the particulars which they shall contain shall be such as may be prescribed.

6. Such officer of Government as may be prescribed in this behalf, or any person authorised by him in writing, shall have access to any relevant record or document in the possession of any employer required to furnish any information or returns under section 5 and may enter at any reasonable time any premises where he believes such record or document to be and inspect or take copies of relevant records or documents or ask any question necessary for obtaining any information required under that section.

Right of
access to
records or
documents.

7. (1) If any employer fails to notify to the employment exchanges prescribed for the purpose any vacancy in contravention of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 4, he shall be punishable for the first offence with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees and for every subsequent offence with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Penalties.

(2) If any person—

(a) required to furnish any information or return—

(i) refuses or neglects to furnish such information or return, or

(ii) furnishes or causes to be furnished any information or return which he knows to be false, or

(iii) refuses to answer, or gives a false answer to, any question necessary for obtaining any information required to be furnished under section 5; or

(b) impedes the right of access to relevant records or documents or the right of entry conferred by section 6,

he shall be punishable for the first offence with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees and for every subsequent offence with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

8. No prosecution for an offence under this Act shall be instituted except by, or with the sanction of, such officer of Government as may be prescribed in this behalf or any person authorised by that officer in writing.

Cognizance
of offences.

Protection
of action
taken in
good faith

9. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

Power to
make rules

10. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette and subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) the employment exchange or exchanges to which, the form and manner in which, and the time within which, vacancies shall be notified, and the particulars of employments in which such vacancies have occurred or are about to occur;

(b) the form and manner in which, and the intervals at which, information and returns required under section 5 shall be furnished, and the particulars which they shall contain;

(c) the officers by whom and the manner in which the right of access to documents and the right of entry conferred by section 6 may be exercised;

(d) any other matter which is to be, or may be, prescribed under this Act.

(3) All rules made under this Act shall be laid for not less than thirty days before each House of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and shall be subject to such modifications as Parliament may make during the session in which they are so laid or the session immediately following.

G. R. RAJAGOPAL, Secy.

