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THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ACT, 1899

ACT NO. IV OF 1899

[*3rd February, 1899*]

♣**An Act to provide for the exemption from the operation of municipal building laws of certain buildings and lands which are the property, or in the occupation, of the Government and situate within the limits of a municipality.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the exemption from the operation of municipal building laws of certain buildings and lands which are the property, or in the occupation, of the Government and situate within the limits of a municipality;

It is hereby enacted as follows:–

Short title and extent

1.(1) This Act may be called the Government Buildings Act, 1899.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

"Municipal authority" defined

2. In this Act the expression "municipal authority" includes a municipal corporation or a body of municipal commissioners constituted by, or under the provisions of, any law or enactment for the time being in force.

Exemption of certain Government buildings from municipal laws to regulate the erection, etc., of buildings within municipalities

3. Nothing contained in any law or enactment for the time being in force to regulate the erection, re-erection, construction, alteration or maintenance of buildings within the limits of any municipality shall apply to any building used or required for the public service or for any public purpose, which is the property, or in the occupation, of the Government, or which is to be erected on land which is the property, or in the occupation, of the Government:

♣ Throughout this Act, except otherwise provided, the words "Bangladesh" and "Government" were substituted, for the words "Pakistan" and "Provincial Government" or "Government concerned" respectively by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

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Provided that, where the erection, re-erection, construction or material structural alternation of any such building as aforesaid (not being a building connected with defence, or a building the plan or construction of which ought, in the opinion of Government, to be treated as, confidential or secret) is contemplated, reasonable notice of the proposed work shall be given to the municipal authority before it is commenced.

Objections or suggestions as to erection, etc., of certain Government buildings within municipalities how to be made and dealt with.

4.(1) In the case of any such building as is mentioned in the last preceding section (not being a building connected with defence or a building the plan or construction of which ought, in the opinion of the Government, to be treated as confidential or secret), the municipal authority, or any person authorized by it in this behalf, may, with the permission of the Government previously obtained, but not otherwise, and subject to any restrictions or conditions which may, by general or special order, be imposed by the Government, inspect the land and building and all plans connected with its erection, re-erection, construction or material structural alteration, as the case may be, and may submit to the Government a statement in writing of any objections or suggestions which such municipal authority may deem fit to make with reference to such erection, re-erection, construction or material structural alternation.

(2) Every objection or suggestion submitted as aforesaid shall be considered by the Government, which shall, after such investigation (if any) as it shall think advisable, pass orders thereon, and the building referred to therein shall be erected, re-erected, constructed or altered, as the case may be, in accordance with such orders:

Provided that, if the Government over-rules or disregards any such objection or suggestion as aforesaid, it shall give its reasons for so doing in writing.

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