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PART III—Act of the West Bengal Legislature.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

LAW DEPARTMENT

Legislative

NOTIFICATION

No. 666-L.—17th May, 2012.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:—

West Bengal Act VIII of 2012

**THE WEST BENGAL OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012.**

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

*[Assent of the Governor was first published in the Kolkata Gazette,
Extraordinary, of the 17th May, 2012.]*

An Act to amend the West Bengal Official Language Act, 1961.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal Official Language Act, 1961, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

West Ben. Act
XXIV of 1961.

It is hereby enacted in the Sixty-third Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

Short title and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Official Language (Amendment) Act, 2012.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.

*The West Bengal Official Language
(Amendment) Act, 2012.*

(Sections 2-4.)

Amendment of section 2 of West Ben. Act XXIV of 1961.

2. In section 2 of the West Bengal Official Language Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

- (1) the words 'not later than four years from the date of commencement of this Act' shall be omitted;
- (2) in clause (a), for the words 'the Bengali language and the Nepali language, and', the words 'the Bengali language and the Nepali language,' shall be substituted;
- (3) after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted:—
 - (aa) in the Districts or Sub-division or Block or Municipality, as the case may be, where the population of Urdu speaking people exceeds ten *per cent*, the Bengali language and the Urdu language, and;'

Insertion of new section 3B after section 3A.

3. In the principal Act, after section 3A, the following section shall be inserted:—

“3B. Use of Urdu language in rules and regulations.—Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 3 and 3A, with effect from such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint in this behalf, the Urdu language may, in addition to the Bengali language and the Nepali language be used for such—

- (a) rules, regulations, and by-laws made by the State Government under the Constitution of India or any law made by the Parliament or the Legislature of the West Bengal,
- (b) notifications or order issued by the State Government under the Constitution of India or any law made by the Parliament or the Legislature of West Bengal,
- (c) petitions and applications and replies thereof, in public offices,
- (d) documents received by public offices,
- (e) important Government advertisement, announcement to be published, and
- (f) important signposts to be exhibited,

as to apply in the Districts or Sub-division or Block or Municipality, as the case may be, where the population of Urdu speaking people exceeds ten *per cent* as a whole or part of the District like Sub-division or Block:

Provided that different dates may be appointed in respect of different matters referred to in the clauses (a) to (f).

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section the words 'law made by the Parliament or the Legislature of West Bengal' shall include any law made before or after the commencement of the Constitution of India by any Legislature or other competent authority in the territory of India having power and make such a law.”.

Amendment of section 4.

4. In section 4 of the principal Act, in clause (a), for the words, figure and letter, “or section 3A”, the words, figure and letter “or section 3A or section 3B” shall be substituted.

*The West Bengal Official Language
(Amendment) Act, 2012.*

(Section 5.)

Amendment of
section 5.

5. In section 5 of the principal Act, for the words “the Bengali language or the Nepali language”, the words “the Bengali language or the Nepali language or the Urdu language” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

B. K. SRIVASTAVA,
*Secy.-in-charge to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Law Department.*

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
MINORITY AFFAIRS AND MADRASAH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
'NABANNA', HOWRAH-711102

NO. 1912-MD/O/2U (V)-09/14

Dated 25th August 2014

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of Memorandum of Association and revised Regulation as adopted by the West Bengal Urdu Academy on 31st October, 2005, the Governor is pleased to reconstitute the Governing Body of the West Bengal Urdu Academy as follows :-

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| 1. Chairperson | | Chief Minister, West Bengal |
| 2. Vice – Chairperson | | Syed Manal Shah Al Quadri |
| 3. Member | ..... | Secretary, West Bengal Urdu Academy |
| 4. Member
(Representative of the Government) | | G.H. Obaidur Rahman, J.S., M.A. & M.E. |
| 5. Member | ..... | Sultan Ahmed, MP Lok Sabha |
| 6. Member | ..... | Md. Sohrab Ali, M. L.A. |
| 7. Member | ..... | Muzaffar Khan, M.L.A. |
| 8. Member | ..... | Iqbal Ahmed, M.L.A |
| 9. Member | ..... | Rukbanur Rahman, MLA |
| 10. Member | ..... | Prof. Naim Anis, Calcutta Girls' College |
| 11. Member | ..... | Shahabuddin Haider, Islamia Hospital |
| 12. Member | ..... | Md. Nadimul Haque, Journalist |
| 13. Member | ..... | Dr. Omar Ghazali, Hooghly Mohsin College |
| 14. Member | ..... | Maulana Saba Ismail, Kolkata |
| 15. Member | ..... | M.A. Qasim, Howrah |
| 16. Member | ..... | Ilias Islahi, Kolkata |
| 17. Member | ..... | Shagufta Yasmeen, Kolkata |

The Secretary, West Bengal Urdu Academy shall be the Ex-officio Secretary of the Governing Body.

The tenure of the Governing Body shall be three years from the date of notification and shall function during the tenure of the General Council or till such time as the General Council is reconstituted by the Government.

By order of the Governor,

Md. Sahidul Islam.

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Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

NO. 1912/1(1)-MD/O/2U (V)-09/14

Dated 25th August 2014

The Superintendent, West Bengal Govt. Press, Kolkata-27. He is requested to publish the matter in an extraordinary issue of the Kolkata Gazette at an early date.

Md. Sahidul Islam.

Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

