

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886

1. Short title and commencement.-

(1) This Act may be called the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886; and

(2) It shall come into force on such day as the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette, directs.

2. definitions.-

In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,--

"sign" includes mark, when the person making the mark is unable to write his name:

"prescribed" means prescribed by a rule made under this Act: and

"Registrar of Births and Deaths" means a Registrar of Births and Deaths appointed under this Act.

3. Saving of local laws.-

Nothing in this Act, or in any rule made under this Act, shall affect any law heretofore or hereafter passed providing for the registration of births and deaths within particular local areas.

4. Powers exercisable from time to time.-

Establishment of general registry offices and appointment of Registrars General.

(1) Each State Government--

(a) shall establish a general registry office for keeping such certified copies of registers of births and deaths registered under this Act, or marriages registered under Act 3 of 1872

(15 of 1872), (to provide a form of marriage in certain cases) or the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (15 of 1872), or, beyond the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1865 (15 of 1865), as may be sent to it under this Act, or under any of the three last mentioned Acts, as amended by this Act All powers conferred by this Act may be exercised from time to time as occasion required.

5.Indexes to be kept at general registry office.

Each Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages shall cause indexes of all the certified copies of registers sent to his office under this Act, or under Act 3 of 1872 , the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (15 of 1872), or the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1865 (5 of 1865), as amended by this Act, to be made and kept in his office in the prescribed form.