

Wakf Act, 1954

Section 3 -

a) "beneficiary" means a person or object for whose benefit a wakf is created and includes religious, pious and charitable objects and any other objects of public utility⁷[sanctioned by the Muslim law]; (b) "benefit" does not include any benefit which a mutawalli is entitled to claim solely by reason of his being such mutawalli; (c) "Board" means a Board of Wakfs established under 8[sub-section (1), or as the case may be, sub-section (1A) of section 9-]; 9[(d) ** ** * * **]; 10[(dd) "Council" means the Central Wakf Council established under section 8A-;] (e) "member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman; (f) "mutawalli" means any person appointed either verbally or under any deed or instrument by which a wakf has been created or by a competent authority to be the mutawalli of a wakf and includes any¹¹[person who is a mutawalli of a wakf by virtue of any custom or who is a naib-mutawalli, khadim, mejawar, sajjadanishin, amin, or other person appointed by a mutawalli to perform the duties of a mutawalli and, save as otherwise provided in this Act,¹²[any person, Committee or Corporation for the time being managing or administering any wakf or wakf property: Provided that no member of a Committee or Corporation shall be deemed to be a mutawalli unless such member is an office bearer of such Committee or Corporation;] 13[(g) "net annual income", in relation to a wakf, means the net annual income determined in accordance with the provisions of the Explanations to sub-section (1) of section 46-.] (h) "person interested in a wakf" means any person who is entitled to receive any pecuniary or other benefits from the wakf and includes, (i) any person who has a right to worship or to perform any religious rite in a mosque, idgah, imambara, dargah, khangah, maqbara, graveyard or any other religious institution connected with the wakf or to participate in any religious or charitable institutions under the wakf; (ii) the wakif and any descendant of the wakif and the mutawalli; (i) "prescribed",¹⁴[except in Chapter II-A], means prescribed by rules made by the State Government under this Act and includes the regulations made by the Board under this Act; (j) "Shia wakf" means a wakf governed by Shia law; (k) "Sunni wakf" means a wakf governed by Sunni law; 15[(ka) "Survey Commissioner" means the Survey Commissioner of Wakfs appointed under sub-section (1) of