

Registration Act, 1908

Part II - Of the Registration-establishment

(1) The 1[State Government] shall appoint an officer to be the Inspector-General of Registration for the territories subject to such Government:

Provided that the 1[State Government] may, instead of making such appointment, direct that all or any of the powers and duties hereinafter conferred and imposed upon the Inspector-General shall be exercised and performed by such officer or officers, and within such local limits, as the 1[State Government] appoints in this behalf.

(2) Any Inspector-General may hold simultaneously any other office under the 2[Government].

STATE AMENDMENT

3Uttar Pradesh:

After sub-section (2), insert sub-section (3) as under--

"(3) The State Government may appoint one or more Additional Inspector-General of Registration and Deputy Inspector-General of Registration for the territories subject to such Government and may prescribe the duties of such officers and authorise them to exercise and perform all or any of the powers and duties of the Inspector-General of Registration."

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

2. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "the Crown".

3. Vide Uttar Pradesh Act 48 of 1975, Section 2 (w.e.f. 1-11-1975).

Section 4 - Branch Inspector-General of Sindh (Repealed)

[Repealed by the Government of India (Adaptation of India Laws) Orders, 1937.]

Section 5 - Districts and sub-districts

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the 1[State Government] shall form districts and sub-districts, and shall prescribe, and may alter, the limits of such districts and sub-districts.

(2) The districts and sub-districts formed under this section, together with the limits thereof, and every alternation of such limits, shall be notified in the 2[Official Gazette].

(3) Every such alternation shall take effect on such day after the date of the notification as is therein mentioned.

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".
2. Substituted by the A.O. 1937, for "Local Official Gazette".

Section 6 - Registrars and Sub-Registrars

The 1 [State Government] may appoint such persons, whether public officers or not, as it thinks proper, to be Registrars of the several districts, and to be Sub-Registrars of the several sub-districts, formed as aforesaid, respectively.

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STATE AMENDMENTS

3 Karnataka:

In section 6, the following provisos shall be inserted at the end:--

"Provided that the State Government may also appoint one or more Sub-Registrars for the same Sub-District:

Provided further that the State Government may delegate to the Inspector-General of Registration, the power of appointing Sub-Registrars."

4 Maharashtra:

After section 6, insert section 6A as under:--

"6A. Joint District Registrars.--The State Government may by order also appoint a Joint District Registrar to assist the District Registrar, or any two or more District Registrars, specified in the order and may authorise such Joint District Registrar to exercise and perform all or any of the powers and duties of the District Registrar under this Act."

5 6 [Uttar Pradesh:]

In the end insert proviso as under--

"Provided that the State Government may delegate, subject to such restrictions and conditions as it thinks fit, to the Inspector-General of Registration, the power of appointing Sub-Registrars."

After section 6, insert section 6A as follows:

"6A. Additional Registrar.--The State Government may, by order, also appoint any public officer as an Additional Registrar, to assist the Registrar, or any two or more Registrars, specified in the order and may authorise such Additional Registrars to exercise and perform all or any of the powers and duties of the Registrar under this Act."

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1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".
 2. The proviso added by Act 4 of 1914, Section 2 and Schedule, Pt. I and omitted by the A.O. 1937.
 3. Vide Karnataka Act 32 of 2001, Section 2 (w.e.f. 3-10-2001).
 4. Vide Maharashtra Act 29 of 1974, Section 2 (w.e.f. 10-6-1974).
 5. Vide Uttar Pradesh Act 19 of 1981, Section 5 (w.e.f. 1-8-1981).
 6. Vide Uttar Pradesh Act 27 of 1994, Section 2.

Section 7 - Offices of Registrar and Sub-Registrar

(1) The 1[State Government] shall establish in every district an office to be styled the office of the Registrar and in every sub-district an office or offices to be styled the office of the Sub-Registrar or the offices of the Joint Sub-Registrars.

(2) The 1[State Government] may amalgamate with any office of a Registrar, any office of a Sub-Registrar subordinate to such Registrar, and may authorise any Sub-Registrar whose office has been so amalgamated to exercise and perform, in addition to his own powers and duties, all or any of the powers and the duties of the Registrar to whom he is subordinate:

Provided that no such authorisation shall enable a Sub-Registrar to hear an appeal against an order passed by himself under this Act.

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

Section 8 - Inspectors of Registration offices

(1) The 1[State Government] may also appoint officers to be called Inspector of Registration offices, and may prescribe the duties of such officers.

(2) Every such Inspector shall be subordinate to the Inspector-General.

STATE AMENDMENTS

2Rajasthan:

Substitute section 8, as under:--

"8. Officers of registration offices.--(1) The State Government may also appoint officers as may be designated from time to time and may prescribe the duties of such officers.

(2) Every such officer shall be subordinate to the Inspector-General."

3Uttar Pradesh:

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "Inspectors of Registration Offices", substitute the words "Assistant Inspector General of Registration";

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the word "Inspector", substitute the words "Assistant Inspector General".

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

2. Vide Rajasthan Act 11 of 1982, section 2 (w.e.f. 16-6-1982).

3. Vide Uttar Pradesh Act 6 of 1980, section 12 (w.r.e.f. 21-11-1979).

Section 9 - Military cantonments may be declared sub-districts or districts (Repealed)

[Repealed by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1927 (10 of 1927), section 3 and Schedule II.]

Section 10 - Absence of Registrar or vacancy in his office

(1) When any Registrar, other than the Registrar of a district including a Presidency-town, is absent otherwise than on duty in his district, or when his office is temporarily vacant, any person whom the Inspector-General appoints in this behalf, or, in default of such appointment, the Judge of the District Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the Registrar's office is situate, shall be the Registrar during such absence or until the 1[State Government] fills up the vacancy.

(2) When the Registrar of a district including a Presidency-town is absent otherwise than on duty in his district, or when his office is temporarily vacant, any person whom the Inspector-General appoints in this behalf shall be the Registrar during such absence, or until the 1[State Government] fills up the vacancy.

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

Section 11 - Absence of Registrar on duty in his district

When any Registrar is absent from his office on duty in his district, he may appoint any Sub-Registrar or other person in his district to perform, during such absence, all the duties of a Registrar except those mentioned in sections 68 and 72.

Section 12 - Absence of Sub-Registrar or vacancy in his office

When any Sub-Registrar is absent, or when his office is temporarily vacant, any person whom the Registrar of the district appoints in this behalf shall be Sub-Registrar during such absence, or until 1 [the vacancy is filled up].

STATE AMENDMENT

2Karnataka:

In section 12, after the word "whom" the words "the Inspector-General of Registration or" shall be inserted.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 1914, section 2 and Schedule, Pt. I, for "the Local Government fills up the vacancy".

2. Vide Karnataka Act 32 of 2001, section 3 (w.e.f. 3-10-2001).

Section 13 - Report to State Government of appointments under sections 10, 11 and 12

(1) 1 [***] All appointments made under section 10, section 11 or section 12 shall be reported to the 2 [State Government] by the Inspector-General.

(2) Such report shall be either special or general, as the 1 [State Government] directs.

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STATE AMENDMENTS

4 Gujarat:

Amendment is the same as that of Maharashtra.

5 Maharashtra:

Sub-sections (1) and (2) were repealed and insub-section (3) (now omitted by A.O., 1937), after the word "Sub-Registrars", the words "and Inspectors of Registration Offices" were inserted. Thus, wholesection now stands omitted inMaharashtra.

6 Uttar Pradesh:

- (i) insub-section (1), for the words "Inspectors of Registration Offices", substitute the words "Assistant Inspector General of Registration";
- (ii) insub-section (2), for the word "Inspector", substitute the words "Assistant Inspector-General".

1.The words "All appointments made by the Inspector-General under section 6and", Inserted by Act 4 of 1914, section 2 and Schedule, Pt. I and omittedby the A.O. 1937.

2.Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

3. Sub-section (3) omitted by the A.O. 1937.

4.Vide Gujarat A.L.O., 1960.

5.Vide Bombay Act 5 of 1929, section 3 (w.e.f. 22-5-1929) read with Act 35 of 1958,section 2 (w.e.f. 28-4-1958).

6.Vide U.P. Act 6 of 1980, section 12 (w.r.e.f. 21-1-1979).

Section 14 - Establishments of registering officers

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(2) The2[State Government] may allow proper establishments for the several offices under this Act.

1. Sub-section (1) omitted by the A.O. 1937.

2. Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

Section 15 - Seal of registering officers

The several Registrars and Sub-Registrars shall use a seal bearing the following inscription in English and in such other language as the 1[State Government] directs:--

"The seal of the Registrar (or of the Sub-Registrar) of".

Section 16 - Register-books and fire-proof boxes

(1) The1 [State Government] shall provide for the office of every registering officer the books necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The books so provided shall contain the forms from time to time prescribed by the Inspector-General, with the sanction of the 1 [State Government], and the pages of such books shall be consecutively numbered in print, and the number of pages in each book shall be certified on the title page by the officer by whom such books are issued.

(3) The1 [State Government] shall supply the office of every Registrar with a fire-proof box, and shall in each district make suitable provision for the safe custody of the records connected with the registration of documents in such district.

STATE AMENDMENTS

2 Andhra Pradesh:

Insection 16, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:--

"(1) The State Government shall provide for the office of every registering officer the books and also the information processing and storage devices like computers and scanners along with the software prescribed by the Inspector-General, from time to time necessary for purpose of this Act."

3 Uttar Pradesh:

Insub-section (1), for the words "Inspectors of Registration Offices" the words "Assistant Inspector-General of Registration" shall be substituted.

1.Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "Provincial Government".

2.Vide Andhra Pradesh Act 16 of 1999, section 3 (w.e.f. 31-12-1998).

3.Vide Uttar Pradesh Act 6 of 1980, section 12.

Section 16A - Keeping of books in computer floppies, diskettes, etc.

1[16A. Keeping of books in computer floppies, diskettes, etc.

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 16, the books provided under sub-section (1) of that section may also be kept in computer floppies or diskettes or in any other electronic form in the manner and subject to the safeguards as may be prescribed by the Inspector-General with the sanction of the State Government.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in any other law for the time being in force, a copy or extracts from the books kept under sub-section (1) given by the registering officer under his hand and seal shall be deemed to be a copy given under section 57 for the purposes of sub-section (5) of that section.]

1. Inserted by Act 48 of 2001, section 2 (w.e.f. 24-9-2001).
