

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**West Bengal Act VIII of 1982
THE WEST BENGAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1982.**

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

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[12th October, 1982.]

An Act to amend the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979.

West Ben.
Act XXXIX
of 1979.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

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

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1982.

Short title
and
commence-
ment.

(2) This section and section 6 shall come into force at once; and the remaining provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of July, 1982.

2. In section 2 of the West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

Amendment
of section 2
of West Ben.
Act XXXIX
of 1979.

(1) after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted:—

‘(aa) “Calcutta Metropolitan Library” means the District Library in Calcutta declared by the State Government as such;’;

(2) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted:—

‘(bb) “Corporation” means the Corporation of Calcutta as constituted under the Calcutta Municipal Act, 1951;’;

(3) in clause (c), for the words “Public Libraries”, the words “Library Services” shall be substituted;

(4) for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted:—

‘(d) “district” means a district of West Bengal and includes Calcutta as defined in the Calcutta Municipal Act, 1951;’;

West Ben.
Act XXXIII
of 1951.

(Sections 3-5.)

- (5) after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted:—
 - ‘(dd) “District Librarian” means the person placed in charge of a District Library to be called the District Librarian under clause (i) of sub-section (2) of section 16, and includes the Librarian of the Calcutta Metropolitan Library;
 - (ddd) “District Library Officer” means the person appointed to be called the District Library Officer under sub-section (1) of section 16;’;
- (6) after clause (f), the following clause shall be inserted:—
 - ‘(ff) “Library” includes an aided library, District Library, public library, or recognised library, but does not include a private library;’;
- (7) in clause (j), after the words “Local Library Authority” the words “and includes a sponsored library” shall be added;
- (8) after clause (k), the following clause shall be added:—
 - ‘(l) “sponsored library” means a library declared by the State Government as such.’

Amendment
of section 6.

3. In section 6 of the principal Act, for the words “Director of Libraries”, the words “Director of Library Services” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 7.

4. In section 7 of the principal Act,—

- (a) in the marginal note, for the word “Libraries.”, the words “Library Services.” shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (1), for the words “Directorate of Libraries”, the words “Directorate of Library Services” shall be substituted;
- (c) in sub-section (2), for the words “Directorate of Libraries”, the words “Directorate of Library Services” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 8.

5. In sub-section (2) of section 8 of the principal Act,—

- (a) in clause (i), after the words “of the district”, the words “, or, in the case of Calcutta, the Director,” shall be inserted;
- (b) in clause (v), the following words shall be added at the end:—

“or, in the case of Calcutta, from amongst the Councillors of the Corporation”;

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- (c) in clause (vii), the following words shall be added at the end:—
“or, in the case of Calcutta, to be nominated by the Mayor of the Corporation from amongst the Councillors of the Corporation”;
- (d) in clause (viii), the following words shall be added at the end:—
“or, in the case of Calcutta, from amongst the persons interested in library services”;
- (e) for clause (ix), the following clause shall be substituted:—
“(ix) two persons nominated by the Government from amongst the members of the managing committees of public libraries;”;
- (f) for clause (xiv), the following clause shall be substituted:—
“(xiv) the Librarians of District Libraries.”.

West Ben.
Ord. XIII of
1982.

6. (1) The West Bengal Public Libraries (Amendment) Second Ordinance, 1982 is hereby repealed.

Repeal and
saving.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the West Bengal Public Libraries (Amendment) Second Ordinance, 1982 shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.
