

**THE BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY  
ORDER, 1973**

PRESIDENT'S ORDER NO. 26 OF 1973

[31<sup>st</sup> March, 1973]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the administration of various monies and gifts received from the public for the purpose of medical and other aid to the sick and wounded and other purposes of a like nature, and for the administration of the monies and properties which may be allotted to Bangladesh out of the share of the Pakistan Red Cross Society in the assets of the Indian Red Cross Society and the monies and properties in the share of the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch of the Pakistan Red Cross Society out of the assets of the Pakistan Red Cross Society;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute a <sup>1</sup>[Bangladesh Red Crescent Society] to provide for aid to the sick and wounded and to the victims of natural calamities and civil disturbances and other purposes of a like nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of paragraph 3 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make the following Order :-

1. (1) This Order may be called the <sup>2</sup>[Bangladesh Red Crescent Society] Order, 1973.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

(3) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1971.

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<sup>1</sup> The words "Bangladesh Red Crescent Society" were substituted for the words "Bangladesh Red Cross Society" by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>2</sup> The words "Bangladesh Red Crescent Society" were substituted for the words "Bangladesh Red Cross Society" by section 3 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

**2.** In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- <sup>1</sup>[(a) “elective office” means the office of Vice-Chairman, Secretary or elected member of an Executive Committee or Vice-Chairman or elected member of the Managing Board;
- (aa) “Executive Committee” means an Executive Committee of a Unit;
- (aaa) “General Body” means the General body of the Society constituted under Article 8;]
- (b) “Managing Board” means the Managing Board of the Society constituted under Article 9;
- (c) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Order;
- (d) “President” means the President of the <sup>2</sup>[Bangladesh Red Crescent Society];
- (e) “Schedule” means Schedule to this Order;
- (f) “Society” means the <sup>3</sup>[Bangladesh Red Crescent Society] constituted by this Order;
- (g) “Unit” means a Unit of the Society constituted under Article 7.

**3.** (1) There shall be constituted a Society to be called the <sup>4</sup>[Bangladesh Red Crescent Society], the first members of which

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<sup>1</sup> Sub-clauses (a), (aa) and (aaa) were substituted for former clause (a) by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. IX of 1985).

<sup>2</sup> The words “Bangladesh Red Crescent Society” were substituted for the words “Bangladesh Red Cross Society” by section 4 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>3</sup> The words “Bangladesh Red Crescent Society” were substituted for the words “Bangladesh Red Cross Society” by section 4 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>4</sup> The words “Bangladesh Red Crescent Society” were substituted for the words “Bangladesh Red Cross Society” by section 5 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

shall be such persons as were the life members or members of any other grade of the Pakistan Red Cross Society immediately before the commencement of this Order and are resident in Bangladesh.

(2) The first members of the Society and all persons who may become members thereof, so long as they continue to be such members are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the <sup>1</sup>[Bangladesh Red Crescent Society], and the said body shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

4. (1) The Society shall in all its activities observe neutrality, impartiality, independence, universality, humanity and all other basic principles and shall adhere to the statutes of the <sup>2</sup>[International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement] and the Geneva Conventions.

(2) The Society shall, as an auxiliary to public authorities maintain autonomy and act at all times in accordance with the fundamental principles of the <sup>3</sup>[International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement].

(3) The Society shall use as its emblem the heraldic sign of the <sup>4</sup>[Red Crescent] on a white ground in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and the law in force relating to preservation of the sanctity of such emblem.

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<sup>2</sup> The words “International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement” were substituted for the words “ International Red Cross” by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>3</sup> The words “International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement” were substituted for the words “ Red Cross” by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>4</sup> The words “Red Crescent” were substituted for the words “ Red Cross” by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

5. The Society shall have the objects set forth in the First Schedule and shall apply its funds to the same.

6. The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall be the President of the Society.

<sup>1</sup>[7. <sup>2</sup>(1) There shall be constituted a Unit of the Society in each District and in each City]

(2) Subject to the control of the Managing Board, the administration and management of the affairs and business of a Unit shall vest in an Executive Committee consisting of-

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) a Vice-Chairman;
- (c) a Secretary; and
- (d) <sup>3</sup>[eight] other members.

<sup>4</sup>[(3) The Chairman of the Zilla Parishad in the case of a District and the Mayor of the Municipal Corporation in the case of a City shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of such Unit.

**Explanation.-** "Chairman of the Zilla Parishad" or "Mayor of the Municipal Corporation" shall include a person for the time being performing the functions of that office.]

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<sup>1</sup> Articles 7 and 7A were substituted for former Article 7 by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 1975).

<sup>2</sup> Clause (1) was substituted by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>3</sup> The word "eight" was substituted for the word "six" by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1980 (Act No. XXXIV of 1980).

<sup>4</sup> Clause (3) was substituted by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

(4) The Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and <sup>1</sup>[five of the eight] other members shall be elected in such manner as may be prescribed; and the three other members shall be nominated by the <sup>2</sup>[Chairman of the Society from amongst its members on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Executive Committee concerned].

<sup>3</sup>[\* \* \*].

(6) A Unit may admit persons to any grade of membership of the Society in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed:

Provided that the membership shall be open to all citizens of Bangladesh without any discrimination on grounds of race, sex, class, religion or political opinion.

<sup>4</sup>[(7) In this Article “City” means the City of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna or Rajshahi.]

**7A.** [Omitted by section 4 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. IX of 1985).]

**8.** There shall be a General Body consisting of-

- (a) delegates of the Units to be nominated in such manner and for such term as may be prescribed;
- (b) the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer of the Society;

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<sup>1</sup> The words “five of the eight” were substituted for the words “three of the six” by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1980 (Act No. XXXIV of 1980).

<sup>2</sup> The words “Chairman of the Society from amongst its members on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Executive Committee concerned” were substituted for the words “Chairman of the Society” by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>3</sup> Clause (5) was omitted by section 3 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. IX of 1985).

<sup>4</sup> Clause (7) was added by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

(c) members of the Managing Board;

<sup>1</sup>[(d) one representative each from the Ministries of Health and Population Control, Social Welfare and Women Affairs and Relief and Rehabilitation and the Defence Division to be nominated by the respective Ministry or Division.]

**9. (1)** There shall be a Managing Board consisting of-

(a) the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Treasurer of the Society; and

<sup>2</sup>[(b) twelve other members to be elected by the General Body in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the rules made thereunder.]

<sup>3</sup>[\* \* \*]

(2) The Secretary-General of the Society appointed under Article 12 shall be *ex-officio* Secretary to the Managing Board.

(3) Subject to control of the General Body, the administration and management of the affairs and business of the Society shall vest in the Managing Board which may exercise all powers and do all acts which may be exercised or done by the Society.

(4) The Managing Board constituted under clause (1), shall meet as often as may be necessary, but not less than once in every quarter of a year.

<sup>4</sup>[**9A.** (1) The term of an Executive Committee or Managing Board shall be three years commencing from the first day of

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<sup>1</sup> Sub-clause (d) was substituted by section 5 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. IX of 1985).

<sup>2</sup> Sub-clause (b) was substituted by section 3 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>3</sup> Clause (1A) was omitted by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. IX of 1985).

<sup>4</sup> Articles 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D and 9E was substituted for Article 9A by section 7 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance No. IX of 1985).

January of the year following the year in which general election to the elective offices of the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, is held.

<sup>1</sup>[(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1), the Chairman of the Society, in the case of an Executive Committee, or the President, in the case of the Managing Board, may, if he considers necessary in the public interest so to do, extend the term of an Executive Committee or the Managing Board, as the case may be, by one year.]

(2) A casual vacancy in the office of Vice-Chairman, Secretary or member of an Executive Committee or Vice-Chairman or <sup>2</sup>[Treasurer or member of the Managing Board] shall be filled by election or nomination, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Order and rules made thereunder, and a person so elected or nominated shall hold office for the residue of the term of the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be.

**9B.** (1) If, for any reason, the general election to the elective offices of an Executive Committee or Managing Board cannot be held before the expiry of its term, the Chairman of the Society, in the case of an Executive Committee, or the President, in the case of the Managing Board, shall appoint an *ad hoc* Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, to exercise the powers and perform the functions of such Committee or Board for a period of three months.

(2) An *ad hoc* Executive Committee or Managing Board shall consist of such office-bearers and other members as are specified in Article 7 or Article 9, as the case may be.

(3) An *ad hoc* Executive Committee or Managing Board shall continue to function till the general election to the elective offices of the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, held and such general elections shall be held within three months from the date of appointment of the *ad hoc* Committee or Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Clause (1A) was inserted by section 7 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>2</sup> The words “Treasurer or member of the Managing Board” were substituted for the words “member of the Managing Board” by section 4 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Ordinance No. XIV of 1989).

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1) of Article 9A, the term of the Executive Committee or Managing Board constituted after the general election mentioned in clause (3) shall be counted from the first day of January of the year in which such election is held.

**9C.** (1) If the Chairman of the Society, in the case of an Executive Committee, or the President, in the case of the Managing Board, is of opinion that the Executive Committee or the Managing Board, as the case may be, is not discharging its functions properly or is acting in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the society, he may, by order in writing, declare the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, to be superseded for such period as may be specified in the order.

(2) On the making of an order under clause (1), -

- (a) all persons holding any office in the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, shall cease to hold such office;
- (b) all powers and functions of the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, shall, during the period of supersession, be exercised and performed by an *ad hoc* Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, appointed in such manner as is specified in <sup>1</sup>[Article 9B].

(3) On the expiry of the period of supersession, the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, shall be reconstituted in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the rules made thereunder.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1) of Article 9A, the term of the Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, reconstituted under clause (3), shall be counted from the first day of January of the year in which the general election to the elective offices of the reconstituted Executive Committee or Managing Board, as the case may be, is held.

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<sup>1</sup> The word, figure and letter “Article 9B” were substituted for the word, figure and letter “Article 7B” by section 8 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).



**9D.** Notwithstanding anything contained in Articles 9A and 9B, no election to fill a casual vacancy in an Executive Committee or Managing Board shall be held, if the residue of the term of such Committee or Board is less than one year.

**9E.** No act or proceeding of an Executive Committee <sup>1</sup>[or General Body] or Managing Board shall be invalid merely on the ground of existence of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the Executive Committee <sup>2</sup>[or General Body] or Managing Board, as the case may be.]

**10.** (1) The President shall appoint the Chairman <sup>3</sup>[\* \* \*] of the Society for a term of three years but <sup>4</sup>[he] shall hold office at the pleasure of the President:

Provided that no person shall be appointed the Chairman <sup>5</sup>[\* \* \*] for more than two consecutive terms:

Provided further that any person so appointed, who is not a life member of the Society, shall, within thirty days of such appointment, become a life member of the Society.

(2) The General Body shall, in its Annual General Meeting, elect the Vice-Chairman <sup>6</sup>[and the Treasurer of the Society in accordance with the provisions of this Order and rules made thereunder].

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<sup>1</sup> The words “or General Body” were inserted by section 5 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>2</sup> The words “or General Body” were inserted by section 5 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>3</sup> The words “and the Treasurer” were omitted by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>4</sup> The word “he” was substituted for the word “they” by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>5</sup> The words “or the Treasurer” were omitted by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>6</sup> The words “and the Treasurer of the Society in accordance with the provisions of this Order and rules made thereunder” were substituted for the words “of the Society in accordance with the provisions of this Order” by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

**11.** (1) The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive of the Society, and in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform the functions of the Chairman.

(2) The Treasurer shall control the funds and finances of the Society and shall ensure maintenance of proper accounts for purposes of audit.

(3) The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by an auditor being a Chartered Accountant within the meaning of the Bangladesh Chartered Accountants Order, 1973 (P. O. No. 2 of 1973) appointed by the Managing Board for the purpose, and shall be maintained, and presented for audit, in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

**12.** (1) The Managing Board shall appoint a Secretary-General and a Deputy Secretary-General of the Society on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Managing Board :

Provided that any person so appointed, who is not a life member of the Society, shall, within thirty days of his appointment, become a life member of the Society.

(2) There shall be a Secretariat of the Society and the Secretary-General shall be the head of the Secretariat, and in the absence of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General shall act as such head and perform all the functions of the Secretary-General.

(3) The Chairman of the Society may, subject to confirmation by the Managing Board, make provisional appointment of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General.

**13.** The General Body shall meet at least once in every Gregorian calendar year and one such meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

**14.** (1) The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall transact the following business:

- (a) adopt the Annual Report of the affairs of the Society to be presented by the Secretary-General;

- (b) pass the Audit Report of the preceding year to be presented by the Treasurer;
- (c) approve of the Annual Budget prepared by the Managing Board;
- <sup>1</sup>[(d) when necessary, elect the Vice-Chairman and the Treasurer of the Society and the members of the Managing Board;]
- (e) consider any other matter specially placed before it by any delegate or the Managing Board in the prescribed manner for consideration in such meeting.

(2) A copy of the Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting along with the copies of the Annual Report and the Audit Report, as adopted in the meeting, shall be sent to the Government.

<sup>2</sup>[**14A.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order or rules made thereunder, an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of Vice-Chairman or Treasurer of the Society or of a member of the Managing Board as mentioned in clause (2) of Article 9A or a general election to the elective offices of the Managing Board as mentioned in clause (3) of Article 9B or as mentioned in clause (4) of Article 9C may, if necessary, be held in any meeting of the General Body.]

**15.** The General Body shall, in the First Annual General Meeting elect, from amongst the delegates present in the meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Society and twelve members of the Managing Board for a term of three years:

Provided that such elected persons shall hold office as long as they continue to be members of the Society.

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<sup>1</sup> Sub-clause (d) was substituted by section 7 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>2</sup> Article 14A was inserted by section 8 of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act No. XIV of 1989).

<sup>1</sup>[\* \* \*]

**16.** (1) Until such time as the General Body is constituted the *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society constituted by the Government by order dated the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1972, issued by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, shall be deemed to be the *Ad hoc* General Body of the Society and shall perform the functions and discharge the duties of the Managing Board till such time as the Managing Board is constituted.

(2) It shall be the duty of the *Ad hoc* General Body:

- (a) to frame Rules under this Order and publish the same in the *official Gazette* before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1973;
- (b) to constitute the Units of the Society before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1973; and
- (c) to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1973.

(3) If the *Ad hoc* General Body fails to make the Rules or to constitute the Units or to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society within the times specified in clause (2), the President shall dissolve the *Ad hoc* General Body and shall appoint a new *Ad hoc* General Body, consisting of not more than fifteen persons who are members of the Society, to discharge the duties under this Article.

(4) The new *Ad hoc* General Body, if any, appointed under clause (3) shall, function for such period, not exceeding six months, as the President may determine.

**17.** (1) On the commencement of this Order :

- (a) all assets of the Pakistan Red Cross Society in Bangladesh and of the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch and other branches thereof shall stand transferred to and vested in the Society.

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<sup>1</sup> The proviso was omitted by section 6 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 1975).

**Explanation.-** The expression “assets” includes rights, privileges, authorities, powers and properties, both movable and immovable, including buildings, vehicles, vessels, cash balance, bank deposits, reserve funds, investments, stocks and shares and all interests arising out of such rights, privileges, authorities, powers and properties, and all books of account, registers, records and all other documents;

- (b) all debts and liabilities incurred, all obligations undertaken, all contracts entered into and all agreements made by or with the Pakistan Red Cross Society or the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch thereof for the sole benefit of the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch or the territories constituting Bangladesh shall stand transferred to, and be deemed to have been incurred, undertaken, entered into and made by or with the Society;
- (c) all suits and other legal proceedings instituted in Bangladesh before the commencement of this Order by or against the Pakistan Red Cross Society or the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch thereof shall be deemed to have been instituted by or against the Society and may be continued or proceeded with accordingly;
- (d) all officers and other employees of the Pakistan Red Cross Society and of the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch thereof in Bangladesh shall stand transferred to the Society on such terms and conditions as the Society may determine :

Provided that an officer or an employee so transferred shall have the option not to continue in the service of the Society.

(2) The following properties shall vest in the Society :

- (a) all monies and properties which may be allotted to the Society out of the share of the Pakistan Red Cross Society in the assets of the Indian Red Cross Society as specified in the Second Schedule;
- (b) all monies and properties in the share of the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch of the Pakistan Red Cross Society which may be received by the Society out of the assets of the Pakistan Red Cross Society; and

- (c) all gifts made to the Society for the purposes of the Society.

**18.** Notwithstanding anything contained in any appeal for subscriptions or gifts to or for the purposes of the Joint War Committee, Indian Branch, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England and the British Red Cross Society made during the World War, the Society may in its discretion apply:

- (a) either the *corpus* or the income or any part of such *corpus* or income of any property vested in it under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of Article 17 for the relief of sickness, suffering or distress caused by any War in Bangladesh or in any other country in which armed forces from Bangladesh may be employed and for purposes cognate to those subjects and in maintaining <sup>1</sup>[Red Crescent Depots] for Military purposes in and outside Bangladesh;
- (b) the income only of any such property but not the *corpus* or any part thereof for the relief of sickness of suffering in Bangladesh or in pursuance of any of the objects set forth in the First Schedule.

**19.** (1) Subject to the general principles governing <sup>2</sup>[Red Cross and Red Crescent] activities, the Managing Board may affiliate to the Society any other society or body having all or any of the objects and purposes referred to in Article 5 and may provide for allocation, and distribution of funds and materials, through such society or body, to or for any such objects or purposes.

(2) The Society may regulate, control and supervise the activities of the affiliated societies or bodies in such manner and for such purposes as may be prescribed.

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<sup>1</sup> The words “Red Crescent Depots” were substituted for the words “Red Cross Depots” by section 9 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

<sup>2</sup> The words “Red Cross and Red Crescent” were substituted for the words “Red Cross” by section 10 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

(3) All societies or bodies in Bangladesh which were affiliated in Pakistan Red Cross Society or the former East Pakistan Provincial Branch thereof on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1971, shall be deemed to have been affiliated to the Society under this Order.

**20.** The Managing Board may receive and hold gifts of whatsoever description either for the general purposes of the Society or for any particular purpose and on receipt of such gifts may, subject to any rule made under Article 23, apply the same to such purposes, either directly or through the Units or the societies or bodies affiliated under Article 19 or any agency established, by agreement, for any such purpose.

**21.** The Society may appoint such officers and other employees as it considers necessary for the efficient management of its affairs and business on such terms and conditions as it may determine from time to time.

<sup>1</sup>[**21A.** Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or in any contract or judgment, award or decision of any court or tribunal-

- (a) the Society and the institutions, organisations and establishments owned, maintained or managed by it, either singly or jointly with <sup>2</sup>[any Red Cross Organisation or any other Red Crescent Organisation], shall be deemed to be non-profit earning and the service of any person in or under the Society or any such institution, organisation or establishment shall be deemed to be service for the cause of humanity and any remuneration paid for such service shall be deemed to be honorarium;
- (b) the Society or any institution, organisation or establishment specified in clause (a) or any office thereof shall not be deemed to be “factory”, “shop”,

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<sup>1</sup> Article 21A was inserted by section 2 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1974 (Act No. V of 1974).

<sup>2</sup> The words “any Red Cross Organisation or any other Red Crescent Organisation” were substituted for the words “any other Red Cross Organisation” by section 11 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

“establishment”, “commercial establishment”, “industrial establishment” or “industry” within the meaning of the Factories Act, 1965 (E. P. Act IV of 1965), the Shops and Establishments Act, 1965 (E. P. Act VII of 1965), the Employment of Labour (Standing Orders) Act, 1965 (E. P. Act VIII of 1965), or the Industrial Relations Ordinance, 1969 (Ord. XXIII of 1969);

- (c) any union or association of the officers or employees of the Society or of any institution, organisation or establishment specified in clause (a) registered or deemed to be registered under the Industrial Relations Ordinance, 1969 (Ord. XXIII of 1969), shall cease to be so registered for the purpose of that Ordinance.]

**22.** The Society may become a member of any International Organisation having all or any of the objects and purposes set forth in the First Schedule as its objects and purposes.

<sup>1</sup>[**23.** (1) The Managing Board may, with the previous approval of the President, make rules, not inconsistent with this Order, to provide for all matters for which provision is necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Order.

(2) All rules made under this Article shall be published in the *official Gazette* and shall come into force on such publication.]

**24.** The Society shall not be dissolved except by law made for the purpose.

**25.** The Red Cross Society Act (XV of 1920) is hereby repealed.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 23 was substituted by section 7 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975 (Ordinance No. XLIX of 1975).



**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
(Article 5)

1. Aid to the sick and wounded members of the Armed Forces of Bangladesh in accordance with the terms and spirit of the Geneva Conventions and discharge of other obligations devolving upon the Society under the Conventions as the recognised auxiliary of the Armed Forces Medical Services.

2. Prevention and alleviation of human suffering with complete impartiality, making no discrimination as to nationality, race, sex, religion, belief, class or political opinions.

3. The establishment and maintenance of peace among all nations in accordance with the decisions of the <sup>1</sup>[International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement].

4. Provision of relief for the mitigation of suffering and distress caused by cyclones, earthquakes, floods, famines, epidemics, civil disturbances and other disasters, whether in Bangladesh or outside.

5. Improvement of health, prevention of disease and mitigation of suffering caused by disease.

6. Providing training in nursing and first-aid.

7. Establishing and maintaining maternity and child-welfare institutions.

8. Organising the youth of the country as an effective limb of the Society.

9. Providing Ambulance Service.

10. Organising work-parties to provide comforts and garments for hospitals and health institutions.

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<sup>1</sup> The words “International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement” were substituted for the words “ International Red Cross Organisation” by section 12 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).

**11.** Representation of the Society on or at committees or bodies constituted by the <sup>1</sup>[International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement] for furthering the objects similar to those of the society.

**12.** Other cognate matters as may be approved by the Society from time to time.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

[(Article 17(2))]

Name of the Fund.	Share of Pakistan Red Cross Society as on 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 1948.
1. Indian Red Cross Society.	Rs. 41,74,208-6-3
2. Indian Forces Medical After-care Fund.	Rs. 4,81,232-14-0
3. Lady Chelmsford All-India Maternity and Child-Welfare Bureau-Army Child-Welfare Fund.	Rs. 91,225-0-0
4. Victoria Memorial Scholarship Fund.	Rs. 1,83,669-4-0

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<sup>1</sup> The words “International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement” were substituted for the words “ International Red Cross” by section 12 of the Bangladesh Red Cross Society (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXV of 1988).