

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSIONS AND
GRATUITIES ACT, 1919**

ACT NO. I OF 1919

[26th February, 1919]

An Act to extend the powers of local authorities in regard to the granting of pensions and gratuities.

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the powers of local authorities in regard to the granting of pensions and gratuities;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Local Authorities Pensions and Gratuities Act, 1919. Short title and extent

(2) It extends to the whole of ¹[Bangladesh].

2. In this Act "officer" means any person who has undertaken ²[service of the Republic] and who immediately prior to undertaking such service, was paid and employed solely by a local authority and, but for undertaking such service, would in the ordinary course have continued in such employment ³[* * *]. Definition

¹ The word "Bangladesh" was substituted, for the word "Pakistan" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

² The words "service of the Republic" were substituted, for the words "service of the State" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

³ The semi-colon, quotations, words and commas "; and the "appropriate Government" means, in relation to cantonment authorities and port authorities in major ports, the Central Government, and in relation to other authorities, the Provincial Government" were omitted by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

Power to grant extraordinary pensions and gratuities

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or in any rule made thereunder regulating the powers of local authorities, and without prejudice to any powers conferred by or under any such enactment, a local authority may grant a pension or gratuity to any officer thereof who may, since the 4th day of August, 1914, have been wounded or otherwise incapacitated in ¹[service of the Republic] and to the widow or child of any such officer who may have died in consequence of injuries received or illness contracted since the 4th day of August, 1914, in the course of such service.

Provision as to pensions and gratuities

4. (1) Such pension or gratuity may be granted in addition to any pension or gratuity payable to the officer or his wife or child as the case may be, under any general or special orders of the ²[Government], but shall not ³[* * *], exceed the amount of the pension or gratuity to which the officer or his wife or child would have been entitled under any such orders if his employment by the local authority had been service for the same time and on the same pay of the ⁴[Republic].

¹ The words "service of the Republic" were substituted, for the words "service of the State" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

² The word "Government" was substituted, for the words "Central Government or any Provincial Government" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

³ The comma and words ", save with the sanction of the appropriate Government" were omitted by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

⁴ The word "Republic" was substituted, for the word "State" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

(2) Any pension granted under this Act may be made to take effect from such date subsequent to the 4th day of August, 1914, and subject to such conditions as the local authority may think fit.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the decision of a local authority to grant a pension or gratuity thereunder shall be made in such manner and shall be subject to such sanction as may be prescribed by any enactment or rule regulating the grant by such local authority of pensions and gratuities: Procedure

Provided that in every case the sanction of the ¹[Government] shall be necessary.

¹ The word "Government" was substituted, for the words "appropriate Government" by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).