

**THE CHITTAGONG HILL-TRACTS LAWS
REGULATION, 1946**

Bengal Regulation No. I of 1946

[21st March 1946]

***A Regulation to apply the Bengal Births and Deaths
Registration Act, 1873, to the Chittagong Hill-tracts.***

WHEREAS it is expedient to apply the Bengal Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1873, to the Chittagong Hill-tracts;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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| <p>1. This Regulation may be called the Chittagong Hill-tracts Laws Regulations, 1946.</p> | <p>Short title</p> |
| <p>2. The Bengal Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1873, with the exception of section 11 of the said Act, shall apply to the Chittagong Hill-tracts subject to the following modifications, namely:-</p> <p>(1) for section 1 of the said Act, the following section shall be <i>substituted</i>, namely:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“1. The ¹[Government] may, at any time, by a notification published in the <i>Official Gazette</i>, direct that all births and deaths occurring within the Chittagong Hill-tracts after a certain date to be named in such notification shall be registered”;</p> <p>(2) in section 2 of the said Act-</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) in the first paragraph <i>for</i> the words “any such area” the words “the Chittagong Hill-tracts” shall be <i>substituted</i>, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) in the second paragraph <i>for</i> the words “the area” the words “the Chittagong Hill-tracts” shall be <i>substituted</i>;</p> <p>(3) in section 6 of the said Act-</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) <i>for</i> the first paragraph, the following paragraph shall be <i>substituted</i>, namely:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“The headman of every <i>mauza</i> or where there is no headman, such person as the Magistrate may appoint, shall be required to report every birth or death occurring within the <i>mauza</i> to such registrar and at such periods as the Magistrate may direct”, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) in the third paragraph for the words “chaukidar or other village –watchman” the word “headman” shall be <i>substituted</i>;</p> | <p>Application of Bengal Act IV of 1873 to the Chittagong Hill-tracts</p> <p>Power to direct registration of births and deaths in the Chittagong Hill-tracts</p> <p><i>Mauza</i> headmen to obtain particulars and to report on registrar</p> |

¹ The word "Government" was substituted, for the words "Provincial Government" by Article 8 of the Bangladesh (Adaptation of Existing Laws) Order, 1972 (President's Order No. 48 of 1972).

- (4) in section 7 of the said Act-
- (a) in the first paragraph-
- (i) *for* the words “within such area” the words “within the Chittagong Hill-tracts” shall be substituted,
- (ii) *after* the words “personally or in writing to” the words “the headman of the *mauza* or to” shall be *inserted*, and
- (iii) *for* the words “chaukidar or other village watchman” the words “*Karbari* of the *Para*” shall be *substituted*, and
- (b) *after* the first paragraph the following paragraphs shall be inserted, namely:-
- “The *Karbari* of a *para* shall report any birth in his *para* to the headman of the *mauza* within which the *para* is situated within eight days next after the day of such birth.
- When the headman receives a report under this section, he shall, within thirty days of the receipt of such report, give information of such birth to the registrar of the district.”;
- (5) in section 8 of the said Act-
- (a) in the first paragraph-
- (i) *for* the words “within such area” the words “within the Chittagong Hill-tracts” shall be *substituted*,
- (ii) *after* the words “either personally or in writing to” the words “the headman of the *mauza* or to” shall be *inserted*, and
- (iii) *for* the words “chaukider or other village watchman” the words “*karbari* of the *para*” shall be *substituted*, and
- (b) *after* the first paragraph the following paragraphs shall be inserted, namely:-
- “The *Karbari* of a *para* shall report any death in his *para* to the headman of the *mauza* within the *para* is situated within eight days next after the day of such death.
- When the headman receives a report under this section, he shall within thirty days of the receipt of such report give information of such death to the registrar of the district”.
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