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(Act No. XVIII of 2010)

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An Act to facilitate the collection of statistics on economic, demographic, social, educational, scientific and environmental aspects and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature in the Sixty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Jammu and Kashmir Collection of Statistics Act, 2010.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Govt. Gazette, appoint.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Act” means the Jammu and Kashmir Collection of Statistics Act, 2010 ;

(b) “agency” includes a person or persons engaged by the appropriate Government, directly or by outsourcing, for collection of statistics ;

(c) “appropriate Government” means—

(i) any department of the Government ; or

(ii) any Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Municipal Committee or Halqa Panchayat.

In relation to the collection of statistics under a direction issued by it under section 3 ;

- (d) "Government" means the Government of Jammu and Kashmir ;
- (e) "informant" means any person, who supplies or is required to supply statistical information and includes an owner or occupier or person incharge or his authorized representative in respect of persons or a firm registered under the Jammu and Kashmir State Partnership Act, Samvat 1996 or a Co-operative Societies Act, 1989 or the Jammu and Kashmir Self-Reliant Co-operatives Act, 1999 or a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or a societies registered under the Jammu and Kashmir Societies Registration Act, Samvat 1998 or any association recognized or registered under any law for the time being in force ;
- (f) "information schedule" means any book, document, form, card, tape, disc or any storage media or any other electronic gadget on which information required is entered or recorded or is required to be entered or recorded for statistical purposes under this Act ;
- (g) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under the Act ;
- (h) "sampling" means a statistical procedure by which information relating to a particular field of inquiry is derived by applying statistical techniques to information obtained in respect of a proportion of the total number of persons or units concerned relevant to the field of inquiry ;
- (i) "statistical survey" means a census or a survey, whereby information is collected from all the informants in the field of inquiry or from a sample thereof, by the Government under this Act, or any other relevant Act, wholly or primarily for the purposes of processing and summarizing by appropriate statistical procedures ;
- (j) "statistics" means statistics derived by collecting, classifying and using statistics, specially in or for large quantities or

numbers by the Government from statistical surveys, administrative and registration records and other forms and papers, the statistical analysis of which are, whether in a published or unpublished form ; and

- (k) "statistics officer" means any officer appointed under section 4 for the purposes of any direction issued under section 3 of this Act.

CHAPTER II

Collection of Statistics

3. *Collection of statistics.*—The Government may, by notification in the Government Gazette, direct that the statistics on economic, demographic, social, educational, scientific and environmental aspects shall be collected through a statistical survey or otherwise and thereupon the provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to those statistics :

Provided that nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to authorize the Government to issue any direction under this Act with respect to the collection of statistics relating to any matter following under any of the entries specified in List I (Union List) in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, as applicable to the State.

4. *Power of Government to appoint Statistics Officer, etc.*—

(1) The Government may appoint or cause to be appointed an officer to be the statistics officer for any geographical unit for the purpose of collecting any statistics directed by it.

(2) The Government may appoint any agency or persons working in such agencies to take, or aid in, or supervise the collection of the statistics within any specified geographical unit and such agencies or persons, when so appointed, shall be bound to serve accordingly.

(3) The Government may employ on contract basis any agency or company or organization or association or person, on such terms

and conditions and on such safeguards as may be prescribed, for the purpose of collecting the statistics directed by it.

(4) The Government may delegate to any statistics officer, as it think fit, the power of appointing agencies or persons working in such agencies or employing on contract basis any agency or company or organization or association of persons conferred on it by sub-sections (2) and (3) within the geographical unit for which such statistics officer is appointed.

(5) The Government may, by order, specify the form, the particulars required or the interval within which, and the statistics officer to whom, the statistical information by the informants shall be furnished.

(6) The Government may, by order published in the Government Gazette, delegate to any statistics officer, as it thinks fit, any power conferred under sub-section (5) for the purpose of the collection of statistics under a direction issued by it under section 3.

5. *Power of statistics officer to call for information.*—The statistics officer may, for the purpose of collection of statistics on any specified subject in any geographical unit for which the said officer was appointed—

- (a) serve or cause to be served on any informant a notice in writing asking him to furnish the information specified under sub-section (5) of section 4 or cause a information schedule to be given to any informant for the purpose of its being filled up ; or
- (b) cause all questions relating to the subject to be asked from any informant ; or
- (c) seek information through tele fax or telephone or e-mail or in any other electronic mode or in a combination of different modes for different sets of information so specified.

6. *Duty of informants.*—The informants who are asked to furnish any information under the provisions of this Act shall be bound to furnish the information so asked in the prescribed manner to the best of knowledge or belief ; and in cases where only a portion of a particular class or group of persons or units is asked to furnish

