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*to provide for the better management, administration and governance  
of Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and  
Shri Kedar Nath Shrine and its endowments including the lands  
and buildings attached or appurtenant to the Shrine.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Haryana in the Sixtieth  
Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Haryana Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath Shrine Act, 2009. Short title and  
commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) “Board” means Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain,  
Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath Shrine Board  
constituted under section 4;

(b) “endowment” means all property, movable or immovable,  
belonging to, or given or endowed for the maintenance,

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Haryana Government Gazette (Extra.), dated the 10th February, 2009, Page 399.

improvement, additions to, or worship in the Shrine or for the performance of any service or charity, connected therewith and includes the idols installed therein, the premises of the Shrine and gifts of property made to any one within the precincts of the Shrine and land and buildings attached, or appurtenant thereto;

- (c) “Government” means the Government of the State of Haryana;
- (d) “math” means a math as understood under Hindu Law;
- (e) “member” means member of the Board constituted under section 4 and includes a Member-Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman professing Hindu religion, in case Chairman, Vice-Chairman, ex-officio member and Member-Secretary happens to be non-Hindu, the Government may appoint in his place another member professing Hindu religion;
- (f) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (g) “pujari” means pujari and includes pandits and purohits or such other person who performs or conducts puja or other rituals;
- (h) “Shrine” means the Shrine of Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath, all temples, math and idols within the premises of Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath and endowments attached thereto, established with a religious object for a public purpose and includes,—
  - (i) all properties movable, immovable, belonging to or given or endowed for worship in, maintenance or improvement of, additions to, or temple, for the performance of any service or charity connected therewith; and
  - (ii) the idols installed in the temples, clothes, ornaments and things for decoration, etc.;
- (i) ‘Shrine fund’ means and includes all sums received by or on behalf of, or for the time being held for the benefit of the Shrine, and also includes all the endowments which

have been or may hereafter be made for the benefit of the Shrine or any other deity thereof in the name of any person, or for the convenience, comfort or benefit of the pilgrims thereto, as well as all offerings made to any of the deities comprised in the Shrine;

- (j) “temple” means a place, by whatever designation known, used as a place of public religious worship, and dedicated to, or for the benefit of, or used as of right by, the Hindu community or any section thereof as a place of public religious worship.

3. The ownership of the Shrine fund shall, from the commencement of this Act, vest in the Board and the Board shall be entitled to its possession, administration and use for the purposes of this Act. Vesting of Shrine fund.

4. The administration, management and governance of the Shrine shall vest in a Board consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and not more than fifteen members. The composition of the Board shall be as follows:— Constitution of Board.

- (a) Chief Minister, Haryana, shall be the Chairman;
- (b) Minister-in-Charge, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, shall be the Vice-Chairman;
- (c) Secretary to Government, Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, whether designated as Financial Commissioner, Urban Local Bodies or Commissioner, Urban Local Bodies, as the case may be, shall be the ex-officio member;
- (d) Director, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana shall be the ex-officio member;
- (e) Deputy Commissioner, Yamunanagar, shall be the ex-officio Member-Secretary;
- (f) Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar, shall be the ex-officio member;
- (g) nine persons to be nominated by the Government, as members, in the following manner :—
  - (i) two persons, who in the opinion of the Government, have distinguished themselves in the service of Hindu religion or culture;

- (ii) two women, who in the opinion of the Government, have distinguished themselves in the service of Hindu religion, culture or social work, especially in regard to advancement of women;
- (iii) three persons, who in the opinion of the Government, have distinguished themselves in administration, legal affairs or financial matters;
- (iv) two eminent Hindus of the State of Haryana.

Defraying of  
Shrine funds.

- 5.** The Shrine funds shall be applied for,—
- (a) defraying expenses for the proper maintenance of the Shrine, performance of puja and other rituals;
  - (b) providing amenities, facilities to the visiting devotees;
  - (c) establishment and maintenance of the educational institutions;
  - (d) training of vidyarthies; and
  - (e) securing the health, safety and convenience of disciples, pilgrims and worshippers visiting the Shrine.

Incorporation  
of Board.

- 6.** The Board shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may by the said name sue and be sued.

Term of office  
of member.

- 7.** A nominated member of the Board shall hold office during the pleasure of the Government; provided that his term of office shall not exceed three years from the date of his nomination under section 4.

Disqualification  
for  
membership.

- 8.** A person shall be disqualified for being nominated as a member of the Board if he, —
- (a) is not a Hindu;
  - (b) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
  - (c) is a deaf, dumb or is suffering from contagious leprosy or any virulent contagious disease;
  - (d) is an undischarged insolvent;
  - (e) is appearing as a legal practitioner against the Board;
  - (f) is sentenced by a criminal court for an offence involving moral turpitude, such sentence not having been reversed;

- (g) is an office-holder or servant attached to the Board;
- (h) has been guilty of corruption or misconduct in the administration of the Shrine;
- (i) is addicted to intoxicating liquors or drugs; and
- (j) has acted against the interest of the Shrine, in the opinion of the Government.

**9.** (1) If in the opinion of the Government, the Board is not competent to perform, or persistently makes default in performing, the duties imposed on it under this Act or exceeds or abuses its powers, the Government may, after due enquiry and after giving the Board a reasonable opportunity of being heard, by orders, dissolve or supersede the Board and reconstitute another Board in accordance with this Act.

Dissolution and supersession of Board.

(2) Where a Board is dissolved or superseded under this section, the Government shall assume all the powers and perform all the functions and exercise all the powers of the Board for a period not exceeding three months or until the constitution of another Board, whichever is earlier.

**10.** (1) Casual vacancy of a member shall be filled in the same manner as provided in section 4.

Filling up of vacancies.

(2) The term of a member nominated to fill a casual vacancy shall expire on the day on which the term of the member in whose vacancy the nomination has been made would have expired.

(3) Nothing done by the Board shall be invalid only by the reason of there being a casual vacancy.

**11.** Any nominated member may resign his office as member by giving notice in writing to the Chairman and his office shall become vacant from the date of acceptance of the same by the Government.

Resignation.

**12.** (1) The Board shall maintain its office at such place, as it may decide.

Office and meetings of Board.

(2) At the meeting of the Board, the Chairman or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside.

(3) No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least five members are present.

(4) Every decision of the Board shall, except as expressly provided by this Act, be by a majority of votes, and in case of equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote.



Appointment  
of officers and  
servants of  
Board.

**13.** (1) For the efficient discharge of the duties assigned to it under this Act, the Board may appoint a Chief Administrator, Chief Executive Officer and such other officers and servants as it considers necessary with such designations, pay, allowances and other remunerations and perquisites as the Board may determine from time to time.

(2) The Chairman of the Board, subject to any rules made under this Act, shall have the power to transfer, suspend, remove or dismiss any officer or servant of the Board for the breach of discipline, carelessness, unfitness, neglect of duty or misconduct or for any other sufficient cause:

Provided that where the officer or the servant is a Government servant, he may be reverted to his parent cadre or department in the Government.

Officers and  
servants of  
Board to be  
public servants.

**14.** The members, officers and servants of the Board shall, while acting or purporting to act in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or any rules made thereunder, be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Act 45 of 1860).

Liability of  
members.

**15.** Every member of the Board shall be liable for the loss, waste or mis-application of the Shrine fund if such loss, waste or mis-application is a direct consequence of his willful act or omission while as member and a suit for compensation may be instituted against him by the Board.

Alienation of  
property.

**16.** (1) No jewellery, ornaments which have once been adorned on the idols or other valuable property of non-perishable nature forming part of the Shrine fund shall be transferred, exchanged, sold or disposed of without the previous sanction of the Government on the recommendations of the Board.

(2) No land or other immovable property held by the Board shall be alienated except by a resolution of the Board and the approval of the Government.

Power to  
borrow or lend.

**17.** No money shall be borrowed or lent except by a resolution of the Board and the approval of the Government.

Duties of  
Board.

**18.** Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, it shall be the duty of the Board,—

- (i) to arrange for the proper performance of worship at the Shrine;
- (ii) to provide facilities for the proper performance of worship by the pilgrims;
- (iii) to make arrangements for the safe custody and preservation of the Shrine funds, valuable security and jewellery;

- (iv) to undertake for the benefit of worshippers and pilgrims—
  - (a) the construction of buildings for their accommodation;
  - (b) the construction of sanitary works; the improvement of means of communication;
- (v) to undertake the developmental activities concerning the area of the Shrine and its surroundings;
- (vi) to make suitable arrangements for the imparting of religious instructions and general education;
- (vii) to make provision of medical relief for worshippers and pilgrims;
- (viii) to make provisions for the payment of suitable emoluments to the salaried staff;
- (ix) to do all such things as may be incidental and conducive to the efficient management, maintenance and administration of the Shrine and the Shrine fund and the convenience of the pilgrims.

**19.** (1) All rights of a pujari shall stand extinguished from the date of commencement of this Act: Rights of pujari.

Provided that the Government may constitute a Tribunal in such manner, as may be prescribed, which, after giving personal hearing to the pujari and the representatives of the Board, shall recommend compensation to be paid by the Board, in lieu of extinction of his rights. While making its recommendations to the Board, the Tribunal shall have due regard to the income which the pujaris had been deriving:

Provided further that where a pujari surrenders his right to compensation and offers himself for employment to the Board, the Board shall cause his suitability for such employment to be adjudged and may offer him employment in case he is found suitable by the selection committee to be appointed for the purpose subject to the pujaris giving an undertaking to abide by the administrative and disciplinary control of the Board in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

(2) All such employees of the Shrine as are engaged on any function connected with the Shrine shall, unless they exercise an option to the contrary be deemed to have become the employees of the Board on the commencement of this Act and would be subject to the administrative and disciplinary control of the Board. Their terms and conditions of service shall be regulated by the rules made under this Act which shall, as far as

practicable not be inferior to the present level of remuneration and other terms and conditions of their service.

(3) The shopkeepers and other lease holders, who are the tenants of the Shrine in the area referred to in this Act, will become the tenants of the Board.

Preparation and  
maintenance of  
registers.

**20.** (1) There shall be prepared and maintained, in such form and manner, as may be prescribed, a register showing—

- (a) the origin and history of the Shrine and particulars as to the custom or usage of the Shrine;
- (b) particulars of the scheme of administration and of the scale of expenditure;
- (c) the name of all officers to which any salary, emolument or perquisite is attached and the nature, time and conditions of service in each case;
- (d) the money, jewellery, jewels, gold, silver, precious stones, vessels and utensils and other movable belongings to the Shrine with their weights, details of the constituent elements and estimated value thereof;
- (e) particulars of immovable properties and all other endowments of the Shrine and all title deeds and other documents;
- (f) particulars of, details of constituent elements of and coloured photographs of the idols and other images in or connected with the Shrine, whether intended for worship or for being carried in processions;
- (g) particulars of ancient or historical records with their contents in brief; and
- (h) such other particulars as may be required by the Board.

(2) The register shall be prepared, signed and verified by the Chief Executive Officer or an officer authorized by the Board within three months from the date of notice served upon him by the Member-Secretary in this behalf or within such further period as may be allowed by him.

(3) The Board may, after such enquiry as it may consider necessary, recommend and direct the officer to carry out such alterations, omissions or additions in the registers as the Board may think fit.

(4) The officer shall carry out the directions of the Board and submit the register to the Board for approval within a period of three months from the date of the order.

**21.** (1) The Chief Executive Officer or any officer authorized by the Board shall scrutinize the entries in the register every year, or at such interval of times, as may be prescribed, and submit the same to the Board through the Member-Secretary for its approval. Annual verification of register.

(2) The Board may, thereupon, after such inquiry as it may consider necessary, direct the alterations, omissions or additions, if any, to be made in the register.

(3) The officer authorized by the Board shall carry out the alterations, omissions or additions ordered by the Board in the copy of the register kept by him, within three months from the date of the order.

**22.** (1) The Member-Secretary of the Board or any officer authorized in that behalf by the Board or the Government, may inspect all movable or immovable properties belonging to, and all records, correspondence, plans, accounts and other documents relating to the Shrine and it shall be the duty of all officers and servants working under him, and any person having concern in the administration thereof, to afford all such assistance and facilities, as may be necessary or reasonably required in regard to such inspection, and also to produce any such movable property or document for inspections, if so required. Inspection of property and documents.

(2) For the purposes of inspection as aforesaid the inspecting authority shall, subject to the local practice, custom or usage, have power to enter at any reasonable hour the premises of the Shrine.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize any person to enter the premises or place referred to in sub-section (2) or any part thereof unless such person professes the religion to which the premises or place belongs.

**23.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the Registration Act, 1908, (Act 16 of 1908), the registering authority shall not accept for registration any deed or alienation of immovable property belonging to the Shrine unless a certified copy of the order made under section 16 sanctioning such alienation is filed along with the deed. Restriction on registration of documents.

**24.** (1) Whenever it comes to the notice of the Board that any immovable property belonging to the Shrine has been alienated in contravention of the provisions of this Act, it shall refer the matter to the Government. Recovery of property.

(2) Upon receipt of a reference made under sub-section (1), the Government shall hold a summary enquiry in such manner as may be prescribed and on being satisfied that any such property has been so alienated, shall deliver possession of the same to the Board.

Removal of  
encroachment.

**25.** (1) The provisions contained in the Haryana Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Act, 1972, (Act 24 of 1972), shall be applicable, as far as may be, in respect of unauthorized occupation of any land or premises belonging to the Shrine, as if it were the property of Government, within the meaning of that Act.

(2) The Member-Secretary of the Board may make an application for taking up appropriate proceedings under the Act referred to in sub-section (1) to the authority competent thereunder and thereupon it shall be lawful for such authority to take action in accordance with the provisions in that Act.

Power to act  
for protection  
of Shrine.

**26.** (1) Where the Board has the reason to believe that—

- (a) any property belonging to the Shrine is in danger of being wasted, damaged or improperly alienated by any person; or
- (b) such person threatens, or intends to remove or dispose of that property,

the Member-Secretary of the Board may, by order grant a temporary injunction or make such other order, for the purpose of staying and preventing the wastage, damage, alienation, sale, removal, or disposition of such property, on such terms as to the duration of injunction, keeping of accounts, giving security, production of the property or otherwise, as he thinks fit.

(2) The Member-Secretary of the Board shall in all such cases, except where it appears that the object of granting injunction would be defeated by delay, before granting an injunction, give notice of the facts to the person concerned.

(3) After hearing the person concerned and holding such inquiry, as he may think fit, the Member-Secretary may confirm, discharge, vary or set aside the order of injunction or pass an appropriate order.

(4) In case of disobedience or breach of any injunction, any of its terms or any order passed under this section, the Member-Secretary may apply to the Government, who may, after hearing the Member-Secretary and the party affected, order the property of the person, guilty of such disobedience or breach, to be attached, and may also order the

said person to be detained in civil prison for a term not exceeding one year. No attachment under this sub-section shall remain in force for more than two years, at the end of which time, if the disobedience or breach continues, the property attached may be sold, and out of the sale proceeds, the Government may award such compensation as it thinks fit, and shall pay the balance, if any, to the person entitled thereto, and thereupon the temporary injunction granted or any order passed by the Member-Secretary of the Board under this section, if in force, shall stand vacated or, as the case may be, cancelled.

(5) A person against whom the order of injunction or any other order under this section is passed, may, within a period of ninety days from the date of communication of such order, appeal to the Government against such order.

**27.** (1) The Board or the officer authorized by it, shall appoint pujaris of the Shrine and in making such appointment, he shall have due regard to the claims of persons belonging to the religious denomination for whose benefit the Shrine is mainly maintained. Appointment and tenure of pujari.

(2) A pujari shall hold office for a term of five years, unless in the meanwhile he is removed or dismissed or his resignation is accepted by the Board or the officer authorized by it or he otherwise ceases to be a pujari.

(3) A pujari shall be eligible for re-appointment.

**28.** (1) The Board or the officer authorized by it may suspend, remove or dismiss the pujari for,— Power to suspend, remove or dismiss.

- (a) willful disobedience of any order issued under the provisions of this Act;
- (b) any malfeasance, misfeasance, breach of trust or neglect of duty in respect of the Shrine or alienation of any property, in contravention of the provisions of this Act;
- (c) any misappropriation of, or improper dealing with, the properties of the Shrine;
- (d) having been found under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in the Shrine;
- (e) unsoundness of mind or other mental or physical defect or infirmity which renders him unfit for discharging the functions of a pujari:

Provided that no pujari shall be removed or dismissed by the Board or the officer authorized by it under this section unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(2) A Pujari, who is suspended, removed or dismissed by the Board or the officer authorised by it under sub-section (1) may, within one month from the date of receipt of the order of suspension, removal or dismissal, prefer an appeal to such authority and in such manner, as may be prescribed.

(3) A pujari so suspended, removed or dismissed may be allowed such maintenance, as may be fixed by the Board or the officer authorised by it, considering the financial condition of the Shrine.

Disqualifications. **29.** A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as, and for continuing to be a pujari if he,—

- (a) is an undischarged insolvent;
- (b) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
- (c) is interested either directly or indirectly in a subsisting lease or any property of, or contract made with, or any work being done for, the Shrine or is in arrears of any dues payable to the Shrine;
- (d) is appearing as a legal practitioner on behalf of or against the Shrine;
- (e) has been sentenced by a criminal court for an offence involving moral turpitude, and such sentence has not been reversed;
- (f) has acted adversely to the interest of the Shrine;
- (g) is an addict to intoxicating liquors or drugs;
- (h) has not completed twenty-one years of age; and
- (i) ceases to profess Hindu religion or persuasion or to belong to the religious denomination to which the Shrine pertains.

Filling of  
vacancy.

**30.** (1) When a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the pujari of the Shrine, the pujari shall be appointed by the Board or by an officer authorised by it.

(2) When temporary vacancy occurs in such an office by reason of the suspension of a pujari, a pujari in his place shall be appointed

by the Board or the officer authorised by it to discharge the functions of the pujari until his disability ceases.

**31.** (1) The Member-Secretary of the Board shall, before the end of December, in each year, submit to such authority and in such form and manner, as may be prescribed, a budget showing the probable receipts and disbursements of the Shrine during the following financial year. Budget of Shrine.

(2) Every such budget shall make adequate provision for—

- (a) the scale of expenditure for the time being in force and customary expenditure;
- (b) the due discharge of all liabilities binding on the Shrine;
- (c) the expenditure on religious, educational and charitable purposes not inconsistent with the objects of the Shrine;
- (d) the encouragement and the spread of religious instruction according to the tenets of the Shrine;
- (e) the expenditure on the repairs and renovation of the buildings and preservation and protection of the properties and assets of the Shrine.

(3) The Board may, on receipt of the budget make such alterations, omissions or additions therein, as it may deem proper.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or in any custom, usage or practice to the contrary, the provisions made for remuneration of any office holder or for any other item of expenditure in respect of the Shrine may be increased, decreased or modified by the Board if such increase, decrease or modification is considered necessary in view of the financial condition and the interest of the Shrine.

**32.** (1) The officer authorised by the Board shall keep regular accounts of all receipts and disbursements. Such accounts shall be kept for each calendar year separately in such form and shall contain such particulars, as may be prescribed. Accounts.

(2) The accounts of the Shrine shall be audited annually by a person who is a Chartered Accountant within the meaning of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (Act 38 of 1949), or by such other person, as may be authorised in this behalf, by the Government.



(3) Every auditor conducting the audit under sub-section (2) shall have access to the accounts and to all books, vouchers, other documents and records in possession of or under the control of the officer authorised by the Board.

Penalty for refusal to comply.

**33.** If any pujari, officer, servant or any other person concerned with the administration of the Shrine—

- (a) refuses, or wilfully fails to comply with the provisions of this Act or the rules framed thereunder or the orders and directions issued thereunder or obstructs any proceedings taken under this Act or the rules framed thereunder; or
- (b) refuses, or wilfully fails to furnish any reports, statements, accounts or other information called for under this Act, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or in default with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month.

Penalty for wrongful withholding of property.

**34.** Any person who,—

- (a) having in possession, custody or control of any property, document or books of accounts belonging to the Shrine, the management and control of which has been regulated under the provisions of this Act or the rules framed thereunder, wrongfully withholds such property or documents or books of accounts from the Board or any other person duly authorised by the Government or the Board to inspect or call for the same;
- (b) wrongfully obtains possession of, or retains any property, documents or books of accounts of the Board or willfully withholds or fails to furnish or deliver to the Board or any other person authorised by it in this behalf; or
- (c) wrongfully removes, destroys or mutilates property, documents or books of accounts of the Shrine, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

Protection of action taken under this Act.

**35.** (1) No officer or servant of the Government shall be liable in any civil or criminal proceedings in respect of any act done or purporting to be done under this Act or under the rules made thereunder, if the act has been done in good faith and in the course of execution of the duties imposed or in discharge of the functions assigned by or under this Act or the rules framed thereunder.

(2) No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government for any damage caused or likely to be caused or any injury suffered or likely to be suffered by virtue of any provisions of this Act or by anything done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder.

**36.** The Government may, from time to time, give such general or specific directions, in writing, to the Board for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act and while so doing may rescind, alter or modify any order made by the Board and the Board shall follow them in the discharge of its duties. Power to give directions.

**37.** The Government may, *suo motu* or on an application moved by any person considering himself aggrieved from any order or decision of the Board made under this Act, review such order or decision and make such order thereon as it thinks fit: Power to review.

Provided that before any order is made under this section, the Government shall afford to any person, likely to be affected adversely by such order, an opportunity of being heard.

**38.** If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by an order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty. Power to remove difficulties.

**39.** Save as expressly provided in this Act, no civil court shall have jurisdiction to entertain or adjudicate upon any dispute or matter which is to be decided by any officer or authority under this Act, and in respect of which the decision or order of such officer or authority has been made final and conclusive. Bar of Jurisdiction.

**40.** (1) The Government may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act. Power to make rules.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for—

- (a) conditions of service of the employees of the Shrine under sections 13 and 19;
- (b) constitution of Tribunal under section 19;
- (c) the form and manner in which the registers are to be maintained under section 20;
- (d) the scrutiny of the entries in the register under section 21;

- (e) the manner in which enquiry is to be conducted under section 24;
- (f) the authority to which and the manner in which appeal is to be preferred under section 28;
- (g) the form and manner in which the budget is to be prepared under section 31;
- (h) the form of statements, returns and other forms required to be maintained by or under this Act and the manner in which these are to be maintained;
- (i) the returns, accounts or other information to be submitted by the officer authorised by the Board;
- (j) the preservation, maintenance, management and improvements of the properties and buildings of the Shrine;
- (k) the preservation of idol and images in temples; and
- (l) any other matter which is to be or may be prescribed under this Act.

(3) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before the House of the State Legislature, while it is in session.

Certain enactments to cease to apply to Shrine.

**41.** From the date of commencement of this Act, the provisions of any other laws which might be applicable to the Shrine, shall cease to apply thereto:

Provided that such cessation shall not in any way affect—

- (a) any right, title, interest, obligation or liability already acquired, accrued or incurred;
  - (b) any legal proceedings for any remedy in respect of such right, title, interest, obligation or liability, instituted; or
  - (c) anything duly done or suffered.
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**PART-I****HARYANA GOVERNMENT****LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT****Notification**

The 20th January, 2026

**No. Leg. 9/2026.**— The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Haryana received the assent of the Governor of Haryana on the 12th January, 2026 and is hereby published for general information:-

**HARYANA ACT NO. 9 OF 2026****THE HARYANA SHRI KAPAL MOCHAN, SHRI BADRI NARAIN, SHRI MANTRA  
DEVI AND SHRI KEDAR NATH SHRINE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025****AN****ACT**

*further to amend the Haryana Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath Shrine Act, 2009.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Haryana in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

- 1.** This Act may be called the Haryana Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath Shrine (Amendment) Act, 2025. Short title.
- 2.** Clause (c) of section 8 of the Haryana Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narain, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath Shrine Act, 2009 shall be omitted. Amendment of section 8 of Haryana Act 12 of 2010.

RITU GARG,  
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