
A BILL


WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate
action further to amend the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; and, therefore, promulgated the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017, on the 2nd February 2017;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature; it is hereby enacted in the Sixty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd February 2017.

CHAPTER II
AMENDMENT TO THE MUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACT.

2. In section 16 of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, in sub-section (1), in clause (h), after the words “a certificate of Assistant Commissioner” the words “or a self-certificate by such person” shall be inserted.

CHAPTER III
AMENDMENT TO THE MAHARASHTRA MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT.

3. In section 10 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act, in sub-section (1), in clause (k), after the words “a certificate of the Ward Officer of the concerned corporation” the words “or a self-certificate by such person” shall be inserted.

CHAPTER IV
AMENDMENT TO THE MAHARASHTRA MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, NAGAR PANCHAYATS AND INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIPS ACT, 1965.

4. In section 16 of the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965, in sub-section (1), in clause (m), after the words “a certificate of the Authorised Officer of the concerned Council” the words “or a self-certificate by such person” shall be inserted.

CHAPTER V
MISCELLANEOUS


(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken (including any notification or order issued) under the corresponding provisions of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965 as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done, taken or, as the case may be, issued under the corresponding provisions of the relevant Acts, as amended by this Act.
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Section 16 of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act (III of 1888), section 10 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act (LIX of 1949) and section 16 of the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965 (Mah. XL of 1965), respectively, provide for disqualifications of a person for being elected or for being a Councillor of the Corporation or Council under the relevant Act.

Under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Mission of the Central Government, the Swachh Maharashtra Mission (Urban) is being implemented in the State. With a view to implement the State Mission and to ensure that the Councillors play a vital role in making cities defecation-free, sub-section (1) of the section 16, sub-section (1) of the section 10 and sub-section (1) of the section 16 of the said Acts were amended by Maharashtra Act No. XIX of 2016, by inserting a new clause, providing that a person who has failed to submit to the Corporation or the Council, a certificate from the concerned Assistant Commissioner, Ward Officer or Authorised Officer of the concerned Corporation or Council, as the case may be, to the effect that, he resides in a house owned by him and has a toilet in such house and he regularly uses such toilet; or he resides in a house not owned by him and has a toilet in such house and he regularly uses it or he has no such toilet but regularly uses the community or public toilet, shall incur disqualification thereunder.

The said Maharashtra Act No. XIX of 2016, has been brought into force with effect from the 2nd January 2017.

2. The general elections to various urban local bodies were scheduled to be held in the months of February and March 2017. Considering the difficulties faced by the persons desirous of contesting the urban local bodies, in obtaining such certificate, it was considered expedient to amend the said sections, with a view to provide that such requisite certificate may also be furnished by the candidate concerned.

3. As both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act (III of 1888), the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act (LIX of 1949) and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965 (Mah. XL of 1965), for the purposes aforesaid, the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations and the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (Mah. Ord. VI of 2017), was promulgated by the Governor of Maharashtra on the 2nd February 2017.

4. The Bill is intended to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature.

Mumbai, 
Dated the 6th March 2017. 

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, 
Chief Minister.