



The Maharashtra Official Languages Act, 1964

Act 5 of 1965

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THE MAHARASHTRA OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT, 1964

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MAHARASHTRA ACT No. V OF 1965.¹

[THE MAHARASHTRA OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT, 1964.]

[11th January 1965]

An Act to provide for the adoption of languages which may be used for the official purposes of the State including purposes of the Legislature of the State.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide for the adoption of languages which may be used for the official purposes of the State including purposes of the Legislature of the State ; It is hereby enacted in the Fifteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Official Languages Act, 1964.

Short title,
extent and
commence-
ment.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Maharashtra.

(3) This section and section 3 shall come into force on the 26th day of January 1965 ; and the remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint ; and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act or different matters referred to in those provisions.

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

Definitions.

(a) "appointed day" in relation to section 3 means the 26th day of January 1965, and in relation to any other provision of this Act or any such provision in relation to any matter therein means the day on which that provision or any provision in relation to that matter comes into force ;

(b) "Constitution" means the Constitution of India ;

(c) "Marathi" means the Marathi language in Devnagari script which is adopted in this State under Government Resolution in the Education and Social Welfare Department, No. TBK. 1762-G, dated 20th July 1962.

3. Notwithstanding the expiration of the period of fifteen years from the commencement of the Constitution mentioned in article 210, the English language may, as from the appointed day, continue to be used, in addition to Hindi and Marathi, for the transaction of business in the Legislature of the State.

Continuance
of English
language
for use
in State
Legislature.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act, Marathi shall, as from the appointed day, be the language to be used for all official purposes referred to in article 345 of the Constitution, as respects the State of Maharashtra except such purposes as the State Government may, by rules issued from time to time in the *Official Gazette*, specify, and Hindi may be used as the official language for such excepted purposes.

Official
language
for official
purposes of
State.

5. Marathi shall, as from the appointed day, be the language to be used—

(a) in Bills introduced (or amendments thereto to be moved) in either House of the Legislature of the State ;

Marathi
language
to be used in
Bills, etc.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Maharashtra Government Gazette*, 1964, Part V Extra, page 364.

(b) in all Acts passed by the Legislature of the State and in all Ordinances promulgated by the Governor of Maharashtra under article 213 of the Constitution ;

(c) in all orders, rules, regulations and bye-laws issued by the State Government under the Constitution, or under any law made by Parliament or the Legislature of the State.

Power
to make
rules.

6. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall from the date of publication of a notification in the *Official Gazette* of such decision have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be ; so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done or omitted to be done under that rule.



महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र असाधारण भाग आठ

वर्ष १, अंक ५०(८)]

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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

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In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Official Languages (Amendment) Act, 2015 (Mah. Act No. XXXVI of 2015), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

DR. MANGALA THOMBARE,
I/c. Draftsman-cum-Joint Secretary to Government,
Law and Judiciary Department.

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXVI OF 2015.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor in the “*Maharashtra Government Gazette*”, on the 21st August 2015).

An Act further to amend the Maharashtra Official Languages Act, 1964.

Mah. V
of 1965.

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Official Languages Act, 1964, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Official Languages Short title. (Amendment) Act, 2015.

Mah. V
of 1965.

2. After section 1 of the Maharashtra Official Languages Act, 1964 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”) the following shall be inserted, namely :—

Insertion of
new section
1A in Mah. V
of 1965.

“1A. The official language of the State of Maharashtra shall be Marathi.”

Marathi to be
the official
language of
State.

(१)

Amend-
ment of
section 2 of
Mah. V of
1965.

3. In section 2 of the principal Act, for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

“(c) “Marathi” means the Marathi language in Devnagari script which is adopted in the State under Government Resolutions issued, from time to time.”.