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Ministry of Home Affairs

NOTIFICATION

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**S. R. O. No. 90-Law/2021.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 46, read with section 43, of the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act, 2012 (Act No. III of 2012), the Government is pleased to make the following rules, namely:—

**1. Short title and commencement.**—(1) This rules may be called the National Anti-human-Trafficking Authority Rules, 2017.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**—In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(1) “Act” means the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act, 2012 (Act No. III of 2012);

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- (2) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Authority;
- (3) “non-government organisation” means any private organization, by whatever name it may be called, which is approved or registered under any existing law in Bangladesh;
- (4) “member” means any member of the Authority; and
- (5) “Authority” means the National Anti-human-Trafficking Authority established under these rules.

3. **Establishment of the Authority, etc.**—(1) For carrying out the purpose of section 43 of the Act, an Authority to be called the National Anti-human-Trafficking Authority is hereby established.

(2) The National Anti-human-Trafficking Authority, referred to in sub-rule (1), shall have the following members, namely :—

- (a) one officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, who shall also be its Chairman;
- (b) one officer not below the rank of a Director to be nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (c) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment;
- (d) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division;
- (e) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Social Welfare;
- (f) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Shipping;

- (g) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs;
- (h) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;
- (i) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Information;
- (j) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Director of the National Legal Aid Services Organisation to be nominated by the Law and Justice Division;
- (k) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Director to be nominated by the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB);
- (l) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Director to be nominated by the Bangladesh Coast Guard; and
- (m) one officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, who shall, in carrying out all activities of the Authority, perform the secretarial duty.

(3) In discharging its functions, the Authority shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

(4) No act or proceeding of the Authority shall be invalid or be called in question merely on the ground of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the Authority.

**4. Chief Executive of the Authority, functions, etc.—**(1) The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive of the Authority, and he shall be responsible for all activities of the Authority.

(2) The meeting of the Authority shall be held at such place, date and time as may be determined by the Chairman.

(3) The functions of the Authority shall be carried out at such place and in such manner as may be determined and approved by the Government.

**5. Powers, duties and functions of the Authority.**—(1) For the efficient performance of its functions, the Authority shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and these rules, have power to exercise all such powers and to perform and discharge all such duties and functions as may be necessary.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-rule (1), the Authority shall have the following duties and functions, namely :—

- (1) to undertake and implement appropriate measures for the prevention and suppression of human trafficking and for the identification, rehabilitation and protection of, and for providing services to, the victims of human-trafficking, and to monitor and manage the said matter;
- (2) to coordinate with all non-government organisations concerned including law-enforcing agencies for the purpose of preventing and suppressing human trafficking;
- (3) to inspect and monitor the activities of the non-government organisations engaged in the delivery of services and assistance to the victims of human-trafficking and, if necessary, to provide them with advice, or to issue directives or render assistance to them;
- (4) to receive reports on the activities and services of the non-government organisations engaged in the delivery of services and assistance to the victims of human-trafficking, and to evaluate the reports and undertake such measures as may be necessary;

- (5) to inspect the protective homes or the rehabilitation centres established by the Government under section 35 of the Act, to determine the standard of health-care and standard of living of the victims residing in any such protective homes or rehabilitation centres and to implement and monitor the standards, and to furnish a report in this regard to the Government;
- (6) for the purpose of repatriating any Bangladeshi victim of human-trafficking from any foreign country in accordance with the provision of section 33 of the Act, to take initiatives for maintaining a close communication with the concerned Ministry and the Bangladesh Mission in the concerned country and provide necessary assistance in that behalf;
- (7) to undertake necessary measures for complying with the provision of section 34 of the Act and to maintain a large database containing the information relating to the rescue, repatriation, rehabilitation and protection of the victims of human-trafficking including information about trial of cases related to human-trafficking and to establish coordination between the said database and other relevant databases concerning victims of human-trafficking;
- (8) to create public awareness about the activities undertaken for the prevention of human-trafficking and, in this behalf, to take necessary measures;
- (9) to establish, phase by phase and on priority basis, appropriate institutions and centres for rehabilitation of the victims of human- trafficking in every border side Division, District and Upazilla;

- (10) to take measures for providing the victims of human-trafficking with compensation, legal aid and other facilities ancillary thereto in accordance with the Act and the rules and regulations made thereunder;
- (11) for the purpose of preventing and suppressing human-trafficking, to inspect any place or require any person to furnish any information, papers or documents concerning the matter;
- (12) for the purpose of implementation of the Act and these rules including other rules made thereunder, to provide the Government with necessary advice and assistance, as the case may be; and
- (13) to develop a website on matters relating to functions and services of the Authority and to maintain and update the website on a regular basis.

**6. Defrayal of expenditure of the Authority, etc.**—(1) All expenses of the Authority shall be defrayed out of the Human Trafficking Prevention Fund constituted under Section 42 of the Act.

(2) In case of defrayal of expenditure of the Authority, the Human Trafficking Prevention Found Rules and other rules of the Government concerning public expenditure, whichever may be applicable, shall have to be followed.

(3) All matters relating of the expenses under this rule shall be subject to internal audit in accordance with the Human-Trafficking Prevention Fund Rules.

**7. Formation of Committees.**—(1) The Chairman may form one or more committees consisting of one or more members of the Authority and persons having experience in the relevant field for assisting the discharge of the functions mentioned in rule 5.

(2) The Chairman may appoint a member of the Authority as the Chair of the committee formed under sub-rule (1), and determine its terms of reference, tenure, rules of procedure and time-limit for furnishing reports or such other necessary matters.

8. **Reports.**—The Chairman shall, within 30<sup>th</sup> September of every year, furnish to the Government an annual report on the functions carried out by the Authority, incomes and expenditures thereof, future plan of actions, recommendations, etc.

By order of the President

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