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“জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর  
রহমানের জন্মশতবার্ষিকী উদ্‌যাপন সফল



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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Ministry of Planning  
Statistics and Informatics Division**

**NOTIFICATION**

Dated : 02 September, 2020

**S.R.O. No. 246-Law/2020.**—In exercise of the power conferred by section 25 of the Statistics Act, 2013, the Government is pleased to publish the following English Text of the Act to be called the Authentic English Text of the Act.

**Act No. XII of 2013**

**An Act to provide for making statistical activities expedited, integrated, target oriented, and for the preservation thereof**

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to provide for producing and preserving correct and accurate statistics about population, agriculture, industry, demography, economy, socio-economic aspects, natural resources, environment, etc. and making the activities expedited, integrated and target oriented;

THEREFORE, it is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Statistics Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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

- (1) **“Deputy Director General”** means the Deputy Director General of the Bureau;
- (2) **“survey”** means collection of data from population by sampling through scientific statistical method;
- (3) **“statistics”** means information collected and published through census and survey according to Statistical Science or internationally recognized statistical methodology;
- (4) **“rules”** means rules made under this Act;
- (5) **“person”** means any person or group of persons, and also includes any company, society, partnership business, statutory or other organization or the representatives thereof;
- (6) **“Bureau”** means the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics;
- (7) **“Director General”** means the Director General of the Bureau;
- (8) **“census”** means complete enumeration of population and different sectors or units within a geographical territory; and
- (9) **“official statistics”** means the statistics produced, preserved and published by the Bureau and, where applicable, approved under section 11.

3. **Act to override other laws.**—Notwithstanding anything contained contrary in any other law for the time being in force, the provisions of this Act shall prevail.

4. **Establishment of the Bureau.**—As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Bureau to be called the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

5. **Head Office of the Bureau, etc.**—(1) The Head Office of the Bureau shall be located in Dhaka.

(2) The Government may, if necessary, establish its branch office at any place outside Dhaka and determine the terms of reference of it.

6. **Functions of the Bureau.**—For carrying out the purposes of this Act, the functions of the Bureau shall be as follows, namely :—

- (a) to produce and preserve correct, accurate and timely statistics;
- (b) to conduct surveys on various socio-economic sectors for producing correct, accurate and timely statistics;

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- (c) to take all initiatives to conduct population census, agriculture census, fisheries and livestock census, economic census and other censuses and surveys;
  - (d) to provide reliable and user-friendly statistics promptly to the development planners at government level, policy makers, research and educational institutions, national and international organizations and other users as per their needs;
  - (e) to formulate statistical policies and procedures;
  - (f) to make local inspection for monitoring the functions of the branch office and, where applicable, take initiatives to review and publish its report;
  - (g) to introduce National Strategy for the Development of Statistics and update the same, from time to time;
  - (h) to undertake necessary training programmes to make human resources skilled in statistics;
  - (i) to build up public awareness about the roles and functions of statistics and importance thereof;
  - (j) to ensure the use of information technology in statistical operations;
  - (k) to coordinate and cooperate with any authority, advisory body, non-government organization and international organization regarding statistics;
  - (l) to compile various price indices including consumer price index, and national accounts;
  - (m) to compile and disseminate economic, environmental, social and demographic indicators;
  - (n) to estimate production of different crops, cost of production, and the area of lands with standing crops including the use of land;
  - (o) to establish a Geo-code system, and update and preserve it, as the sole government Geo-code system, and to motivate all other government institutions or organizations to use it;
  - (p) to make National Population Register and update the same, from time to time;
  - (q) to develop Integrated Central Geographical Information System;
  - (r) to standardize the major statistical programmes to international level;

- (s) to establish a National Data Bank with alternative storage system, and to preserve it in archives following modern approach;
- (t) to make authentication of the standard of official statistics for national and international organizations;
- (u) to provide advisory services regarding statistics;
- (v) to discharge such other duties as the Government may direct; and
- (w) to take necessary measures to discharge and perform the above mentioned duties and functions.

**7. Director General and Deputy Director General.**—(1) There shall be a Director General and a Deputy Director General of the Bureau.

(2) The Director General and the Deputy Director General shall be appointed by the Government, and the qualification, experience and the terms and conditions of their services shall be determined by the Government.

(3) The Director General shall be the Chief Executive of the Bureau.

**8. Powers and functions of the Director General.**—(1) The Director General—

- (a) shall operate all administrative and financial matters of the Bureau;
- (b) shall supervise the functions of all officers and staff of the Bureau, and issue directives to them;
- (c) shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, perform such functions, exercise such powers and discharge such duties as the Government may, from time to time, direct; and
- (d) may undertake such actions as he may deem to be expedient and necessary.

(2) If any vacancy occurs in the office of the Director General or if the Director General is unable to perform his functions on account of absence, illness or any other cause, the Deputy Director General or any other person appointed by the Government shall temporarily discharge the duties of the Director General, until the newly appointed Director General takes over his charge or the Director General assumes the functions of his office.

**9. Committee.**—The Government may, for carrying out the purposes of this Act, form one or more committees and determine the procedure thereof.

**10. Mandatory use of official statistics.**—Official statistics shall be used mandatorily by the Ministries, Divisions or their subordinate offices, departments or organizations in their statistical activities.

**11. Production of statistics by any organization other than the Bureau.**—Any Ministry, Division or their subordinate office, department or organization may, according to the policy made by the Bureau and in such manner and time as may be prescribed by rules, produce and publish statistics regarding such matters as are not produced by the Bureau after securing no objection certificate from the Bureau.

**12. Obligation of person, organization institution or authority to provide information, etc.**—(1) For carrying out the purposes of this Act, any person, organization, institution or authority shall be bound to provide the Bureau with the information preserved by them as per requisition of the Bureau.

(2) The officers and staff of the Bureau shall ensure the confidentiality of the information received under sub-section (1) :

Provided that the collected information may be published, subject to the consent to the concerned person, organization, institution or authority.

**13. Power to access, etc.**—Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act, subject to the provisions of other laws and notifying properly, the Director General or any officer or staff authorized by him, by general or special order, for the purpose of discharging his duties entrusted under this Act or rules made thereunder, may enter into any house or place to examine, verify or collect any record, register, document or any important information related thereto, and the owner or authority of the concerned house or place shall be bound to provide the required information.

**14. Training Academy.**—(1) For carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Government may, if necessary establish a Training Academy for the purpose of conducting research and other programmes on statistics and other matters relating thereto.

(2) The duties and functions of the Training Academy shall be prescribed by rules.

**15. Appointment of Officers and Staff.**—The Bureau may appoint such number of officers and staff as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions according to the organogram approved by the Government, and the terms and conditions of their services shall be prescribed by rules.

**16. Publications.**—(1) The Bureau shall publish statistics collected and produced by it.

(2) The publications under sub-section (1) shall, from time to time, be updated and preserved in library by using modern technology.

17. **Awareness programmes.**—The Bureau shall undertake appropriate programmes for public awareness about its functions, methodologies and reports.

18. **Offence and Penalty.**—If any person violates the provision of section 13 of this Act, he shall be deemed to have committed an offence under this Act and for such offence, he shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 1 (one) month, or with fine which may extend to 10,000 (ten thousand) Taka, or with both.

19. **Offences to be non-cognizable and bailable.**—Offences under this Act shall be non-cognizable and bailable.

20. **Application of Act V of 1898.**—Save as otherwise provided in this Act, in case of lodging any complaint against an offence under this Act, and investigation, trial and disposal thereof, the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) shall be applicable.

21. **Budget.**—The Bureau shall, by such date in each year as may be fixed by the Government, submit to the Government for approval an annual budget statement in such form as the Government may specify, for the next financial year showing the sums which are likely to be required for the Bureau during the financial year.

22. **Delegation of power.**—The Director General may, if necessary, by order in writing, delegate any of his powers and duties conferred upon him under this Act to any officer or staff of the Bureau, and shall inform it to the Government as soon as possible.

23. **Public Servant.**—The Director General, officers and staff of the Bureau and any person duly authorized to act on behalf of the Bureau shall, while discharging duties under this Act, be deemed to be public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860).

24. **Annual Report.**—(1) The Director General shall, by 31 March in each year, submit an annual report to the Government on the conduct of its affairs during the previous year ended in 31 December.

(2) The Government may, at any time, require the Bureau to furnish any report or statement on any of its affairs or statistics to it and upon the receipt of such requisition, the Bureau shall be bound to furnish it to the Government.

25. **Publication of English text, etc.**—(1) After the commencement of this Act, the Government may, if necessary, by notification in the Official Gazette, publish an authentic English text of this Act.

(2) In the event of conflict between the Bangla and the English text, the Bangla text shall prevail.

26. **Power to make rules.**— The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

27. **Power to formulate policy.**—The Bureau may, with the prior approval of the Government, by notification in the official Gazette, formulate policy for carrying out the purpose of clause (e) of section 6 of this Act.

28. **Repeal and savings.**—(1) Upon the establishment of the Bureau under this Act, the notification No. 4/25/72-rule, dated 26 August, 1974, issued by the Cabinet Division, hereinafter referred to as the said notification, shall stand repealed.

(2) Upon the repeal of the said notification,—

- (a) the Bangladesh Bureau of statistics, established under the said notification, hereinafter referred to as the dissolved Bureau, shall stand dissolved;
- (b) the dissolved Bureau's—
  - (i) all assets, rights, powers, authorities, privileges and all properties, movable and immovable, cash and bank deposits and all other claims and rights, shall stand transferred and belong to the Bureau;
  - (ii) all cases and suits filed and instituted by, or against the dissolved Bureau, shall be deemed to be the cases and suits filed and instituted by, or against, the Bureau;
  - (iii) all debts, liabilities and responsibilities, shall be the debts, liabilities and responsibilities of the Bureau;
  - (iv) all officers and staff shall stand transferred to the Bureau and shall be deemed to be the officers and staff of the Bureau, and they shall be engaged in the services of the Bureau on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to them immediately before such transfer until the terms and conditions are changed by the Bureau, or withdrawn by the deputation authority.
  - (v) all committees shall stand dissolved and any action taken, decision made, etc. by the dissolved committees shall be deemed to be the action taken and decision made by the committees formed under this Act, and if any decision or action taken by the dissolved committees remains unimplemented or pending, it shall, for the purpose of implementation and settlement, continue and remain in progress in such way as if the committees had not been dissolved;

- (vi) all records, files, documents, data-information and statistics shall stand transferred to the Bureau and the records, files, documents, data-information and statistics so transferred shall be preserved in such way as if the Bureau had not been dissolved;
- (vii) all regional, upazila and thana statistical offices established under the dissolved Bureau shall, until the branch offices are established under this Act, continue and be in function, as if those offices had been established under this Act;
- (viii) all orders passed, policies formulated directives issued, National Statistical System developed, etc. by it shall, subject to the consistency with this Act, continue and have effect accordingly as if the Bureau had not been dissolved, until the next orders, policies, directives, National Statistical System are passed, formulated, issued or developed.

(3) Upon the commencement of this Act, the National Statistical Council established under the order No. 1/NSC/77 (200) dated 13 August, 1977, issued by the Government shall stand dissolved, and the activities and decisions of the dissolved Council shall, subject to the consistency with this Act, have effect and be implemented in such way as if the said council had not been dissolved.

By order of the President

**Mohammad Yamin Chowdhury**  
Secretary.