

# The Protection of Muslim Pilgrims Act, 1896

## ( ACT NO. I OF 1896 )

### **<sup>1</sup>♣An Act to provide for the protection of Muslim Pilgrims.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the protection of Muslim Pilgrims;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

#### **Short title, extent and commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Protection of <sup>12</sup>[Muslim] Pilgrims Act, 1896;
- (2) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette extend it to any place in Bangladesh; and
- (3) It shall come into force-
  - (a) [Omitted by section 2 of the Protection of Muhammadan Pilgrims (Amendment) Act, 1956 (Act No. XIII of 1956).]
  - (b) in any place to which it may be extended by notification under sub-section (2) of this section, from date specified in this behalf in such notification.

#### **Definitions**

2. In this Act, unless there be something repugnant in the subject or context,-
  - (a) "pilgrim" means a <sup>3</sup>[Muslim] who is proceeding to or returning from the Hedjaz;
  - (b) "pilgrim broker" means a person who buys and resells, or sells on commission, or takes any reward for the purchase or sale of passage-tickets, whether by sea or railway, for pilgrims;
  - (bb) "Muallem", means a person who offers for monetary consideration to act as a guide to pilgrims and includes any person employed by or acting

for the furtherance of the business of, or under the direction of such guide:

Provided that a Muallem who is an Arab subject shall be excluded from the restrictions imposed by or under this Act;

(c) "agent" includes a person who has chartered a ship for the conveyance of pilgrims;

(d) [Omitted by section 2 of the Protection of Muhammadan Pilgrims (Amendment) Act, 1956 (Act No. XIII of 1956).]

(e) "Commissioner of Police" means-

(i) [Omitted by section 2 of the Protection of Muhammadan Pilgrims (Amendment) Act, 1956 (Act No. XIII of 1956).]

(ii) as regards any place to which this Act may hereafter be extended, any person whom Government may appoint, by name or by virtue of his office, to perform in such place the functions of the Commissioner of Police under this Act.

**Grant of licenses to act as pilgrim brokers or Muallems**

3. (1) The Commissioner of Police shall from time to time grant licenses empowering persons to act as pilgrim brokers or Muallems.

(2) The Government may, from time to time, make rules to regulate the grant of such licenses and to prescribe the conditions to be embodied therein.

(3) All such rules shall be published in official Gazette.

**Licenses what to specify**

4. Every such license shall specify,-

(a) the name and address of the licensee;

(b) the period for which the license is to be in force; and

(c) the conditions subject to which the license is granted.

**Penalty for acting as pilgrim broker or Muallem without a license, or**

5. Any person who, without a license granted under section 3, acts as a pilgrim broker or Muallem, or who lends to another person a license granted to himself under that section, shall, on conviction, be liable to fine which may extend to two hundred Taka for each offence.