

# The Collective Fines Ordinance, 1942

( Ordinance NO. XX OF 1942 )

## An Ordinance to provide for the imposition of collective fines.<sup>1♣</sup>

WHEREAS an emergency has arisen which makes it necessary to provide for the imposition of collective fines in connection with offences prejudicially affecting the defence of Bangladesh, the public safety, the maintenance of public order, the efficient prosecution of war, or the maintenance of supplies or services necessary to the life of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Government of India Act, as set out in the Ninth Schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935, the Governor General is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

**Short title,  
extent and  
commencement**

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Collective Fines Ordinance, 1942.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

**[Omitted]**

2. [Interpretation.- Omitted by Article 2 and Schedule of the Central Adaptation of Laws Order, 1964 (President's Order No. 1 of 1964).]

**Imposition  
of collective  
fines on  
inhabitants  
of area**

3. (1) If it appears to the Government that the inhabitants of any area are concerned in or abetting the commission of offences prejudicially affecting the defence of Bangladesh, the public safety, the maintenance of public order, the efficient prosecution of war, or the maintenance of supplies or services necessary to the life of the community, or are harbouring persons concerned in the commission of such offences, or are failing to render all the assistance in their power to discover or apprehend the offender or offenders, or are suppressing material evidence of the commission of such offences, the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, impose a collective fine on the inhabitants of that area.