

The Bidi Manufacture (Prohibition) Ordinance, 1975

(Ordinance NO. LVII OF 1975)

An Ordinance to prohibit manufacture of bidi in Bangladesh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit manufacture of bidi in Bangladesh and to provide for matters ancillary thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamations of the 20th August, 1975, and 8th November, 1975, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

- Short title** 1. This Ordinance may be called the Bidi Manufacture (Prohibition) Ordinance, 1975.
- Definitions** 2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
- (a) "bidi" means a small cylinder of cut tobacco rolled for smoking in kumbhi leaf, tendu leaf or leaf of any other plant but does not include cut tobacco rolled in paper;
- (b) "kumbhi leaf" means the leaf used for manufacture of bidi and is commonly known as kumbhi leaf;
- (c) "tendu leaf" means the leaf used for the manufacture of bidi and is commonly known as tendu leaf.
- Bidi manufacture prohibited, etc.** 3. No person in Bangladesh shall, after the commencement of this Ordinance,-
- (a) manufacture bidi or engage in any trade or occupation involving or connected with the manufacture of bidi; or
- (b) cultivate, grow or tend kumbhi leaf or tendu leaf; or