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ACT NO. 35 OF 1961

[2nd September, 1961.]

An Act to make provision for the representation of the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli in Parliament and for the administration of that Union territory and for matters connected therewith.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twelfth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Act, 1961.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 11th day of August, 1961.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli appointed by the President under article 239 of the Constitution;

(b) “appointed day” means the eleventh day of August, 1961;

(c) “Dadra and Nagar Haveli” means the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli;

(d) “Varishta Panchayat” means the Varishta Panchayat as in existence immediately before the appointed day.

3. Representation in the House of the People.—(1) There shall be allotted one seat to the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli in the House of the People.

(2) In the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (43 of 1950),—

(a) in section 4, in sub-section (1), after the words “to the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands”. the words “, to Dadra and Nagar Haveli” shall be inserted:

(b) in the First Schedule,—

(i) after entry 21, the following entry shall be inserted, namely:—

“22. Dadra and Nagar Haveli.....1”;

(ii) entries 22 and 23 shall be re-numbered as entries 23 and 24 respectively.

(3) In the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), in section 4, after the words “to the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands”, the words “, to Dadra and Nagar Haveli” shall be inserted.

4. Varishta Panchayat.—(1) Until other provision is made by law, as from the commencement of this Act the Varishta Panchayat shall have the right to discuss and make recommendations to the Administrator on,—

(a) matters of administration involving general policy and schemes of development;

(b) any other matter referred to it by the Administrator.

(2) The functions of the Varishta Panchayat referred to in this section will be advisory only but due regard shall be given to such advice by the Administrator in reaching decisions on the matter in relation to which the advice is given.

(3) No act or proceeding of the Varishta Panchayat shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy amongst its members or any defect in the constitution thereof.