

# West Bengal Act XIII of 1966<sup>1</sup>

## THE CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN WATER AND SANITATION AUTHORITY ACT, 1966.

AMENDED .. .. [ West Ben. Act XI of 1972.  
West Ben. Act XIII of 1973.  
West Ben. Act XXI of 1974.

[26th May, 1966.]

*An Act to provide for the establishment of an Authority for the maintenance, development and regulation of water-supply, sewerage and drainage services and for the collection and disposal of garbage in the Calcutta Metropolitan District with a view to the promotion of public health and for matters connected therewith.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of an Authority for the maintenance, development and regulation of water-supply, sewerage and drainage services and for the collection and disposal of garbage in the Calcutta Metropolitan District with a view to the promotion of public health and for matters connected therewith;

It is hereby enacted in the Sixteenth Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

### CHAPTER I

#### Preliminary.

- 1.** (1) This Act may be called the Calcutta Metropolitan Water and Sanitation Authority Act, 1966. Short title, extent and commencement.
- (2) It extends to the Calcutta Metropolitan District excluding any cantonment or part of a cantonment within the said District.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.
- 2.** (1) In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.
- (a) "Authority" means the Calcutta Metropolitan Water and Sanitation Authority established under section 3;
- (b) "Board" means the Board of Directors mentioned in section 4;
- (c) "Calcutta Metropolitan District" or "District" means the area described in Schedule I which the State Government may, in consultation with the Authority, amend from time to time by notification;
- (d) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board appointed under sub-section (5) of section 5;

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see the *Calcutta Gazette, Extraordinary*, Part IVA of the 25th September, 1965, pages 3755-3757; for proceedings of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, see the proceedings of the meetings of that Assembly held on 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, and 13th January, 1966.

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- (e) "Director" means a Director of the Board appointed or elected under section 5;
- (f) "garbage" includes offensive matter, rubbish and carcasses of dead animals;
- (g) "General Manager" means the General Manager of the Authority appointed under section 18;
- (h) "local authority" means a municipal corporation or municipality or other authority legally entitled to the control or management of local funds but does not include the Commissioners for the Port of Calcutta;
- (i) "member" means a member of the General Council mentioned in section 4;
- (j) "notification" means a notification published in the *Official Gazette*;
- (k) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (l) "public authority" includes any statutory authority or corporation, not being a local authority, exercising public functions;
- (m) "regulations" means regulations made under this Act.

(2) The expressions "building", "drain", "house-drain", "house-gully", "occupier", "offensive matter", "owner", "private street", "public street", "rubbish", and "sewage" used in this Act shall, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, have the same meaning as in the Calcutta Municipal Act, 1951.

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CHAPTER II

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Authority.

3. (1) With effect from such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint in this behalf, there shall be established for the Calcutta Metropolitan District an Authority by the name of the Calcutta Metropolitan Water and Sanitation Authority.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

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of the  
Authority.

4. (1) The Authority shall consist of—
- (i) a Board of Directors, and