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The Bombay State Famine Relief Fund Act, 1958 Bombay Act No. 83 of 1958 [Dated 9th October 1958] For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Bombay Government Gazette, 1958, Extra., Part V, pp. 414 and 415. An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance in the State of Bombay of a Famine Relief Fund for meeting expenditure on preventive and remedial measures connected with famine or acute scarcity conditions or on relief of distress caused by serious drought, flood or other natural calamities in the State. Whereas in the [Bombay area of the State of Gujarat] [These words were substituted for the words 'Pre-reorganisation State of Bombay excluding the transferred territories' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.], excluding the transferred territories, and in the Vidarbha region and in the Saurashtra area of the State, the Bombay Famine Relief Fund Act, 1936 (Bombay XIX of 1936), the Central Provinces and Berar Famine Relief Fund Act, 1937 (C.P. and Berar III of 1937) and the Saurashtra Famine Relief Fund Act, 1951 (Saurashtra XIV of 1951), are respectively, in force; And Whereas there is no corresponding law in force in the Hyderabad and Kutch areas of the State; And Whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment and maintenance in the State of a common Fund called the Bombay State Famine Relief Fund for meeting expenditure on preventive and remedial measures connected with famine or acute scarcity conditions or on relief of distress caused by serious drought, flood or other natural calamities in any part of the State; It is hereby enacted in the Ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and extent.

(1) This Act may be called the Bombay State Famine Relief Fund Act, 1958. (2) It extends to the whole of the [State of Gujarat] [These words were substituted for the words 'State of Bombay' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.].

2. Definition.

- In this Act, "Fund" means the [Gujarat] [This word was substituted for the word 'Bombay', by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] State Famine Relief Fund established and maintained under section 3.

3. Establishment and maintenance of the [Gujarat] [This word was substituted for the word 'Bombay', by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] State Famine Relief Fund.

-The State Government shall establish and maintain in and for the State of [Gujarat] [This word was substituted for the word 'Bombay', by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] a Fund called "the [Gujarat] [This word was substituted for the word 'Bombay', by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] State Famine Relief Fund". The Fund shall consist of-(1)the securities (including cash balances, if any) mentioned in [Section 4 A] [These words, figure and letter were substituted for the word and figure 'section 4' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.];(2)the interest which may, from time to time, accrue on such securities;(3)such other sums as the State Government may, from time to time contribute to the Fund under sub-section (2) of section 7 or otherwise; and(4)the interest which may, from time to time, accrue on the securities in which the sums to the credit of the Fund may be invested or reinvested under section 6.

4. Transfer of securities held under Bombay XIX of 1936, C.P. and Berar III of 1937 and Sau. XIV of 1951.

- With effect from the commencement of this Act, such of the securities (including cash balances, if any) in the Famine Relief Funds established under the Bombay Famine Relief Fund Act, 1936 (Bombay XIX of 1936), and the Central Provinces and Berar Famine Relief Fund Act, 1937 (C.P. and Berar III of 1937), as shall pass on to the State of Bombay under section 80 of the States Re-organisation Act, 1956 (XXXVII of 1956), and all the securities (including cash balance, if any) in the Famine Relief Fund established under the Saurashtra Famine Relief Fund Act, 1951 (Saurashtra XIV of 1951), shall be deemed to be transferred to, and to form part of, the Famine Relief Fund established under this Act and shall be held in or transferred to the name of the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Finance Department, or such other Officer as the State Government may specify.

4A. [Transfer of securities, etc. on or after 1st May, 1960. [This section was inserted by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.]

- Such of the securities (including cash balances, if any) mentioned in section 4 as may be determined under subsection (2) of section 51 of the Bombay Re-organisation Act, 1960, shall be

held in, or transferred to, the name of such officer as the State Government may specify].

5. Purposes for which the Fund may be utilised.

- The Fund shall not be expended except upon-(1)the relief of famine or acute scarcity; or(2)the relief of distress caused by serious drought, flood or other natural calamities, in the [State of Gujarat] [These words were substituted for the words 'State of Bombay' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] or any part thereof:Provided that when the Fund exceeds such sum as the State Government may by order determine in this behalf, the State Government may utilise the excess to meet expenditure on any preventive or remedial measures in connection with famine or acute scarcity conditions in the [State of Gujarat] [These words were substituted for the words 'State of Bombay' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] or any part thereof; or for the grant of loans to cultivators, either under the Land Improvement Loans Act, 1883 (XIX of 1883), or under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1884 (XII of 1884) or for relief purposes; or to meet irrecoverable balances of such loans.

6. Investment and reinvestment of amounts not required for sale immediately.

- The State Government shall, from time to time, invest or reinvest all sums to the credit of the Fund, which may not be immediately required for any of the purposes mentioned in section 5, in Government securities as defined in clause (2) of section 2 of the Public Debt Act, 1944 (XVIII of 1944), or in securities specified in clause (c) or (d) of section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (II of 1882), in the name of the Secretary to the [Government of Gujarat] [These words were substituted for the words 'Government of Bombay' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] Finance Department, or such other officer as the State Government may specify;Provided that the sums which stand invested in securities mentioned in section 4 at the commencement of this Act may continue to be so invested, notwithstanding that any such securities are not mentioned in this section, so long as the State Government does not think it fit to reinvest them under this section.

7. Accounts and making up of the deficiency in the Fund.

(1)The accounts of the Fund shall be made up at the end of each financial year, the securities belonging to the Fund being valued at their market value on the last day of such year.(2)If the accounts so made up show that the balance in the Fund at the end of such year falls short of [such sum as the State Government may by order determine in this behalf] [These words were substituted for the words 'four crores of rupees' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] the deficiency shall be made up from the Consolidated Fund of the State:Provided that if the deficiency [exceeds such sum as the State Government may by order determine in this behalf] [These words were substituted for the words 'exceeds fifteen lakhs of rupees' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.], it may be made up in annual instalments, the amount of each instalment except the last being not [less than

such sum] [These words were substituted for the words 'less than fifteen lakhs of rupees' by the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.].(3)[Any expenditure incurred by the State Government under sub-section (2) shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State.] [This sub-section was substituted by Gujarat 5 of 1960, section 2, Schedule. This substitution shall be deemed to be with effect from 1st May, 1960 (See section 2 of Gujarat 5 of 1960).]

8. Repeal and saving.

- The Bombay Famine Relief Fund Act, 1936 (Bombay XIX of 1936), and the Central Provinces and Berar Famine Relief Fund Act, 1937 (C. P. and Berar III of 1937), in their application to the [State of Bombay] [These words stand unmodified, vide the Gujarat Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.] and the Saurashtra Famine Relief Fund Act, 1951 (Saurashtra XIV of 1951), are hereby repealed: Provided that such repeal shall not affect-(a) the previous operation of any Act so repealed; or (b) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under any of the Acts so repealed; or (c) any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation or liability as aforesaid; and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced as if this Act had not been passed: Provided further that anything done or any action taken under any of the Acts so repealed shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provision of this Act, as if the said provision was in force in the relevant part of the State when such thing was done or such action was taken, and shall continue in force accordingly, unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken under this Act.