

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 17 of 2021. The provisions of this Act shall be in operation for a period of two years commencing from March 1, 2020.

(2) The Minister may, at any time within one month prior to the expiration of the period of operation of this Act, by Order published in the Gazette, extend for a further period the operation of the Act:

Provided however, the aggregate period of any extension shall not exceed two years from the date of such extension.

2. (1) Where any court, tribunal or any other authority established by or under any law is satisfied that, a person was prevented from-

(a) instituting or filing any action, application, appeal or other legal proceeding, as the case may be, within the period prescribed by law for such purpose; or

(b) performing any act which is required by law to be done or performed within a prescribed time period,