

**THE GANDHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND
(LOCAL AUTHORITIES' DONATIONS) ACT, 1953**

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BOMBAY ACT No. XVII OF 1953¹**[THE GANDHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND
(LOCAL AUTHORITIES' DONATIONS) ACT, 1953.]**

[This Act received the assent of the Governor on the 29th April 1953; assent was first published in the *Bombay Government Gazette*, Part-IV, Extraordinary, on the 2nd May 1953.]

An Act to authorise the use of contributions or donations made by local authorities to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund outside the limits of such local authorities.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to make provision for authorising the use of the contributions or donations made by local authorities in the State of Bombay to the fund known as the Gandhi National Memorial Fund, outside the limits of such local authorities; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Short title.— This Act may be called the Gandhi National Memorial Fund (Local Authorities' Donations) Act, 1953.

2. Definitions.— In this Act unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context,—

(1) “the Gandhi National Memorial Fund” means the fund known as the Gandhi National Memorial Fund started under the auspices of the President of the Indian National Congress;

(2) “local authority” means a municipal corporation constituted under the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act (Bom. III of 1888) or the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations Act, 1949 (Bom. LIX of 1949) or a municipality constituted under the Bombay District Municipal Act, 1901 (Bom. III of 1901) or the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act, 1925 (Bom. XVIII of 1925) or a district local board constituted under the Bombay Local Boards Act, 1923 (Bom. VI of 1923) or a village panchayat constituted under the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1933 (Bom. VI of 1933).

3. Use of contribution or donation for purposes outside the limits of local authority.— Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment in regard to any Municipal Fund or Local Fund, contributions or donations made before or after the commencement of this Act to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund by a local authority and used or to be used for a purpose, object or cause outside the local limits of such local authority shall be deemed to have been validly used and may be used for the said purpose, object or cause:

Provided that nothing in this section shall authorise or shall be deemed to have authorised the trustees of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund to use the amount of such contribution or donation for a purpose, object or cause other than that specified by such local authority.

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons of the L. A. Bill No. 10 of 1953, see *Bombay Government Gazette*, 1953, Part-V, page 27.