

CENSUS.

ENACTMENT NO. 2 OF 1930.

AN Enactment to provide for the taking of a Census from time to time.

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It is hereby enacted by His Highness the Sultan in Council as follows:—

1. This Enactment may be cited as "The Census Enactment, 1930" and shall come into force forthwith. Short title and commencement.
2. It shall be lawful for the Resident to appoint from time to time by public notification that a census be taken either throughout the State or in any specified area thereof at such time as shall be specified in such notification. Resident may appoint taking of census.
3. The Resident may from time to time appoint an officer to be called the "Superintendent of Census" to supervise the taking of any census appointed to be taken under the provisions of this Enactment and may further appoint for specified areas such Assistant Superintendents of Census as he may deem to be required for the purposes of any such census as aforesaid. Resident may appoint Superintendent of Census.
4. An Assistant Superintendent of Census may by writing under his hand appoint such supervisors, enumerators and other officers as he may consider necessary to supervise or take or aid in the taking of the census within any specified area, and may at any time revoke such appointments.
5. The Resident may from time to time make rules:— Resident may make rules.
 - (a) to prescribe the duties of census officers;
 - (b) to prescribe the particulars regarding which, the persons from whom, and the mode in which, information shall be obtained for the purposes of the census;
 - (c) to prescribe the form of schedule to be used for the purpose of being filled in with the information to be obtained;
 - (d) to prescribe the form of requisition to be addressed to employers under section 12;
 - (e) generally to give effect to the provisions of this Enactment.
6. Every person appointed under section 3 or section 4 of this Enactment shall be a census officer within the meaning of this Enactment, and shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Penal Code. Who are census officers.

7. Every person occupying any land, house, enclosure, vessel or other place shall allow any census officer such access thereto as, having regard to the customs of the country, may reasonably be considered necessary for the purposes of the census, and shall allow him to paint, mark, or affix on or to the property in the occupation of such person, such letters, marks, or numbers as the Superintendent of Census may deem necessary for the purposes of the census.

Occupier to allow access and permit affixing of numbers.

8. Every census officer may ask all such questions of all persons within the limits of the area for which he is appointed as may be necessary to obtain the information required for the purposes of the census, and every person of whom any such question is asked shall be bound to answer such question to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Questions by census officers.

9.—(i) At such time before the time appointed for the taking of the census as may be directed by the Superintendent of Census any census officer may leave or cause to be left at any dwelling-house within the area for which he is appointed a schedule in the prescribed form to be filled in by the occupier of such dwelling-house or of any specified part of such dwelling-house.

Schedule to be left at dwelling houses and filled in by occupier.

(ii) The said occupier shall, if able to do so, either fill in the said schedule in the manner prescribed thereon or cause it to be so filled in by some other person and shall thereafter deliver the schedule so filled in to any census officer who demands it.

(iii) If unable either to fill in the schedule in the prescribed manner or cause some other person so to fill it in the said occupier shall preserve it in the condition in which he received it and shall deliver it to any census officer who demands it. The said census officer shall then exercise the powers conferred upon him by section 8 of this Enactment and shall fill in the schedule in the prescribed manner.

(iv) At such time after the time appointed for the taking of the census as the Superintendent of Census may direct each Assistant Superintendent of Census may require any census officer to visit every dwelling-house within a specified area and each census officer so required shall make visits accordingly and, after exercising the powers conferred on him by section 8 of this Enactment, shall—

(a) if satisfied that the schedule relating to any house contains the name of any person who was not within that house at the time of the taking of the census, delete from the said schedule the name of, and all particulars relating to the said person, and

(b) if satisfied that any person was within any house at the time of the taking of the census whose name is not written in the schedule relating to that house, enter the name of, and all particulars relating to, the said person on a schedule in the manner directed by the Superintendent of Census.

10.—(i) An Assistant Superintendent of Census may deliver or cause to be delivered to—

Schedule to be delivered to and filled in by keeper of prison, etc.

- (a) every person in charge of a lunatic asylum, hospital, workhouse, prison, police station, reformatory, lock-up, or of any public, charitable, religious or educational institution; or to
- (b) every keeper, secretary, or manager of an hotel, boarding-house, lodging-house, or club,

a schedule or schedules in the prescribed form to be filled in in respect of the persons who at the time of the taking of the census are in or upon such premises.

(ii) The person to whom the schedule or schedules is or are so delivered shall fill in or cause the same to be filled in, to the best of his knowledge and belief, so far as regards the inmates of such lunatic asylum, hospital, workhouse, prison, police station, reformatory, lock-up, or public, charitable, religious or educational institution, or such hotel, boarding-house, lodging-house, or club at the time aforesaid, and shall sign his name thereto, and when so required shall deliver the schedule or schedules so filled in and signed to an enumerator or supervisor appointed for the area within which such building is situated, or to such other person as the Assistant Superintendent may direct.

11. The Superintendent of Census shall obtain by such ways and means as shall appear to him best adapted for the purpose the information required by this Enactment or the rules made thereunder with respect to—

Enumeration of military and naval forces, travellers, etc.

- (a) any military force or any body of men belonging to a vessel of war; and
- (b) all persons who during the time appointed for the taking of the census may be travelling, or on shipboard, or for any other reason not abiding in any house, of which account is to be taken by the census officers as aforesaid,

and shall include such information in the abstracts to be made by him as hereinafter provided.

12.—(i) Every employer of ten or more labourers who reside upon any agricultural estate, or mining property, or in any factory, or workshop shall, upon receipt of a written requisition in the prescribed form signed by an Assistant Superintendent of Census be bound to act as enumerator in respect of all persons employed or residing upon or in such estate, mining property, factory or workshop.

Employers of labour may be required to be enumerators.

(ii) Every such employer shall cause to be filled in in respect of such labourers and such other persons as aforesaid the schedules delivered to him for such purpose, and shall deliver such schedules filled in to the best of his knowledge and belief to the supervisor appointed for the area within which the premises are situated, or to such other person as the Assistant Superintendent of Census may direct.

13. All Government servants shall be bound to assist in the work of taking the census when so required by the Superintendent of Census or by an Assistant Superintendent.

Government servants to assist in taking census.

14. Every enumerator shall deliver to the supervisor of the area for which he is appointed all schedules and all such returns as may be required by the Superintendent of Census on a day so appointed for that purpose and it shall be the duty of such supervisor to verify them and to transmit them forthwith to the Assistant Superintendent who shall upon the receipt of such schedules and returns forthwith forward the same to the Superintendent of Census or to such other person as the Superintendent of Census may direct.

Schedules and returns to be delivered by enumerator to supervisor and forwarded to Superintendent.

15. The Superintendent of Census shall upon receipt of the schedules and returns cause an abstract to be made of the same for the whole of the State, and such abstract shall be printed and published for general information.

Abstract to be made and published.

16. Any census officer and any person employed by the Superintendent of Census in the preparation of the abstracts shall be liable to be punished if he—

Offences by census officers.

(a) without sufficient cause, refuses or neglects to comply with any instructions or requisitions addressed to him by the Superintendent of Census or an Assistant Superintendent, or fails to use reasonable diligence in performing any duty imposed on him; or

(b) wilfully puts an offensive or improper question, or knowingly makes any false return; or