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PART III—Acts of the West Bengal Legislature.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Legislative**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 385-L.—31st March, 2017.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:—

**West Bengal Act X of 2017**

**THE HOWRAH IMPROVEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017.**

*[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]*

*[Assent of the Governor was first published in the Kolkata Gazette,  
Extraordinary, of the 31st March, 2017.]*

*An Act to amend the Howrah Improvement Act, 1956.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Howrah Improvement Act, 1956, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

West Ben. Act  
XIV of 1956.

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

Short title and  
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Howrah Improvement (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.

*The Howrah Improvement  
(Amendment) Act, 2017.*

*(Sections 2-4.)*

Amendment of  
section 2 of West  
Ben. Act XIV of  
1956.

2. After clause (n) of section 2 of the Howrah Improvement Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following clause shall be inserted:—

‘(o) “State Government” means the Government of West Bengal in the Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs;’.

Insertion of new  
section after  
section 29.

3. After section 29 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted:—

“Power of  
appointment etc.

29A. Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this Act, the Municipal Service Commission constituted under the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993, or any other body as may be notified by the State Government, shall select candidates for being appointed in the Howrah Improvement Trust.”.

West Ben. Act  
XXII of 1993.

Amendment of  
section 95A.

4. For section 95A of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted:—

“Power of State  
Government to  
issue directions.

95A. (1) The State Government may, for the efficient administration of this Act or for such other reasons as it thinks fit, issue direction to the Board from time to time and the Board shall carry out such directions as issued to it from time to time by the State Government.

(2) If any dispute arises between the State Government and the Board, the decision of the State Government on such dispute shall be final.”.

By order of the Governor,

MADHUMATI MITRA,  
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal,  
Law Department.