

(COMPULSORY NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES) ACT, 1959

Short title, extent & commencement

[No. 31 of 1955 (2nd September 1955)]

An Act to provide for the compulsory notification of vacancies to employment exchanges

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. This Act may be called the Employment Exchange (compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959.
2. It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
3. It shall come into force in a State on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf for such State and different dates may be appointed for different State or for different areas of a State.

Definition

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Appropriate Government" means-

(1) in relation to-

(a) And establishment of any railway major port, mine or oil field, or

1. Any establishment owned, control or managed by-

- (i) The Central Government or any department of the Central Government,
 - (ii) (ii) a company in which not less than fifty-one per cent of the share capital is held by the Central Government or partly by the Central Government and partly by one or more State Governments.
 - (iii) A corporation (including a cooperative society) established by or under a Central Act which is owned controlled or managed by the Central Government.
- The Central Government ;

(2) In relation to any other establishment, the Government of the State in which that other establishment is situate—

(b) "Employee" means any person who employed in an establishment to do any work for remuneration;

(c) "Employer" means any person who employees one or more other persons to do any work in an establishment for

remuneration and includes any person entrusted with the supervision and control of employees in such establishment.

(d) "Employment exchange" means any office or place established and maintained by the Government for the collection

and furnishing of information, either by the keeping of registers or otherwise respecting--
i) persons who seek to engage employees,

(ii) Persons who seek employment; and

(iii) Vacancies to which persons seeking employment may be appointed.

(e) "Establishment" means—

i)any office, or
ii)any place where any industry, trade, business or occupation is carried on ;
(f) "Establishment in public Sector" means an establishment owned, controlled or managed by-

1. The Government or a department of the Government;
2. A Government company as defined in section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956.
3. A corporation (including a co-operative society) established by or under a Central Provincial or State Act, which is owned, controlled or managed by the Government;
4. A local authority;

(g) "Establishment in private sector" means an establishment which is not an establishment in public sector and where ordinarily twenty-five or more persons are employed to work for remuneration;
(h) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this act ;
(i) "Unskilled office work" means work done in an establishment by any of the following categories of employees, namely:-

1. Daftri
2. Jamadar, orderly and peon;
3. Dusting man or farash;
4. Bundle or Record Lifter;
5. Process-server;
6. Watchman;
7. Sweeper,
8. Any other employee doing any routine or unskilled work which the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare to be unskilled office work.

3.(1) This Act shall not apply in relation to vacancies-
(a) Any employment in agriculture (including horticulture in any establishment in private sector other than employment as agricultural or farm machinery operatives;
(b) In any employment in domestic service;
(c) In any employment the total duration of which is less than three months.
(d) In any employment to do unskilled office work;
(e) in any employment connected with the staff of parliament;

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(2)Unless the Central Government otherwise directs by notification in the official Gazette in this behalf, this Act shall not also apply in relation to ---

1. Vacancies which are proposed to be filled through promotion or by absorption of surplus staff of any branch or department of the same establishment or on the result of any examination conducted or interview held by, or on the recommendation of, any independent agency, such as the Union or a State Public Service Commission and the like;
1. Vacancies in an employment which carries a remuneration of less than sixty rupees in a month.

4.(1) After the commencement of this Act in any State or area thereof , the employer in every establishment in **public sector** in that State or area shall before filling up any vacancy in any employment in that establishment, notify that vacancy to such employment exchanges as may be prescribed.

(2) The appropriate Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, require that from such date as may be specified in the notification, the employer in every establishment in **private sector** or every establishment pertaining to any class or category of establishments in private sector shall, before filling up any vacancy in any employment in that establishment notify that vacancy to such employment exchange as may be prescribed, and the employer shall thereupon comply with such requisition.

(3) The manner in which the vacancies referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall be notified to the employment exchanges and the particulars of employments in which such vacancies have occurred or are about to occur shall be such as may be prescribed.

(4) Nothing in sub-sections (1) and (2) shall be deemed to impose any obligation upon any employer to recruit any person through the employment exchange to fill any vacancy merely because that vacancy has been notified under any of those sub-sections.

5.) (i) After the commencement of this Act in any State or area thereof, the employer in every establishment in **public sector** in that State or area shall furnish such information or return as may be prescribed in relation to vacancies that have occurred or are about to occur in that establishment, to such employment exchanges as may be prescribed.

(ii) The appropriate Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, require that from such date as may be specified in the notification, the employer in every establishment in private sector or every establishment pertaining to any class or category of establishments in **private sector** shall furnish such information or return as may be prescribed in relation to vacancies that have occurred or are about to occur in that establishment to such employment exchanges, as may be prescribed, and the (3) The form in which, and the intervals or time at which, such information or return shall be furnished and the particulars which they shall contain shall be such as may be prescribed.

6. Such Officer of Government as may be prescribed in this behalf, or any person authorized by him in writing shall have access to any relevant record or document in the possession of any employers required to furnish any information or returns under section 5 and may enter at any reasonable time any premises where he believes such records or documents or ask any question necessary for obtaining any information required under that section.

7. (1) If any employer fails to notify to the employment exchanges prescribed for the purpose any vacancy in contravention of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 4, he shall be punishable for the first offence with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees and for every subsequent offence with the which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(2) If any person-

1. Required to furnish any information or return-
2. refuse or neglects to furnish such information or returns, or
3. furnishes or causes to be furnished any information or return which he knows to be false, or
4. refuses to answer, or gives a false answer to any question necessary for obtaining any information required to be furnished under section; or

(b) Impedes the right of access to relevant records or documents or the right of entry conferred by section 6,

He shall be punishable for the first offence with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees and for every subsequent offence with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

8. No prosecution for an offence under this Act shall be instituted except by, or with the sanction of, such officer or Government as may be prescribed in this behalf or any person authorized by that officer in writing.

9. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

10.(1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette and subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

1. the employment exchange or exchanges to which the form and manner in which, and the time within which, vacancies shall be notified, and the particulars of employments in which such vacancies have occurred or are about to occur;
2. the form and manner in which, and the intervals at which information and returns required under section 5 shall be furnished, and the particulars which they shall contain;
3. the officers by whom, and the manner in which the right of access to documents and the right of entry conferred by section 6 may be exercised;
4. any other matter which is to be, or may be, prescribed under this Act.

(3) All rules made under this Act shall be laid for not less than thirty days before each House of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and shall be subject to such modification, as Parliament may make during the session in which they are so laid or the session immediately following.