

## No. 20 OF 1935.

A.D. 1935. A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF SHEPHERDS.

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W. D. BATTERSHILL,]

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*Officer Administering the Government.*

BE it enacted :—

**Short title.** 1. This Law may be cited as the Shepherds' Licensing Law, 1935.

**Interpre-  
tation.** 2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“ animal ” means any sheep or goat ;  
“ Commissioner ” means the Commissioner of the District ;  
“ enclosure ” means any field, mandra, yard or any other place so fenced as to prevent any animal from getting out of the same ;  
“ flock ” means a flock consisting of not less than six animals excluding their unweaned offsprings.

**No person  
to be in  
charge of  
flock without  
a licence.** 3. From and after the 1st day of September, 1935, no person shall have in his charge or control any flock outside an enclosure unless such person—  
(a) is the holder of a licence issued by the Commissioner (hereinafter called “ a shepherd's licence ”); and  
(b) wears a badge of such form and in such manner as the Governor may prescribe.

**Shepherd's  
licence.** 4.—(1) Any person who desires to obtain a shepherd's licence shall make an application in writing to the Commissioner specifying his name, age, residence and the maximum number of animals in respect of which he wishes to obtain such licence.

(2) On receipt of such application the Commissioner may, in his discretion, issue a licence in the form A in the Schedule hereto specifying the number of animals, not exceeding eighty, in respect of which the licence is granted :

Provided that no licence shall be issued under this subsection to any person who—

(a) is under sixteen years of age ;

(b) is disqualified from holding a shepherd's licence under the provisions of section 9 of this Law.

(3) The Commissioner shall register every shepherd's licence issued by him in a book to be kept for the purpose, wherein he shall enter the particulars contained in such licence.

(4) No fee shall be taken or paid in respect of a shepherd's licence.

5. A shepherd shall at all times carry his shepherd's licence and shall, when requested to do so, produce it for inspection to any officer of the District Administration, peace officer, Mukhtar or rural constable. Shepherd to carry licence.

6.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained, the Mukhtar of the village within the lands of which a shepherd resides for the time being, may issue to any person, otherwise qualified to hold a shepherd's licence under the provisions of this Law, a permit in the form B in the Schedule hereto for any period not exceeding one week authorizing such person to be in charge of a flock consisting of such number of animals as may be specified in the permit during the temporary absence of the licensed shepherd who is ordinarily in charge of such flock. Temporary licences.

(2) Any person to whom a permit has been granted under sub-section (1) of this section shall at all times carry such permit and shall, when requested to do so, produce it for inspection to any officer of the District Administration, peace officer, Mukhtar or rural constable.

7. If any shepherd's licence shall be destroyed, defaced or lost, the Commissioner, if he shall be satisfied as to the destruction, defacement or loss of such licence, shall, upon the payment of two shillings, supply the person in whose name the shepherd's licence had been issued with a duplicate of such licence and such duplicate shall have the same force and effect as the original licence : Loss, etc., of shepherd's licence.

Provided that the Commissioner may, at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of the issue of any shepherd's licence, issue to the holder of such licence a new shepherd's licence free of any charge.

8.—(1) The Commissioner may at any time cancel or suspend any shepherd's licence or reduce the number of animals in respect of which such licence was granted, if satisfied that the shepherd, since the commencement of this Law,— Cancellation, etc., of shepherd's licence.

- (a) has been convicted of an offence under section 25 of the Rural Constables Laws, 1932 and 1934 ; 62 of 1932.  
52 of 1934.
- (b) has been convicted of an offence which would disqualify him from holding a shepherd's licence under the provisions of this Law ;
- (c) has been convicted of an offence under section 18 (1) of the Tree Planting Village Areas Law, 1930 ; 28 of 1930.