

The Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920

(ACT NO. XXXIII OF 1920)

An Act to authorize the taking of measurements and photographs of convicts and others.

WHEREAS it is expedient to authorize the taking of measurements and photographs of convicts and others; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title
and extent**

- 1.(1) This Act may be called the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920; and
(2) It extends to the whole of ¹[Bangladesh].

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
(a) "measurements" include finger impressions and foot-print impressions.;
(b) "police officer" means an officer in charge of a police-station, a police officer making an investigation under Chapter XIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, or any other police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector; and
(c) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

**Taking of
measurements,
etc., of
convicted
persons**

3. Every person who has been-
(a) convicted of any offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term of one year or upwards, or of any offence which would render him liable to enhanced punishment on a subsequent conviction, or
(b) ordered to give security for his good behaviour under section 118 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898,
shall, if so required, allow his measurements and photograph to be taken by a police officer in the prescribed manner.

**Taking of
measurements,**