

The Industrial Statistics Act, 1942

(ACT NO. XIX OF 1942)

An Act to facilitate the collection of statistics of certain kinds relating to industries.^{1♣}

WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate the collection of statistics of certain kinds relating to industries;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title,
extent and
commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Industrial Statistics Act, 1942.

(2) It extends to the whole of ²[Bangladesh].

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf ³[* * *].

Definition

2. In this Act “prescribed” means prescribed in rules made under this Act or in any form prescribed by those rules.

**Collection
of statistics**

3. (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that statistics shall be collected relating to any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) any matter relating to factories,

(b) any of the following matters so far as they relate to welfare of labour and conditions of labour, namely:-

(i) prices of commodities,

(ii) attendance,

(iii) living conditions, including housing, water supply and sanitation,

(iv) indebtedness,

(vi) wages and other earnings,

(vii) provident and other funds provided for labour,

(viii) benefits and amenities provided for labour,

(ix) hours of work,

(x) employment and unemployment,

(xi) industrial and labour disputes,

and thereupon the provisions of this Act shall apply to the collection of those statistics.

(2) In clause (a) of sub section (1), "factory" means a factory as defined in ⁴[clause (f) of section 2 of the Factories Act, 1965], or any premises deemed to be a factory in pursuance of a declaration made ⁵[under sub section (1) of section 3] of that Act.

Appointment of statistics authority

4. The Government may appoint an officer to be the statistics authority for the purposes of the collection of any statistics under this Act.

Power of statistics authority to call for returns and information

5. (1) The statistics authority may serve or cause to be served on any person a notice requiring him to furnish, at such intervals and in such form and with such particulars as may be prescribed, such information or returns relating to any matter in respect of which statistics are to be collected and to such authority or person and in such manner and at such times as may be prescribed.

(2) The notice referred to in sub section (1) may be served by post.

Right of access to record or document

6. The statistics authority or any person authorised by him in writing in this behalf shall, for the purposes of the collection of any statistics under this Act, have access to any relevant record or document in the possession of any person required to furnish any information or return under this Act, and may enter at any reasonable time any premises wherein he believes such