

# The Control of Entry Act, 1952

( ACT NO. LV OF 1952 )

**An Act to make better provision for controlling the entry of Indian citizens into Bangladesh.**

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WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for controlling the entry of Indian citizens into Bangladesh;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title,  
extent and  
commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the <sup>2</sup>[\* \* \*] <sup>3</sup>[Control of Entry] Act, 1952.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**Definitions**

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) “enter” means enter by water, land or air;

(b) “passport” means a passport issued or renewed by or under the authority of a person duly empowered to issue or renew it and satisfying the conditions prescribed relating to the class of passports to which it belongs;

(c) “visa” means a visa duly endorsed by an authority empowered in this behalf by or under the authority of the Government on a passport valid and in force;

<sup>4</sup>[\* \* \*]

(e) “Indian citizen” means a person who is or is deemed to be a citizen of India under the law for the time being in force in India;

(f) “Bangladesh citizen” means a person who is or is deemed to be a citizen of Bangladesh under the law for the time being in force in Bangladesh;

(g) “officer” means an officer or an employee of the Government <sup>5</sup>[\* \* \*].

### **Control of entry**

<sup>6</sup>[3. No Indian citizen shall enter any part of Bangladesh unless he is in possession of a passport with a visa authorising the entry.]

### **Penalty**

4. Whoever contravenes <sup>7</sup>[the provision of section 3 shall] be punished with imprisonment which may extend to one year, or with a fine which may extend to one thousand Taka, or with both.

### **False information**

5. Any person who for the purpose of obtaining a passport or a visa <sup>8</sup>[\* \* \*] makes a statement which he knows to be untrue or does not believe to be true, or makes use of a statement which he knows to be untrue or has reason to believe to be untrue shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with a fine which may extend to one thousand Taka or with both.

### **Power to arrest**

6. (1) Any police officer, customs officer, or other officer empowered in this behalf by a general or special order of the Government <sup>9</sup>[\* \* \*] or under a rule made under this Act, may arrest without a warrant any person whom such officer reasonably suspects of having contravened <sup>10</sup>[the provision] of section 3.

(2) An officer making an arrest under this section shall, without unnecessary delay, take the person arrested or cause him to be taken before a competent Magistrate having jurisdiction in the place where the arrest is made, or to the officer-in-charge of a police station within whose jurisdiction the arrest is made; and the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 <sup>11</sup>[\* \* \*] shall, so far as may be, apply in respect of such arrested person.

### **Power to remove**

7. (1) The Government may order any person who is not a citizen of Bangladesh convicted under section 4 or section 5 to remove himself from