The Members of Parliament (Determination of Dispute) Act, 1980

(ACT NO. I OF 1981)

An Act to make provision for empowering the Election Commission to give full effect to the provisions of clause (4) of Article 66 of the Constitution.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for empowering the Election Commission to give full effect to the provisions of clause (4) of Article 66 of the Constitution;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

Short title

1. This Act may be called the Members of Parliament (Determination of Dispute) Act, 1980.

Definitions

- 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
- (a) "Article" means an Article of the Constitution;
- (b) "dispute" means a dispute mentioned in clause (4) of Article 66;
- (c) "Election Commission" means the Election Commission established under Article 118.

Reference of disputes under Article 66(4)

3. The Speaker shall within thirty days after a dispute has arisen, prepare a statement containing the facts relating to the dispute, the name and address of the Member of Parliament in respect of whom or in respect of whose seat the dispute has arisen and the name and address of the person who has raised the dispute, hereinafter referred to as the parties to the dispute, and send the statement to the Election Commission to hear and determine the dispute.

Procedure for hearing