

THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

(As Passed by the Assembly)

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further to amend the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950 (Act XV of 1950) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) Sections 2, 3 and 7 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 14th day of November, 2017 and the remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 10.*—In the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950 (Act XV of 1950) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 10, in sub-section (1), for the words “three years”, the words “two years” shall be substituted.

3. *Substitution of new section for section 12.*—For section 12 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“12. *Honoraria for President and members.*—The President and members of the Board shall be entitled to receive per mensem, such honoraria and sitting fees, as may be fixed by the Government from time to time, by notification published in the Official Gazette.”

4. *Insertion of new section 13B.*—After section 13A of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“13B. *Appointment of Devaswom Commissioner.*—The Board shall appoint an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Commissioner who is eligible to be promoted as Devaswom Commissioner, and in the absence of such officer, an officer not below the rank of an Additional Secretary to Government, on deputation, as Devaswom Commissioner.”

5. *Amendment of section 29.*— In sub-section (2) of section 29 of the principal Act, the words “who shall be appointed by the Board. He shall be a Hindu.” shall be omitted.

6. *Amendment of section 70.*—In sub-section (1) of section 70 of the principal Act, for the words “three years”, the words “two years” shall be substituted.

7. *Amendment of section 71.*—For sub-section (2) of section 71 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) The President and members of the Board shall be entitled to receive per mensem, such honoraria and sitting fees, as may be fixed by the Government from time to time, by notification published in the Official Gazette.”

8. *Substitution of new section for section 74A.*—For section 74A of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“74A. *Appointment of Devaswom Commissioner.*—The Board shall appoint an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Commissioner who is eligible to be promoted as Devaswom Commissioner, and in the absence of such officer, an officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to Government, on deputation, as Devaswom Commissioner.”

9. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (28 of 2018) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.