

About Charity Commissioner Maharashtra

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Section 3 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 defines :

Charity Commissioner:

The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint an Officer to be called the Charity Commissioner who shall exercise such powers and shall perform such duties and functions as are conferred by or under the provisions of this Act and shall, subject to such general or special orders as the State Government may pass, superintend the administration and carry out the provisions of this Act throughout the State of Maharashtra.

As per Section 69 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950, the duties, functions, and powers of Charity Commissioner:

For purposes of this Act, the following shall be the duties to be performed and powers to be exercised by the Charity Commissioner, namely -

(a) the general superintendence of the administration and carrying out the purposes of this Act under Section 3:

(b) power to entertain and dispose of appeals from the findings of a Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner under Sections 20, 22 or 28;

(c) power to determine which of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioners shall proceed with an inquiry relating to the registration of any public trust under Section 25;

(d) power to direct a special audit of the accounts of a public trust under Section 33;

(e) power to require an auditor to forward to him a copy of a Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account under Section 34;

(f) power to permit a trustee to invest money of a public trust in any manner other than in public securities under Section 35;

(g) power to sanction a sale, mortgage, exchange, gift or lease of immovable property belonging to a public trust under Section 36;

- (h) power to enter on and inspect any trust property, to call for and inspect any proceedings of a trustee, and to call for any return, statement, account or report from trustees or any person connected with a public trust under Section 37;
- (i) power to hold an inquiry in regard to any loss caused to a public trust under Section 40, and to order a surcharge under Section 41;
- (j) power to the Charity Commissioner, to act as the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, under Section 43;
- (k) power to act as trustee of a public trust;
- (l) power to file suit under Section 50;
- (ll) power to frame, or modify scheme under Section 50A;
- (m) power to give or refuse consent to the institution of a suit under Section 51;
- (n) power to give notice to trustee for the Cypres application of the trust money and to make an application to the Court under Section 55;
- (o) Deleted;
- (p) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as many be prescribed.

Joint Charity Commissioner: -

- (1) The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette appoint one or more Officers to be called Joint Charity Commissioners who shall subject to the control of the Charity Commissioner and to such general or special orders, as the State Government may pass, exercise all or any or the powers and perform all or any of the duties and functions, of the Charity Commissioner.
- (2) The State Government may, by general or special order, declare a Joint Charity Commissioner to be the regional head to superintend, subject to the control of the Charity Commissioner, the administration in one or more regions or sub-regions, as may be specified in such order.