

CIRCULAR NO. 8

SUBJECT.—Registration of Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

In order to expedite societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, to register themselves under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950, the Assistant Charity Commissioner, Poona Region, made a direct approach to the Societies in his region with good results. All the Public Trusts Registration Offices should, therefore, try the same course. For this purpose a circular letter in the following form should be issued to the Societies in the respective region. A list of the Societies in the whole State has already been forwarded to the Public Trusts Registration Offices.

“Circular Letter”

PUBLIC TRUSTS REGISTRATION OFFICE REGION

Dated :

SUBJECT.—Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950.

Registration under

SIR,

As already notified, the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 has been applied to different classes of public trust in the State with effect from 21st January 1952. According to the provisions of section 18 read with section 2(13) of this Act, a society formed either for a religious or charitable purpose or for both and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, is required to be registered as a public trust under the said Act within a period of three months from the above date, i.e., up to

20th April 1952. For the purpose of this Act, a charitable purpose includes (1) relief of poverty or distress, (2) education, (3) medical relief, and (4) the advancement of any other object of general public utility, but does not include a purpose which relates (a) exclusively to sports or (b) exclusively to religious teaching or worship. I am, however, to state that the Act applied to all institutions having religious teaching or worship as their exclusive purpose by virtue of the definition of 'Public Trust' given in clause (13) of section 2 of the Act.

2. I have, therefore, to request you to let me know whether your institution which is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, is formed either for a religious or charitable purpose or for both, and if so, to take steps for registering it under this Act as early as possible. A printed form of application accompanies to enable you to apply for registration in case registration is necessary in your case.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.)

Deputy/Assistant Charity Commissioner,

D. R. PRADHAN,

Charity Commissioner, Bombay.

Dated : 24th March, 1952.