

THE WESTERN ORISSA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACT, 1998

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL FOR THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS IN ORISSA.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Orissa in the Forty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title,
extent and
commence-
ment.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Western Orissa Development Council Act, 1998.

(2) It extends to the districts mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 3.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) "area of the Council" means the area of the Council mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 3 ;

(b) "Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Council appointed under section 12 ;

(c) "Council" means the Western Orissa Development Council established under this Act ;

(d) "Government" means State Government of Orissa ;

(e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules ;

(f) "Revenue Divisional Commissioner" means the Revenue Divisional Commissioner, Northern Division ;

(g) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

Establish-
ment of the
Council.

3. (1) There shall be established by the Government a Council to be known as the Western Orissa Development Council for the accelerated development of the area of the Council which shall comprise the districts of Bargarh, Bolangir, Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Sambalpur, Sonepur and Sundargarh.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate with the name aforesaid having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to other provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property and to contract and may by said name, sue and be sued.

Composition
of the
Council.

4. (1) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) a Chairman, to be nominated by the Government;

(b) to members of Lok Sabha representing any constituency, either wholly or in part, within the area of the Council, to be nominated by the Government;

(c) twelve members of the Orissa Legislative Assembly, not being less than one from each district within the area of the Council, elected from any Assembly Constituency, situated wholly or partly within such area, to be nominated by the Government;

(d) four experts to be nominated by the Government from amongst persons who have—

(i) special knowledge of planning, finance and accounts of Government; or

