



# महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

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स्वतंत्र संकलन म्हणून फाईल करण्यासाठी या भागाला वेगळे पृष्ठ क्रमांक दिले आहेत.

## भाग आठ

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधी व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission Act, 2004 (Mah. Act No. XXXI of 2005), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

A. M. SHINDEKAR,  
Secretary to Government,  
Law and Judiciary Department.

### MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXI of 2005

(First published after having received the assent of the Governor in the "Maharashtra Government Gazette", on the 8th August 2005.)

An Act to constitute a State Commission for Minorities and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission Bill, 2000 (L. A. Bill No. LXXVIII of 2000), introduced in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on the 30th November 2000 was referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses of the State Legislature on the 30th April 2002 and the same was pending with the Joint Committee;

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AND WHEREAS the representatives of the minority communities had been constantly requesting the State Government to expedite conferral of long pending statutory status on the Minority Commission;

AND WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action to make a law to constitute a State Commission for minorities for the purposes hereinafter appearing; and, therefore, promulgated the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission Ordinance, 2004, on the 24th August 2004;

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AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature with certain modifications; it is hereby enacted in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

#### CHAPTER I

##### PRELIMINARY

- Short title, commencement and extent. 1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission Act, 2004.
- (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 24th August 2004.
- (3) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Maharashtra.
- Definitions. 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
- (a) "Commission" means the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission constituted under section 3 of the Act;
- (b) "Government" means the Government of Maharashtra;
- (c) "Member" means a Member of the Commission;
- (d) "Minorities" means the communities residing in the State of Maharashtra declared by the Government as minority communities, by order in the *Official Gazette*, from time to time;
- (e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Commission.

#### CHAPTER II

##### STATE COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

- Constitution of Commission. 3. (1) As soon as may be after commencement of this Act, the Government shall constitute a body to be called as the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to the Commission, under this Act with its headquarter at Mumbai.
- (2) The Commission shall consist of,—
- (a) a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and nine other Members to be nominated by the Government from amongst persons of eminence, ability and integrity: