

THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS  
(OATHS AND FEES) ACT, 1948

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**6. Power to prescribe fees.**—(1) The Central Government may, from time to time, prescribe the fees to be levied in respect of any matter or thing done by a diplomatic or consular officer in the execution of his office.

(2) All such fees shall be levied, accounted for and applied and may be remitted in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) A diplomatic or consular officer shall not, save as may be provided by any rules made in this behalf, ask for or take any fee or reward for or on account of any act or thing, or service done, performed or rendered by him in the execution of his office.

**7. Publication and issue of tables of fees.**—(1) Tables of the fees which may, for the time being, be levied under the rules shall be published in such manner and copies thereof shall be issued gratuitously to such persons as may be prescribed.

(2) Every consular officer, and every diplomatic officer in any: foreign country or place where there is no consular officer, shall keep exhibited in a conspicuous place in his office a copy of the table of fees to be levied under this Act and shall permit the same to be inspected by any person interested therein.

**8. Power to make rules.**—(1) The Central Government may <sup>1</sup>[, by notification in the Official Gazette,] make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may prescribe—

(a) the scale of fees leviable under this Act and the manner in which such fees shall be levied and collected;

(b) the remuneration, if any, payable to a diplomatic or consular officer in the execution of any of the duties vested in him by this Act;

(c) the registers to be kept and the returns to be made in pursuance of this Act; and

(d) the manner in which copies of tables of fees may be published and distributed.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.]

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1. Ins. by Act 4 of 1986, s. 2 and the Schedule (w.e.f. 15-5-1986).

2. Ins. by Act 2 of 1973, s. 3.