

THE PASSPORTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1993

No. 35 OF 1993

[13th April, 1993]

An Act further to amend the Passport Act, 1967.

Enacted by Parliament in the Forty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Passports (Amendment) Act, 1993.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In section 5 of the Passports Act, 1967 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub-section (1), for the words "a fee of rupees fifty", the following words shall be substituted, namely:—

Amendment of section 5.

"such fee as may be prescribed to meet the expenses incurred on special security paper, printing, lamination and other connected miscellaneous services in issuing passports and other travel documents".

3. For section 8 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution of new section for section 8.

"8. Where a passport is issued for a shorter period than the prescribed period under section 7, such shorter period shall, unless the passport authority for reasons to be recorded in writing otherwise determines, be extendable for a further period (which together with the shorter period shall not exceed the prescribed period) and the provisions of this Act shall apply to such extension as they apply to the issue thereof."

Extension of period of passport.

4. In section 10 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), after clause (b), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of section 10.

"Provided that if the holder of such passport obtains another passport the passport authority shall also impound or cause to be impounded or revoke such other passport."

1. 1-7-1993 vide Notifications Ni. G.S.R. 484(E), dated 1.7.1993.

Amend-
ment of
section
11.

5. In section 11 of the principal Act, in sub-section (4), for the words and brackets "by such fee (if any) not exceeding rupees twenty-five as may be prescribed", the words "by such fee as may be prescribed for meeting the expenses that may be incurred in calling for relevant records and for connected services" shall be substituted.

Amend-
ment of
section
12.

6. In section 12 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "six months or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees", the words "two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted;

(b) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(1A) Whoever, not being a citizen of India,—

(a) makes an application for a passport or obtains a passport by suppressing information about his nationality, or

(b) holds a forged passport or any travel document,

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to five years and with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to fifty thousand rupees."

(c) in sub-section (2), for the word brackets and figure "sub-section (1)", the words, brackets, figures and letter "sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A)" shall be substituted.

Amend-
ment of
sections
13 and 14

7. In section 13, in sub-section (1) and in section 14, in sub-section (1) of the principal Act, for the words "officer of police", the words "officer of police or emigration officer" shall be substituted.

Omission
of section
18 and 26.

8. Sections 18 and 26 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

Amend-
ment of
section
23.

9. In section 23 of the principal Act, for the words and figures "the Emigration Act, 1922", the words and figures "the Emigration Act, 1983" shall be substituted.

7 of 1922,
31 of 1983.

Amend-
ment of
section
24.

10. In section 24 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), in clause (f), for the words "any application for the issue or renewal of a passport" the words figures and brackets "any application for the issue of a passport under sub-section (1) of section 5 or issue of a passport" shall be substituted.