

THE MARRIAGE LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001

No. 49 OF 2001

[24th September, 2001.]

An Act further to amend the Indian Divorce Act, 1869, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936, the Special Marriage Act, 1954 and the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955:

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be called the Marriage Laws (Amendment) Act, 2001.

Short title.

CHAPTER II

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN DIVORCE ACT, 1869

2. In section 36 of the Indian Divorce Act, 1869 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Divorce Act),—

Amendment of section 36.

(a) for the words "the wife may present a petition for alimony pending the suit", the words "the wife may present a petition for expenses of the proceedings and alimony pending the suit" shall be substituted;

(b) for the words "for payment to the wife of alimony pending the suit", the words "for payment to the wife of the expenses of the proceedings and alimony pending the suit" shall be substituted;

4 of 1869.

(c) after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided further that the petition for the expenses of the proceedings and alimony pending the suit, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days of service of such petition on the husband."

Amendment of
section 41.

3. In section 41 of the Divorce Act, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the application with respect to the maintenance and education of the minor children pending the suit, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the respondent."

CHAPTER III

AMENDMENTS TO THE PARSI MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE ACT, 1936

Amendment of
section 39.

4. In section 39 of the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the application for the payment of the expenses of the suit and such weekly or monthly sum during the suit, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the wife or the husband, as the case may be."

Amendment of
section 49.

5. In section 49 of the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the application with respect to the maintenance and education of such children during the suit, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the respondent."

CHAPTER IV

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIAL MARRIAGE ACT, 1954

Amendment of
section 36.

6. In section 36 of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Special Marriage Act), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the application for the payment of the expenses of the proceeding and such weekly or monthly sum during the proceeding under Chapter V or Chapter VI, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the husband."

Amendment of
section 38.

7. In section 38 of the Special Marriage Act, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the application with respect to the maintenance and education of the minor children, during the proceeding, under Chapter V or Chapter VI, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the respondent."

CHAPTER V

AMENDMENTS TO THE HINDU MARRIAGE ACT, 1955

Amendment of
section 24.

8. In section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Hindu Marriage Act), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the application for the payment of the expenses of the proceeding and such monthly sum during the proceeding, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the wife or the husband, as the case may be."

9. In section 26 of the Hindu Marriage Act, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of section 26.

"Provided that the application with respect to the maintenance and education of the minor children, pending the proceeding for obtaining such decree, shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the respondent."