

THE UNION CITIZENSHIP (ELECTION) (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1954

[Act No. XXVII of 1954.]

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (i) This Act may be called the Union Citizenship (Election) (Amendment) Act, 1954.

(ii) This Act shall come into force on the date of the commencement of the Union Citizenship (Election) Act, 1948.

2. For section 3 of the Union Citizenship (Election) Act, 1948, hereinafter referred to as "the said Act" the following section shall be substituted.

" 3. Any person—

(a) who was born in any of the territories which, at the time of his birth, was included in His Britannic Majesty's dominions ;

(b) who had resided in any of the territories included in the Union for a period of not less than eight years in the ten years immediately preceding either the first day of January 1942 or the fourth day of January 1948 ;

(c) who is of good character ;

(d) who has not done any act prejudicial to the security, peace, or interest of the Union ; and

(e) who is not disqualified as defined in section 2 of the Union Citizenship Act, 1948,

may apply to the officer in the district in which he resides for a certificate of citizenship.

3. In section 4 of the said Act,—

(i) the following provision shall be inserted as clause (c) and the existing clauses (c) and (d) shall be renumbered as (d) and (e):—

"(c) that he is of good character and that he has not done anything prejudicial to the security, peace or interest of the Union, and that he is not disqualified as defined in section 2 of the Union Citizenship Act, 1948 ;"

and

(ii) for the renumbered clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted :—

"(d) his intention to reside permanently in the territories included in the Union and that he owes allegiance to the Union ; and "

4. In section 6, sub-section (1) of the said Act, for the words "under section 11(iv) of the Constitution" the words "under section 3" shall be substituted.

5. After section 7 of the said Act, the following section shall be inserted as section 7A:—

" 7A. Any person who has acquired a certificate of citizenship before the promulgation of the Union Citizenship (Election) (Amendment) Act, 1954, shall be deemed to

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have also possessed the qualifications provided in clauses (c) and (d) of section 3 without prejudice to the provisions of section 19 of the Union Citizenship Act, 1948 :

Provided that of the cases submitted under section 7 by the officer to the Minister before the promulgation of the Union Citizenship (Election) (Amendment) Act, 1954, those cases which appear to the Minister that they should be heard with respect to clauses (c) and (d) of section 3, may be sent back for further hearing to the officer concerned "

6. In section 8 of the said Act,—

(a) after the words "renouncing any other nationality or status as citizen of any foreign country" in sub-section (4), the words "and owing allegiance to the Union" shall be inserted, and

(b) after sub-section (5), the following provision shall be inserted as sub-section (6):—

"(6) Those certificates which had been issued before the promulgation of the Union Citizenship (Election) (Amendment) Act, 1954, shall not be deemed to be null and void for not bearing the declaration that he owes allegiance to the Union."

7. In section 11, sub-section (2), clause (d) of the said Act, after the words "renouncing any foreign nationality or status" the words "and owing allegiance to the Union" shall be inserted.

Certified that the above English text is the authenticated translation of the Union Citizenship (Election) (Amendment) Act, 1954.

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Secretary,

Laws Translation Committee.