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Any person who refuses or neglects to give any information which it is his duty to give under this section, shall be punishable at the discretion of the Magistrate with fine which may extend to five rupees;

Provided that not more than one person shall be punishable for such refusal or neglect to give information.

9. Any registrar' who refuses or neglects to register any birth or death occurring within his district, which he is bound to register, within a reasonable time after he shall have been duly informed thereof, or demands or accepts any fee or reward or other gratification as a consideration for making such registry, shall be punishable at the discretion of the Magistrate with fine which may extend to fifty rupees for each such refusal or neglect.

10. Whoever wilfully makes or causes to be made, for the purpose of being inserted in any register of births or deaths, any false statement touching any of the particulars required to be known and registered, shall be punishable at the discretion of the Magistrate with a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

¹Or any sub-registrar appointed for a burning ghat or a burial ground—see *ibid.*, s. 348, printed *ibid.*, p. 845.

(Sections 11, 12)

11. In any place to which the District Municipal Improvement Act¹ shall have been extended, the Municipal Commissioners may, if at a meeting specially convened for considering such question they shall so determine, arrange for keeping a register of all births or of all deaths or of all births and deaths, occurring within the municipality.

On and after a date to be fixed at such meeting, the Commissioners shall in such case be authorized to provide out of the municipal fund for the employment of a sufficient number of registrars, and for the expenditure necessary for the maintenance of such registers, and shall exercise all the powers of a Magistrate under this Act; and all the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to apply to such place.

12. The Magistrate of a district² may depute any subordinate Magistrate to exercise the powers and to perform the duties vested in the Magistrate by this Act, within such district or any part thereof.

¹Ben. Act III of 1864 was repealed by Ben. Act V of 1876, which again has been repealed and re-enacted by the Bengal Municipal Act, 1884 (Ben. Act III of 1884), and this reference should now be taken to be made to the latter Act—see s. 2 thereof, printed in the Bengal Code, Ed. 1913-1915, Vol. II, p. 710.

²Now District Magistrate—see the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), s. 3 (2).

APPENDIX I

Milestones in the development of vital statistics in India and outside

1836	.	.	.	.	England	.	.	.	Promulgation of Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act.
1875	.	.	.	.	England	.	.	.	Compulsory registration of live births, deaths and marriages.
1927	.	.	.	.	England	.	.	.	Compulsory registration of still births.
1900	.	.	.	.	United States	.	.	.	Compulsory registration of live births, still births, deaths and marriages.
1915	.	.	.	.	United States	.	.	.	First year of separately published official birth statistics for Birth Registration area of United States.
1886	.	.	.	.	India	.	.	.	Births, Deaths and Marriage Registration Act: voluntary and for marriages not in effect for Hindu or Muslim communities.
1873	.	.	.	.	Bengal	.	.	.	Births and Deaths Registration Act.
1899	.	.	.	.	Madras	.	.	.	Births and Deaths Registration Act.
1932	.	.	.	.	Coorg	.	.	.	Births and Deaths Registration Act.
1935	.	.	.	.	Assam	.	.	.	Births and Deaths Registration Act.

APPENDIX II

A calendar of registration of vital events from 1870 in Bengal

1870	.	.	.	Deaths by sex, by months, by causes, namely cholera, small-pox, fever, bowel complaints, injuries, namely suicide, wounds and accidents, snake bites or killed by wild animals, all other causes. Total deaths from all causes, Deaths by age, namely born dead, not exceeding 1 year, 1 year to 6 years, 6 years to 12 years, 12 years to 20 years, 20 years to 30 years, 30 years to 40 years, 40 years to 50 years, 50 years to 60 years, and exceeding 60 years.
1872	.	.	.	Deaths by communities, namely Hindus, Muslims, Christians and other classes.
1873	.	.	.	Deaths by communities, namely Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and all other classes.
1874	.	.	.	Deaths by communities as that of 1872, only Buddhists have been inserted.
				Deaths by sex.
				Deaths by age according to infants (children unable to walk), boys and girls, adults, old people, total.

APPENDIX II—contd.

- 1875 } No change.
 1876 Deaths from suicide according to sex.
 1877
 1878
 1879 } No change.
 1880
 1881 Deaths by age according to 0—1 year, 1—5 years, 5—10 years, 10—15 years, 15—20 years, 20—30 years,
 1882 30—40 years, 40—50 years, 50—60 years and exceeding 60 years.
 1883
 1884
 1885
 1886 } No change.
 1887
 1888
 1889
 1890 Deaths from dysentery and diarrhoea by months.
 1891
 1892
 1893
 1894
 1895
 1896 } No change.
 1897
 1898
 1899 Deaths—Registration of attacks and deaths from plague during each month.
 1900 Deaths—Registration of deaths from plague.
 1901 Deaths—from respiratory diseases.
 1902
 1903 } No change.
 1904
 1905 Deaths—respiratory diseases by months.
 1906 Deaths—from plague by months.
 1907
 1908
 1909 } No change.
 1910
 1911
 1912
 1913 Deaths from rabies.
 1914
 1915
 1916
 1917
 1918
 1919
 1920
 1921 Monthly malaria reports of Hospitals and Dispensaries.
 1922 Deaths under one year as under heading under 1 month, between 1—6 months, 6—12 months, total, and
 1—5 years, 5—10 years, 10—15 years, 15—20 years, 20—30 years, 30—40 years, 40—50 years, 50—60 years,
 60 upwards
 and
 deaths from causes—malaria, enteric fever, measles, relapsing fever, kala-azar, other fevers, dysentery and
 diarrhoea (shown separately), influenza, pneumonia, phthisis, other respiratory diseases and death from child
 birth.
 1923 } No change.
 1924
 1925 Monthly Kala-azar reports of Hospitals and Dispensaries.
 1926
 1927
 1928 } No change.
 1929
 1930 Quarterly statements showing the working of the Bengal Births and Deaths Registration Act, separately for the
 Municipalities and the rural areas.
 1931 Deaths under one month as under heading male—under one week, over one week, total and female—under one
 week, over one week, total and total under one month.
 1932 No change.
 1933 Registration of births according to chief communities.
 1934 Deaths of infants under one year by communities.
 1935 Still births registered according to communities and sex.
 1936 Deaths from cerebrospinal fever, typhus fever, black water fever, whooping cough, beri beri, acute poliomyelitis, diphtheria, chicken pox, mumps, T. B. of joints, other tubercular diseases, leprosy and cancer.
 1937
 1938 } No change.
 1939
 1940 Deaths from snake bites and killed by wild animals (shown separately), anthrax, epidemic dropsy, T. B. of meninges
 and homicide.

APPENDIX II—concl'd.

1941	.	.	.	No change.
1942	.	.	.	
1943	.	.	.	
1944	.	.	.	
1945	.	.	.	
1946	.	.	.	Deaths under one month as under heading male—within 24 hours, one day to one week, one week to one month, total, female—within 24 hours, one day to one week, one week to one month, total and total of under one month, between 1 and 3 months, between 3 months to 6 months, between 6 months to 12 months and under 1 year.
1947	.	.	.	No change.
1948	.	.	.	
1949	.	.	.	
1950	.	.	.	
1951	.	.	.	

APPENDIX III

List of Notifiable Diseases

I.—In Calcutta and Howrah

- 1 Cholera
- 2 Small-pox
- 3 Measles
- 4 Yellow fever
- 5 Whooping cough
- 6 Influenza
- 7 Pneumonia
- 8 Enteric fever
- 9 Plague
- 10 Cerebrospinal Meningitis
- 11 Diphtheria
- 12 Leprosy
- 13 Tuberculosis (all forms)
- 14 Anthrax
- 15 Dysentery (Amoebic and Bacillary)
- 16 Relapsing fever
- 17 Typhus fever
- 18 Epidemic Dropsey
- 19 Elephantiasis
- 20 Dengue
- 21 Malaria

II.—In other Municipalities

- 1 Anthrax
- 2 Chicken pox
- 3 Dysentery, both Bacillary and Amoebic
- 4 Measles
- 5 Relapsing fever
- 6 Tuberculosis of all forms
- 7 Typhus fever
- 8 Whooping cough
- 9 Yellow fever
- 10 Influenza pneumonia
- 11 Leprosy
- 12 Epidemic dropsey
- 13 Diphtheria

III.—In Rural Areas

- 1 Cholera
- 2 Small-pox
- 3 Influenza
- 4 Typhoid fever
- 5 Typhus fever
- 6 Relapsing fever
- 7 Cerebrospinal meningitis
- 8 Beri Beri
- 9 Plague

APPENDIX V

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal: Birth rate—Municipalities—1949

(Per mille of population)

District	Below 10 p.m.	Between 10 and 20 p.m.	Above 20 p.m.
Burdwan	Asansol	Burdwan Katwa Raniganj	Kalna Dainhat
Birbhum	Suri		
Bankura	Bankura Bishnupur	Sonamukhi	
Midnapur	Kharar	Midnapur Ghatal Tamluk	Chandrakona Ramjibanpur Khirpai
Hooghly	Rishra Bansberia	Konnagar Baidyabati Uttarpara Kotrung Bhadreshwar Champdani	Hooghly-Chinsurah Arambag Serampur
Howrah	Howrah Bally		
24-Parganas	Tollyganj Khardah Panihati Barrackpur Naihati Halishahar Kanchrapara Barasat Gobardanga	Garden Reach Barnipur Budge Budge Rajpur North Dum Dum South Dum Dum Garulia North Barrackpur Taki South Suburbs Jaynagar-Majilpur Bhatpara Kamarhati Basirhat Titagarh Baduria	Dum Dum Baranagar
Calcutta	....	....	Calcutta
Nadia	Ranaghat	Birnagar Chakdah	Krishnagar Nabadwip Santipur
Murshidabad	Jiaganj-Aximganj Kandi	Murshidabad	Berhampur Jangipur Dhulan
Jalpaiguri	....	....	Jalpaiguri
Darjeeling	....	....	Darjeeling Kureeong Kalimpong
Malda	....	....	English bazar Old Malda

APPENDIX V—contd.

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal : Birth rate—Police Stations—1949

District	Below 10 p.m.	Between 10 and 20 p.m.	Above 20 p.m.
Burdwan	Kulti Salanpur Khandaghoosh Mantesar Jamuria	Burdwan Memari Galsi Ausgram Kaina Katwa Ketugram Faridpur Kanksa Asansol Raniganj Ondal Raina Jamalpur Bhatar Purbasthali Mangalkot Barabani	
Birbhum	....	Sainthia Dubrajpur Illambazar Bolpur Nanoor Rampurhat Mayureswar Suri Rajnagar Khayrasol Labpur Murarai	Muhammadbazar Nalhati
Bankura	Indas Barjora	Bankura Saltora Mejhia Onda Jaypur Patrasair Gangajalghati Indpur Khatra Chhatna Simlapal Vishnupur Sonamukhi Kotulpur Raipur	Taldangra Ranibandh
Midnapur	Daspur Panakura Egra Sankrail	Khargpur Dantan Mohanpur Debra Keshpur Pingla Ghatal Tamluk Sutahata Patespur Ramnagar Midnapur Salbani Jhangram Sabang Gopiballavpur Nayagram Chandrakona Mahisadal Nandigram Contai Bhagwanpur Khedgree	Jambani Binpur Garhbeta Moyna Keshiari Narayangarh

APPENDIX V—contd.

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal: Birth rate—Police Stations—1949—contd.

District	Below 10 p.m.	Between 10 and 20 p.m.	Above 20 p.m.
Hooghly	Magra Polba Haripal Khanakul Jangipara Uttarpara Bhadreswar Chinsurah	Pandua Dhanishkhali Balagarh Tarakeswar Arambag Goghat Pursura Serampur Singur	Chanditala
Howrah	Bally Domjur Sankrail Jagacha Jagatballavpur Panchla Uluberia Amta Bauria	Bagnan Shyampur	
24-Parganas	Tollyganj Metiabruz Budge Budge Baruipur Sonarpur Bhangar Jaynagar Noapara Titagarh Naihati Bijpur Habra Behala Maheshtala Bishnupur Canning Khordah Jagaddal Barasat Gaighata Bangaon Swarupnagar Kakdwip Magrahat Mathurapur	Dum Dum Amdanga Rajarhat Basirhat Hasnabad Sandeshkhali Baduria Haroa Diamond Harbour Kulpi Falta Sagar Deganga	
Nadia	Chakdah	Krishnagar Nabadvip Nakasipara Tehatta Ranaghat Santipur Kaliganj Karimpur Krishnaganj Haringhata Hanskhal	Chapra
Murshidabad	Berhampur Town	Nawada Raninagar Murshidabad Bharatpur Kandi Khargram Hariharpara Nabagram Jiaganj Bhagwangola Lalgola Burwan Suti Beldanga	Domkal Sagardighi Raghunathganj Jalangi Samserganj

APPENDIX V—contd.

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal: Birth rate—Police Stations—1949—concld.

District	Below 10 p.m.	Between 10 and 20 p.m.	Above 20 p.m.
Malda	Kharba Kaliachak	Harishchandrapur Ratua Gajol	Englishbazar Manikchak Bamangola Malda Habibpur
West Dinajpur	....	Kushmandi Tapan Gangarampur Balurghat Itahar Banashihari	Kumarganj Raiganj Hili Kaliaganj Hemtabad
Jalpaiguri	Mainsaguri	Jalpaiguri Alipur Duars	Rajganj Mal Fakalkata Kalchini Nagrakata Madarihat Matiali Kumarganj Dhupguri
Darjeeling	....	Siliguri Pulbazar Jore-Bunglow Kalimpong	Kurseong Phansidewa Sukhiapokri Rangli Rangliot Mirik Darjeeling Kharibari Garubathan

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal: Death rate—Municipalities—1949

Burdwan	Burdwan Dainhat Raniganj Asansol	....	Kalna Katwa
Birbhum	Suri		
Bankura	Bankura Vishnupur	Sonamukhi	
Midnapur	Kharar	Ghatal Tamluk Ramjibanpur Chandrakona	Midnapur Khirpai
Hooghly	Rishra Kotrung Champdani Konnagar	Bansberia Arambag Baidyabati Bhadreswar Uttarpura	Hooghly Serampur
Howrah 24-Parganas	Bally Tollyganj Garden Reach Baruipur Jaynagar Majilpur Dum Dum North Dum Dum South Dum Dum Garulia North Barrackpur Barrackpur Halisahar Kanchrapara Kamarhati Barasat Khordah Panighati Basirhat Gobardanga Taki Beduria	.... Budge Budge Rajpur Naihati South Suburbs Titagarh	Howrah Bhatpara Baranagar

APPENDIX V—contd.

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal : Death rate—Municipalities—1949—concld.

District	Below 10 p.m.	Between 10 and 20 p.m.	Above 20 p.m.
Calcutta	....	....	Calcutta
Nadia	Ranaghat	Krishnagar Birnagar Santipur Chakdah	Nabadwip
Murshidabad	Kandi Jiaganj Jangipur Dhulan	Murshidabad	Berhampur
Jalpaiguri . . . . .	....	Jalpaiguri	
Darjeeling . . . . .	....	Darjeeling Kurseong Kalimpong	
Malda	Englishbazar	Old Malda	

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal : Death rate—Police Stations—1949

District	Below 15 p.m.	Between 15 and 25 p.m.	Above 25 p.m.
Burdwan	Asansol	Burdwan	Ketugram
	Raniganj	Jamalpur	Kanksa
	Ondal	Raina	
	Jamuria	Memari	
	Barabani	Galsi	
	Salanpur	Kalna	
	Kulti	Manteswar	
	Khandaghosh	Bhatar	
		Ausgram	
		Purbasthali	
		Katwa	
		Mangalkot	
		Faridpur	
Birbhum . . . . .	....	Murari	Suri
		Sainthia	Rajnagar
		Bolpur	Dubrajpur
		Nalhati	Ilambazar
		Rampurhat	Labpur
		Muhammadbazar	Nanoor
		Khayrasol	
		Mayureswar	
Bankura	Saltora	Chhatna	Gangejalghati
	Simlapal	Mejhia	Barjora
	Indas	Onda	Sonamukhi
		Taldangra	
		Indpur	
		Khatra	
		Raipur	
		Ranibandh	
		Jaypur	
		Patrasair	
		Kotulpur	
		Bankura	
		Vishnupur	
Midnapur	Tamluk	Khargpur	Narayangarh
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		Mahisadal	
		Panskura	
		Bhagwanpur	
		Midnapur	
		Dantan	
		Mohanpur	
		Debra	
		Keahpur	
		Jambani	

APPENDIX V—contd.

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal : Death rate—Police Stations—1949—contd.

District	Below 15 p.m.	Between 15 to 25 p.m.	Above 25 p.m.
Murdashpur—contd.	....	Ghatal Chandrakona Moyna Egra	
Hooghly	Chinsurah Magra Balagarh Uttarpara Bhadreswar Singur Haripal Goghat	Serampur Tarakeswar Jangipara Arambag Pursura Khanakul Polba Pandua Dhaniakhali	Chanditala
Howrah	Bally Domjur Sankrail Jagacha Jagatballavpur Panchla Uluberia Bauria	Amta Bagnan Shyampur	
24-Parganas	Tollyganj Behala Maheshitala Baruipur Bhangar Jaynagar Noopara Dum Dum Titagarh Metiabruz Budge Budge Sonarpur Bishnupur Canning Khardah Naihati Jagaddal Bijpur Barasat Rajarhat Basirhat Hasnabad Sandeshkhali Swarupnagar Baduria Haroa Diamond Harbour Kakdwip Sagar Fulta	Amdanga Deganga Habra Gaighata Bangaon Kulpi Magrathat Mathurapur	
Nadia	Chapra Nakasipara Kaliganj Tehatta Karimpur Santipur Chakdah Kotwali Nabadwip	Ranaghat Haringhata Hanskhali Krishnaganj
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APPENDIX V—concl'd.

Good and bad registration areas by districts of West Bengal : Death rate—Police Stations—1949—concl'd.

District	Below 15 p.m.	Between 15 to 25 p.m.	Above 25 p.m.
Murshidabad—contd. . . . .	....	Jiaganj Sagardighi Samserganj Bharatpur Kandi Khargram	
West Dinajpur	Gangarampur	Hili Tapan Kushmandi Balurghat Itahar	Kumarganj Raiganj Kaliaganj Hemtabad Bansihari
Jaipaiguri	Madarihat	Kotwali Mainaguri Alipur Duars Nagrakata Dhupguri Matiabi Kalchini Falakata Kumargram	Rajganj Mal
Darjeeling	Kalimpong	Jore Bungalow Pulbazar Mirik Sukhiapokri Rangli Rangliot Garubathan Kurseong Siliguri	Sadar Phansidewa Kharibari
Malda	Kharba Harishchandrapur Kaliachak Ratua Gajol	Englishbazar Manikchak	Bamangola Habibpur Malda

N.B.—Municipalities having less than 10 p.m. birth rate and 15 p.m. death rate are bad registration areas.

Police Stations having less than 20 p.m. birth rate and 15 p.m. death rate are bad registration areas.

Places with more than 20 and 30 p.m. birth rate for Municipalities and Police Stations and more than 20 and 25 p.m. death rate for Municipalities and Police Stations respectively are good registration areas.

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