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## PART VI.

### BILLS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

#### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Bill was introduced into the Council of the Governor General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 28th August 1890:—

#### Bill No. 16 of 1890.

#### *A Bill to amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. In section 32 of the said Act, for the words "within one year from the date on which this Act comes into force", the words "at any time before the first day of April, 1891," shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 32, Act VI, 1886.

2. The following section shall be added to Chapter V of the said Act, namely:—

Addition of new section 35A, Act VI, 1886.

"35A. (1) The Governor General in Council, if he thinks fit, may, by notification in the Gazette of India, appoint more commissions than one for the purposes of this Chapter, each such commission consisting of so many and such members as he may, by a like notification, nominate thereto by name or by office, and having its functions restricted to the disposal, under this Act and the rules thereunder, of the registers or records sent under section 32 to such Registrar General or Registrars General as the Governor General in Council may, by a like notification, specify in this behalf.

"(2) If more commissions than one are appointed in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1), then references in this Act to the Commissioners shall be construed as references to the members constituting a commission so appointed."

#### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The objects of this Bill are two—

- (1) to extend till the 31st March, 1891, the period prescribed in section 32 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, for the transmission to Registrars General of registers to which that section applies, and
- (2) to enable the Governor General in Council to appoint more than one body of Commissioners for the examination and verification of those registers.

There has been some misapprehension as to the classes of registers to which section 32 of the Act applies, and the consequence is that there are registers which should have been, but were not, submitted for examination and verification by the day specified in the section.

On the other hand, it seems desirable that there should be local commissions, and not one central body of Commissioners, for the examination and verification of the registers, but doubts have been raised whether this is allowable under the Act as it stands.

The 26th August, 1890.

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