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(Extra- Ordinary)" dated the 25th February , 20031 An Act to provide for the better maintenance, preservation, administration (h) (k) oifts of []ropertrv tuqvable of iln tnovable "••hereve.r situated and ail int•otne derived fro a ny source, "hat-soever and standing in anv name dedicated to the Mandir or places for any religious, pious or charitable pu rposes under the Comtnittee or any movable or immovable property purchased from out of the mandir Kosh an(l all offerings including 'chadhotry" m2de to and received for and on behalf of the Mandir ; " Licensee" means a person who is granted a licence under this Act ; "Mandir" means the Temple of Maa Sharda Dcvi of Village Arkendi, Tehsil Maihar, Distt. Satna, länd included in survey No. 99, 100, 101, 102 and, 103 of survey of year 1944-45, together with temples, buildings and other structures situated therein and all appurtenant and subordinate temples mentioned in the schedule and any authorized additions which may be made thereto after the commencement of this Act. 't Panda" means any person who is authorized to guide and assist pilgrims in offering worship or in any other matter connected therewith; "Pujari" means any person who is authorized to guide and assist pilgrims in offering worship or in any other matter connected therewith; ' 'Sevak" means a person- who is authorized to assist the "Pujari" in due performance of his functions and especially in keeping the "Gruha Kaksha" of the Maa Sh•a.r.da deity clean and well guarded. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner, Rewa Division

CHAPTER VESTING OF PROPERTY AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE Nonvithstanding anything contained in any decree or order of any court or any Vesting of custom or usage or contract, sanad, instrument, deed or property, engagement property. to the contrary — the ownership of the Mandir and all the endowments which have been or (i) may hereafter be made for the benefit of the Mandir in the name of any person whatsoever or for the convenience, comfort or benefit of the pilgrims, and (ii) all offerings including "chadhotry". (iii) shall vest in the deity of Maa Sharda Devi. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any decree or order of any court Administra or any custom or usage or contract, stand, instrument, deed or engagement, to vest in the possession, administration, control and management of the Mandir and its Committee endowments shall vest in Maa Sharda Devi Mandir Managing Committee. (2) Maa Sharda Devi Mandir Managing Committee shall be a body corporate hav;ng perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property and to contract, and may by the said name sue and be sued. (3) The headqua rters of the Committee shall be at Maihar, Satna District. Constituc (I) The Committee shall consist of - the Commi (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) the Collector of Satna District or if and so long as the Collector is not cli"ible for Inetnber.ship under sub-section (3): an Additional Collector or a Deputy Collector nominated by the Collector. Four officers to be nominated by the Collecotr, Satna. President, Janpad Panchayat Maihar and Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Arkandi, Block Maihar. One Pujari to be nominated by the State Government. Four non-officials, one of whom shall be a person having a special knowledge of Hindu religion, rites and custom relating to the form of worship practiced in the Mandir, to be nominated by the State Government. (2) The Collector or the person nominated under clause (a) of sub-section (1) shall be the Chairman or the Committee. (3) No person who does not profess Hindu religion and does not accept the form of worship practiced in the Mandir shall be eligible for membership of the Committee. (4) The nomination of the members be notified in such manner as may be prescribed. (1) A member nominated under clause (b) or clause (d) or clause (e) of sub- Teums of of 7. section (1) of section 6 shall hold. office for a period o three years from the date resignation removal of of his nomination and shall be eligible for re-nomination. members. (2) A member referred to in syb-section (1) may resign his office' by giving notice in writing thereof to the authority nominating him and shall cease to be member on his resignation being accepted by that authority. (3) The State Government may, by order, remove a member referred to the sub-section (1) if, - (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court ; or he has applied for being adjudged as insolvent, or is an undischarged insolvent ; • or he has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude; or he has been guilty of corruption or misconduct in the administration of the Mandir ; or he has absent himself from more than three consecutive meeting of the Committee and is Gnable to explain such absence to the satisfaction of the Committee ; or he, being a legal practitioner, has acted or appeared on behalf of any person against the Committee in any legal proceeding after he has been nominated as a member of the Committee ; or he ceases to profess the Hindu Religion or to believe in temple worship : or he has committed or abetted the commission of any act in support of furtherance of the practice of untouchability, tncies •Engs of mntee. (4) A member shall not be removed under sub-

section (3) unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of cause against his removal. (5) A member who is removed under sub-section (3) may, within one month from the date of the receipt by him of the order of removal, institute a suit in the court to set aside the order. 8. (1) Any vacancy in the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 6. (2) The terms of office of a member nominated to fill a casual vacancy shall be for so long only as the member whose place has been filled would have been entitled to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred. 9. (1) The Committee shall, for the transaction of its business, meet as often as may be necessary but at least once in a period of three calendar months. (2) The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be four. (3) Every meeting of the Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence by a member to be chosen by the members present to preside for the occasion. (4) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting and in every case of equality of votes, the Chairman or the person presiding shall have a casting vote. (5) The secretary of the Committee shall be responsible for the proper record and maintenance of the minutes of the proceedings duly countersigned by the Chairman or the person presiding, as the case may be, and shall submit a copy of the said minutes to the Commissioner for information. (6) The State Government or the Commissioner may call upon the Committee to submit a report on any matter concerning the business of the Committee and management of the Mandir and its affairs.

10. No act or proceedings of the Committee shall be invalid merely by reason of - (a) any vacancy therein or defect in the constitution thereof; or (b) any defect in the appointment of person acting as the Chairman or member thereto; or (c) any irregularity in its procedure not affecting the merit of the case. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder, the duties of the Committee shall be the following: (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) to arrange for the proper performance of worship, "puja archana" and the daily and periodical rites of the Mandir; to provide facilities for the offerings of worship by devotees; to ensure the safe custody of funds, valuables and jewels and the preservation and management of the properties vested in the Mandir; to ensure maintenance of order and discipline and proper hygienic condition in the Mandir and proper standard of cleanliness and purity in the offerings made therein; to ensure that the funds of the endowments of the Mandir are spent (6) (7) 12. according to the wishes, so far as may be known, of the donors; to do all such things as may be incidental and conducive to the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Mandir and the convenience of the worshippers; and to promote any other religious, educational, cultural or charitable activity. (1) No movable property of a non-perishable nature of which the Mandir is the owner shall be alienated without the previous approval of the Commissioner. (2) Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, no immovable property taken possession of by the Committee shall be leased out for more than three years or mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated except with the previous approval of the Commissioner. The Committee shall have no power to borrow money except with the previous approval of the Commissioner. (3) The Committee shall annually submit to the Commissioner and to the State Government a report on the administration of the affairs of the Mandir containing such particulars and at such time as the Commissioner may specify.

15. The Committee may delegate any of its functions to its Chairman or Secretary.

CHAPTER 11 ADMINISTRATOR AND ESTABLISHMENT 16. (1) The State Government may appoint an Officer not below the rank of Deputy Collector professing Hindu religion to be the Administrator of the Mandir and the Administrator shall by virtue of his office be the Secretary of the Committee. (2) The Administrator shall be paid out of the revenue of the Mandir such salary, allowances or honorarium as the State Government may determine. (3) The Committee shall exercise its powers of administration, control and management of the Mandir through the Administrator. 17. (1) The posts of officers and employees of the Committee shall be created after prior approval of the State Government. (2) Appointment of all officers other than Administrator and other employees of the Mandir shall be made by the Collector. (3) The procedure for appointment of officers and other employees and the terms and conditions of service shall be such as may be prescribed by the Collector. (4) The Administrator shall be responsible for the proper record and maintenance of the minutes of the proceedings duly countersigned by the Collector, Administrator, "Pandas", "Sevants" attached to the Mandir or in receipt of any emoluments or perquisites therefrom. (5) Licensees shall be under the control of the Administrator. Subject to

the provisions of this Act and the rules and by-laws made (2) thereunder the following authority may, inflict the punishments as shown against it for breach of trust, incapacity, disobedience of lawful order or neglect of, or willful absence from duty, disorderly behaviour or conduct derogatory to the discipline or dignity of the Mandir or for any other sufficient cause, namely :- (i) Collector — removal from office ; (ii) Administrator — Recovery from emoluments or perquisites of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to Mandir by negligence or breach of order or disorderly behaviour or conduct ; (iii) Administrator other minor punishments as prescribed : Provided that no punishment as aforesaid shall be inflicted unless the person concerned is given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. (3) in case a vacancy on account of a Pujari, Sevak of any other person relinquishing his work or on account of death, removal or any other reason whatsoever, the Collector shall, subject to such rules as may be made in this behalf, appoint a Pujari, Panda, Sevak or such other persons to fill the vacancy, unless it considers that the filling of the vacancy is not necessary. (19). (1) Any person aggrieved by order passed by the Collector/Administrator may, within thirty days of the date of communication of the order under section 18 to him., prefer an appeal before the Commissioner/ Collector respectively. (2) The appellate authority shall, after giving the parties concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard, pass such orders as it deems fit and the order so passed shall be final and conclusive and shall not be called in question in any court of law. (3) No order made by the Collector/Administrator as is referred to in sub-section (1) or by the appellate authority under sub-section (2) shall debar any person aggrieved thereby from establishing his right, if any, in a Court of competent jurisdiction but no Court shall have power to stay the operation of the said order pending the final disposal of the proceedings before such court or of any appeal or application arising therefrom or in relation thereto. (20) The Collector may in cases of emergency, direct the execution of any Emergency work or the doing of any Act which is not provided for in the budget for the powers of year and immediate execution or the doing of which is in his opinion necessary Collector. for the preservation of the properties of the Mandir and its endowments or for the service or safety of the pilgrims resorting to the Mandir or for the due performance of the rituals therein and may direct that the expenses of executing such work or doing the Act shall be paid from the kosh of the Mandir. The Collector shall forthwith report to the Committee the action Power of the State Government or Commissioner to call for taken under this section and the reason therefore

CHAPTER MANDIR KOSH, BUDGET, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT 21. (1) There shall be constituted a fund to be called Mandir-Kosh which shall be vested in and be administered by the Committee and shall consist of, - (a) the income derived from the movable and immovable properties of the Mandir. any offering, gift, donation or contribution ; and (b) all moneys received under this Act. (c) (2) The Kosh may be utilized for carrying out all or any of the functions and duties of the Committee enumerated in section 11 ; Provided that the Kosh shall not be utilized for promotion of any religious, educational, cultural or charitable activity not connected with the Mandir save with prior approval of the Commissioner. 22. (1) The Committee shall, within three months from taking charge of its office, and thereafter at least one month before the commencement of each financial year prepare or cause to be prepared a budget for the succeeding year and shall consider and pass the same . at a meeting before the commencement of the year. (2) A copy of the budget so passed shall be sent to the Commissioner for approval, who may approve it with such modifications as he considers necessary. (3) A copy of the approved budget shall be sent by the Administrator to the State Government

23. The Committee shall, within six months from the end of each financial year, make up correct accounts of the receipt and expenditure in connection with the administration of the Mandir for the preceding year

24. The Commissioner shall every year appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Mandir and its endowments, and fix his remuneration which shall be paid to such an auditor from the Mandir Kosh. The auditor shall submit his report to the Committee and send a copy thereof to the Commissioner who may give such direction thereon as he may deem fit and the Committee shall carry out such directions

CHAPTER V CONTROL 25. The State Government or the Commissioner shall have the power to call for all such information and accounts as may in its/his opinion be necessary for reasonably satisfying itself/himself that the Mandir is properly maintained, the endowments thereof are properly administered and their funds are duly appropriated to the purpose for which they were founded or exist ; and the Committee shall on such requisition, furnish forthwith such information and Mandir Kos Budget.

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CHAPTER VI UNAUTHORISEDLY TAKING POSSESSION OF LAND, BUILDINGS OR OTHER PROPERTY OF MANDIR

27. (1). Where the Administrator has reason to believe that any person has unauthorisedly taken possession of any land or building belonging to the Mandir or any sacred tank, well, spring or watercourse, or has remained in possession thereof, whether the same is situated within or outside the precincts of the Mandir, the Administrator shall report the fact together with relevant particulars to Tehsildar having jurisdiction. (2) On being satisfied that there has been an encroachment the Tahsildar may cause to be served upon the encroacher a notice specifying the particulars of the encroachment and calling on him to show cause before 8 certain date why an order requiring him to remove the encroachment before a date specified in the notice should not be made. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Administrator. (3) The notice referred to in sub-section (2) shall be served in suéh manner as may be prescribed. (4) After considering the objections, if any, of 'he encroacher and reply, if any of the Administrator received within the period specified in the notice referred to in sub-section (2), the Tahsildar may, by order, if he decides that there has been an encroachment, require the encroacher to remove the encroachment and deliver possession of the land or building encroached upon to the Administrator before a date specified in .the order. (5) The order of the Tahsildar shall be in writing and shall contain the grounds on which he has passed the order. 28. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order passed by the Tahsildar under Section 27 may, within thirty days from the date of the receipt by him of such order, prefer an appeal in writing to the Sub-Divisional Officer having jurisdiction. (2) (On such appeal being preferred, the Sub-Divisional Officer may order stay of further proceedings in the matter pending decision on the appeal. (3) The Sub-Divisional Officer shall call for the records of the case from the Tahsildar and after givino in notice in (he tnanner prescribed to (he appellant and the Adtnistrator and if necessa r v. n fter 'llal<ino such further i he thinks fit, ddcide the appeal. The decision of the Tahsildar shall, subject to the decision of the Sub- (4) Divisional Officer, be final and shall bc conclusive evidence of the encroachment : Provided that nothing in the Section shall prevent the encroacher from instituting a suit in the Civil Court having jurisdiction on the ground that the Mandir has no title to the land or building. (5) Where no appeal against an order of the Tahsildar has been preferred under sub-section (1) or where an appeal has been preferred and dismissed the Administrator may remove the encroachment and obtain possession of the land or building encroached upon. Any Police Officer whose help is required for this purpose shall be bound to render the necessary help to the Administrator

CHAPTER VII MISCELLANEOUS 29. The provisions of the Madhya Pradesh Accommodation Control Act, 1961 (No. 41 of 1961) shall not apply to any property vesting in the •deity of Maa Sharda under Section 4

30. All moneys due to the Mandir under this Act or under any agreement which provides for recovery of any amount payable thereunder as arrears of land revenue shall, on a certificate signed by the Administrator or any person authorized by him in this behalf, be recoverable as arrears of land revenue

31. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the State Government or any office of the State Government or the Committee or any member thereof or the Administéator or any other person acting under the instructions of the Committee or authorized by it, for anything which is in good faith done or intended tb be done under this Act or the rules or bye-laws .made thereunder

32. Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, no notification issued, order passed decision made proceedings or action taken or other things done under the provisions of this Act by the State Government or any officer of the State Government or the Committee or any member thereof or the

• **Administrator shall be liable to be questioned in any court of law and no injunction shall be granted by any court or other authority in respect of any action taken or to be taken in pursuance of any power conferred by or under this Act.** 33. (1) When any land or building, whether within or without the limits of Provisions (Madhya Pradesh Accommod Control Act 196f not Money due (he Mandir recoverable arrears of la revenue. Protection c action taken good faith. Notification orders etc.. to be questi(in court of l; Aequsition Jer to nces. Ithe Mandir, is required for (hc of the Mandir and the Committee is unable to acquire it by agreement the State Government may, at -the request of the Committee proceed to acquire such land or building under "(he provisions Of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (No. I of 1894) and the acquisition of any land or building for Mandir shall be deemed to be a public purpose within the meaning of that Act; and on the payment by the Committee of the compensation awarded under the Act; and of any other charges incurred by the State Government in connection "'ith the acquisition of the land or building shall vest in the Mandir and be held by it subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the State Govrnmnt. 34. (1) Any person who desires to sell flowers, Prasad, books and other Power to g) .literature, pictures and any other material approved by the Committee or to licences. look after bicycles, shoes, umbrellas or other personal effect within and around rhe Mandir premises shall apply to the Administrator for grant of a licence or renewal thereof in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed by bye-laws. (2) Every such application shan be accompanied by such fee as the Committee may, subject to the limits prescribed, specify in this behalf. (3:) The Administrator may grant or renew the licence or for reasons to be •recorded in writing refuse to grant or renew the licence. (4) All the iicehces granted or renew under this Section shall be su bject to the provisions of this Act and the rules and bye-laws made thereunder. 35. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), the Administrator may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend or cancel a licence, - if the licence has been obtained through willful misrepresentation or (a) fraud; or (b) if the holder of the licence or any servant or any one acting on his behalf with his express or implied permission, commits a breach of any of the terms and conditions of the licence ; or if the holder of the licence has become an insolvent ; (c) (d) if the holder of the licence is convicted of any offence under this Act. (2) No licence shall be suspended or cancelled under this Section unless a reasonable opportunity to show cause against such suspension or cancellation has been given to the holder of the licence. 36. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Administrator under sub- sution (3) of Section 34 or sub-section (1) Df Section 35 may prefer an appeal to the Collector. (2) An appeal under sub-section (1) shall be made within thirty days from the (late of receipt of the order in such manner as may be prescribed by bye-laws. (3) The order passed by the Collector shall be final and shall not be called in question in any cour'. of law. •nunittee to in ssession 01' : Mandir)perties. 7 •rhe commiuec shall he entitled to take and be in possession of all a ncl immova ble properties includino the fu nds and jovelleric.s, records. docutnents and other assets belonging to the t' Mandir" If in obtaining such possession, the Committee or any person authorised (2) in this behalf by :the Committee is resisted or obstructed by any one, it may make a requisition in the prescribed from to the Tahsildar within whose jui-isdiction any property is situated to deliver its possession to the Committee and .on receipt of the requisition, the Tahsildar shall hold a summary enquiry into the facts of the case of satisfied that the resistance or obstruction was without any just cause, shall comply with the said requisition and in exercising the power undtr this section the Tahsildar shall be guided by the rules made under this Act. (3) No suit prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the committee or any person acting under its instruction or authorised by it for anything done in good faith under sub-section (2). (4) Nothing contained in this Section shall bar ihe institution of a suit by any person aggrievedby an order (made thereunder) from establishing his title to -the said property. (5) All public officers having custody of any record, register, report or other documents relating to the Mandir or any movable or immovable property thereof shall furnish such copies of or extracts from the same as may be required by the Administrator. CHAPTER OFFENCES 38. whoever, - (a) Whose duty is to perform the rituals of the Mandir or " puja archena" of •the deity raises any claim or dispute and fails or refuses to perform such *duties, knowing or having reasons to believe that the non-performance of the said duties would cause delay in the performance of the rituals or puja archana gr inconvenience harassment to the public or any Section thereof entitled to worship in the Mandir and wilfully. disobeys or fails to comply with orders of the Administrator directing him to perform bis duties without preiudice to the results of a proper adjudication of such claims or disputes, such persons or any other person who abets such conduct ; or (b)

Unauthorisedly performs any rituals, "puja archana" to any deity within the premises of the Mandir; or (c) Voluntarily causes obstruction by use of force or otherwise to any 'pujari', 'l'panda" or "sevak" in the due performance of his duties ; or (d) Wilfully does any act whereby the- "bhog" or Mandir is defiled ; or Offences. (e) (f) (g) Unauthorisedly exhibits any "thali" or other receptacle in such manner as might reasonably induce any person to place any in cash or in kind', in such ' 'thali" or other receptacle or solicits money in any other manner whatsoever ; or Not being authorised by the Committee or the Administrator interferes "with the movements of person or with any regulatory measures therefore "within the premises of the Mandir ; or Forcibly enters into any place within the Mandir when such entrance is prohibited under any law or custom or under any lawful order passed by the Committee or the Administrator ; or Takes inside the premises of the Mandir any article knowing that the taking of such article is prohibited under any law or custom or by any declaration made and published in the prescribed manner by the Committee with due regard to the, prevailing custom, public health, morality or the religious sentiment of the public. Shall without prejudice to any other action taken against him under any other provisions- of this Act, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment, which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both. Composition of offences. Fines to be credited to Mandir Kosh. Power or State IO make rules

39. No court shall take cognizance of any such offence under this Act without Cognizance the previous sanction of the Administrator. offences. 40. (1) The Administrator may accept from any person against whom a reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed an offence under this Act a sum of money not exceeding - (a) in cases coming under clause (d) of Section 38 double the amount of the value ; and (b) in any other cases, the maximum amount of the fine which may be imposed in respect of the offences. by way of composition of the offence. . (2) On the payment of such sum of money no further proceedings shall be taken against such person

41. All amounts realised on account of fines upon conviction for offence under this Act or as a result of composition shall be credited to the Mandir Kosh

CHAPTER IX RULES 42. (1) The State Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (3) The number of the Committee shall be the number in which nomination is notified under sub-section (4) of section 6 ; the manner in which notice shall be served on the encroacher under sub- section (3) of Section 27 ; the manner in which notice shall be given under sub-section (3) of Section 28 ; the limits within which the fee for licence may be specified under sub- section (2) of Section 34 ; the



form in which requisition may be made under sub-section (2) of Section 37 ; the manner in which the declaration shall be made and published under clause (h) of Section 38 ; any other matter which has to be or may be prescribed. All rules made under this Act shall be laid on the table of the Legislative Power of Committee to make bye- laws. Assembly. 43. (1) The Committee may, with the previous approval of the Commissioner, make bye-laws for the administration and governance of the Mandir and its endowments not inconsistent with this Act or rules made thereunder or any other law. In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing (2) power such bye-laws may provide for — (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (j) (k) (m) (n) the division of duGes among the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary ; the manner in which decision on any matter may be taken otherwise than at the meetings ; the procedure and conduct of business at meetings of the Committee ; the book and accounts to be kept at the office of the Committee ; the custody and investment of funds of the Committee ; the details to be included in or excluded from the budget of the Committee ; the time and place of its meetings ; the manner in which notice of its meetings shall be given ; the preservation of order and conduct of proéeédings at meetings and the powers which the Chairman ma)' exercise. for the purposes of enforcing its decision ; the manner in which the proceedings of its meetings shall be recorded ; the person by whom receipts may be granted for moneys paid to the Committee ; the maintenance of order inside the 'Mandir' and regulating the entry and exit of persons therein or therefrom ; thé manner in which worship shall be performed in the mandir during 'parvas' , 'melas' and 'utsavas' ; the preparation of a list of persons fit for appointment as 'pujari', (o) (p) (q) (r) .(3) pari&.a' and 'sevak' of the Mandir after taking into consideration the cducational qualifications, religious kno""ledge, conduct, training and experience and other matters ancillary thereto ; the procedure for appointment of officers and other employees and terms and conditions of their services under Section 17 ; the manner in which and the period within which application for licence may be made under sub-section (1) of Section 34 ; the manner in which appeal may be preferred under sub- section (2) of Section 36 ; any other matter for which bye-laws are .to be made under this Act or it may be necessary .to frame bye-laws for effectively implementing the provisions of this Act. and the rules made thereunder. All bye-laws after they have been confirmed by the Commissioner shall l. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. IO. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 4be put up on the notice board of the If any difficulty aris.es in giving effect to provisions of this Act, the Removal c State Government may, by general or special order published in the Gazette, difficulty. •make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for the removal of the difficulty ; Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiration of one year from the appointed date. (2) • Every order made under sub-section (1) shall be laid-on the Table of the Legislative Assembly. THE SCHEDULE (See Section 3 (J.)) Shri Narsingh Bhagwan Shri Hanumanji Shri Kali Devi Shri Shankar Bhagwan Shri Hantha Pujari (Back portion of Maa Sharda Deviji main temple) Shri Chabutara Brahmadeo Shri Chabutara Ghanta Shri Kall Bhairaon Shri Jawara Thandha Karne Ka Asthan Shri Devi Gaddi Shri Asthan Hawan Kunda Shri Durga Devi (Behind Devi-Gaddi) Shri Shishnag Bhagwan Shri Marhi Mata .Shri Jalpa Idevi Shri Phulmati Devi .Shri Addhi Mata Shri Deodhi (First Stair) Shri Bhainsaur 21). 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33

34. Shri !Nalkantha Sv•anli Ka Chbutara Shri Mauni Baba Ki Kutia' Shri [durga Devi Shankar Bhagwan.(Bchind EMela office on the slope of hillock) Shri l)ulha Deo .Shri Yagya Shala (by the side of Mela office building) Shri Yagya Shala Purani Shii Shankar Bhagwan ka Mandir (Near new Bauli) Shri Bharti Baba Ki Kutia Shri Chabutara Baba Ki Samadhi Shri Shankar Bhagwan Mandir (in the market area) Shri Mandir Hanumanji (Pulghata Ke pass) Shri Durga Mata Mandir near Alha Talaiya Shri Akhanda Jyoti of the Cave Shri Sharda Bhawan (Building.in the city) (situated in Ward No. 14 of Maihar city) Shri Building No.' 283/4 in Ward No. 18 of Maihar City.