THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

(As Passed by the Assembly on the 26th day of October, 2026)

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further to amend the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951 (Madras Act XIX of 1951) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement*.—(1) This Act may be called the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. *Amendment of section 70*.—In section 70 of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951 (Madras Act XIX of 1951) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

(1) in sub-section (1), for the words “fasli year”, the words “financial year” shall be substituted;

(2) in clause (c) of sub-section (2), for the words “fasli year”, the words “financial year” shall be substituted.

3. *Amendment of section 71*.—In section 71 of the principal Act, in sub-sections (2) and (4) for the words "fasli year", wherever they occur, the words "financial year" shall be substituted.

4. *Amendment of section 76.*—In section 76 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2) for the words "fasli year", the words "financial year" shall be substituted.

5. *Amendment of section 79*.—In section 79 of the principal Act, for the words "faslis" and "fasli" wherever they occur the words "financial years" and "financial year" shall respectively be substituted.

6. *Special provision and validation*.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act or in any judgement, decree or order of any court,—

(a) the use of the expression "fasli year" in the principal Act on and from the 1st day of January, 1994 to the date of commencement of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Act.....(.....of.....), shall be deemed to be a "year" as defined in sub-clause (42) of section 2 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, 1125 (ME) (Act VII of 1125) and all acts, proceedings and anything done or taken or deemed to have been done or taken by the Government or the Board or religious institutions based on such year shall, for all purposes, be deemed to have been validly done or taken in accordance with law as per the principal Act;

(b) no suit or other legal proceedings shall be instituted, maintained, or continued in any court against the Government, the Board, any religious institution or any other person or authority in respect of any claim whatsoever.