



**THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN
OFFICE ACT, 1999**

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SCHEDULE



- (i) to collect, analyse, abstract and publish statistical information, from time to time, relating to the activities of all institutions of Zanzibar Government, Union Government, Non Governmental Organisations and private sector working in Zanzibar;
- (ii) to co-ordinate and supervise the preparation of the basic statistical information relating to the social and economic activities;
- (iii) by using the collected statistical information, to provide and advise the Government on the progress and development of the economic and social activities;
- (iv) to organize and control research activities in Zanzibar conducted by various sectors and to issue permits thereof in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister;
- (v) to coordinate the activities of various statistical units within different institutions;
- (vi) to organize scheme and benefits of the statisticians in the country which includes statistical knowledge in order to up grade this area;
- (vii) to communicate with other similar offices in various countries for the purposes of strengthening relationship, exchange experience, knowledge and new ideas relating to statistics.

(2) The Chief Statistician in consultation with authority responsible for Statistics in Tanzania, may collect Population and Statistic information, for Zanzibar.

Advisory Board.

7(1). There shall be a Board to be known as the Statistics Advisory Board which shall consist of a chairman who shall be appointed by the President and such other members appointed by the Minister whose number shall not be less than five and not exceeding seven.

(2) The Board shall appoint an appropriate officer from the office of the Chief Statistician to be the Secretary to the Board.



(3) The members of the Board shall hold office for a period of three years and may upon the expiration of such period be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The Board shall regulate its own procedures; provided that in any Board meeting more than half of the member present shall constitute a quorum.

Functions of the Board.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board shall perform the following functions :

- (a) to advise the office of the Chief Statistician and the Minister on matters related to the Statistics information Services;
- (b) to perform any other duty assigned to it by the Minister.

PART IV **PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION** **OF STATISTICS**

Publication and distribution of statistics.

9. The Chief Statistician shall have the power under this Act to publish and distribute any statistical information relating to social, economical and any other specific statistics as he deems necessary.

Restrictions on Publication.

10. Except for the purposes of a prosecution under this Act:-

- (a) no individual return or part thereof made for the purposes of this Act; or
- (b) no answer given to any question put for the purposes of this Act; or
- (c) no report, abstract or any other document containing particulars contained in any such return or answer and so arranged as to enable the identification of such particulars with any person, business or undertaking, shall be published, admitted in evidence or shown to any person not employed in the execution of a duty



under this Act, unless the previous consent in writing thereto has been obtained from the person making such return or giving such answer, or in the case of a business or undertaking, from the person having the control, management or superintendent of the business or undertaking.

Power to obtain particulars.

11(1). Any Statistician may, in exercise of his function under this Act, require any person or institution to prepare and supply him with such with such particulars as may be prescribed or such of those particulars as the Chief Statistician may consider necessary.

(2) At the time of supplying the required particulars such person shall, to the best of his knowledge information and belief, complete such forms, make such returns, answer such questions and give all such information in such manner and within such time as may be specified by the Minister in the regulations made from time to time.

(3) Any statistician may require any person to supply him with particulars either by interviewing such person or by leaving at or posting to his last known address a form having thereon or attached thereto a notice requiring such form to be completed and returned in such manner and within such time as is specified in the notice.

(4) Any statistician may, at all reasonable times, for any purpose connected with the collection of other statistics, if in his opinion thinks necessary to be included in the particulars, enter and inspect any premises where activities for profit or gain is carried on except a dwelling house.

PART V **FUNDS, EXPENDITURE AND AUDITING** **OF THE ACCOUNT**

Funds.

12. The funds and resources of the Chief Statistician Office shall consist of:-

- (a) such sums as may be approved by the House of Representatives for that purpose;
- (b) any such sums which the office may receive as fees, rates or charges and various publications from any organisation or individual;



- (c) such donations, grants and loan as the office may, from time to time, receive from any person or organization.

Expenditure.

13.(1) The Chief Statistician shall prepare, before the beginning of the new financial year, an annual budget of his office and shall be submitted to the Minister for his approval in the prescribed manner.

(2) The Chief Statistician shall not spend any money in excess of the approved budget.

Audited
Accounts.

14.(1) The Chief Statistician shall keep proper account of all expenditure.

(2) The account of the Chief Statistician shall be audited by the Auditor General or any other auditor approved by the Minister and such audited accounts shall be published together with the annual statement.

(3) The Minister within six months after completion of the financial year, shall submit before the House of Representatives annual statement which shall include the following matters:-

- (a) report of revenue and expenditure for that year;
- (b) report of properties and liabilities for that year;
- (c) report of audited accounts.

PART VI **PENALTIES AND PUNISHMENTS**

Penalties
and
Punishment.

15.(1) Any person, being a person employed in the execution of any duty under this Act, who:-

- (a) by virtue of such employment becomes possessed of any information which might influence or affect the market value of any share or other security, interest or business transaction and who, before such information is made public, directly or indirectly uses such information for personal gain;



- (b) without lawful authority publishes or communicates to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of his employment any information acquired by him in the course of such employment;
- (c) knowingly compiles for issue any false statistics or information, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than two years and not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who, being in possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of the provisions of this Act, publishes or communicates to any other person such information shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Any person who:-

- (a) hinders or obstructs any statistician in the lawful performance of any duties or in the lawful exercise of any powers imposed or conferred upon him under this Act;
- (b) refuses or willfully neglects:-
 - (i) to complete and supply within the time specified in particulars required in any return, form or other document left with or sent to him; or
 - (ii) to answer any question or inquiries put to or made of him under this Act;
- (c) knowingly makes in any return, form or other document completed by him under this Act, or in any answer to any question or inquiry put to or made of him under this Act, any statement which is untrue in any material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than two hundred thousand shillings and not exceeding three hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not



exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

PART VII **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- Oath of secrecy. 16. Any officer employed in the execution of any duty under this Act shall, before entering on his duties, make and subscribe before his appointing authority or any person delegated powers by the appointing authority for oaths an oath specified in the Act No. 1 of 1986.
- Special reports and investigations. 17. The Chief Statistician may at the request of any person and upon payment by such person of such fee or charge as may be prescribed, supply to such person any special information or report concerning or carry out for such person any special investigation into, any of the matters specified in the Schedule or otherwise.
- Regulations. 18. The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may by regulations prescribe:-
- (a) the particulars and information to be furnished in relation to any matter in respect of which statistics may be collected under the provision of this Act;
 - (b) the manner and form in which, the times and places at which, and the persons by whom such particulars and information shall be furnished;
 - (c) the fees and charges to be paid for any special information or any special investigation carried out;
 - (d) additions to or removals from or otherwise vary the matters specified in the Schedule to this Act;
- Repeal of Decree NO. 7/79. 19. The Decree No. 7 of 1979 is hereby repealed.



1. Health.
2. Immigration and emigration.
3. Internal and external trade.
4. Factories and productive industries generally agricultural, forestry, fishing, Livestock, Natural Resources and ached industries.
5. Building and construction.
6. employment and unemployment.
7. Salaries, wages and any other payments.
8. Social, educational, labour and industrial matters.
9. Banking, insurance, and finance generally.
10. Transport and communication in all forms.
11. Wholesale and retail prices of commodities and cost of living.
12. Injuries, accidents and payment of compensations.
13. Rear profession, Doctors, Lawyers, accountants etc.
14. Expenditure and consumption of the Government.
15. Distributive trade.
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17. Birth, death and marriage.
18. Stock of manufactured and manufactured goods.
19. Investments.
20. Any other statistics which the Minister deems necessary.



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