

Law



Financial Year	Non-confidential References	Confidential References
2009 -10	396	270
2010 -11	570	264
2011 -12	484	112

Financial Year	Bills drafted	Bills published	Acts published
2009 -10	42	34	29
2010 -11	32	25	20
2011 -2012	51	30	20

The Official Languages Branches of this Department are actively engaged in Bengali and Nepali translation and subsequent publication of the Central Acts, State Acts/Bills, Constitution of India etc.

Financial Year	West Bengal Acts Translated to Bengali	Central Acts translated to Bengali
2009 -2010	24	20
2010 -2011	35	15
2011 -2012	24	25

- Steps have already been taken to fill up the vacancies of Law Officers in various Departments, Directorates and Districts;
- Under e-Governance policy, measures have been taken to equip this department with computerization with a view to incorporating Bengal Code in electronic form;
- Measures have already been initiated to strengthen the District Offices by providing Law Officers from the West Bengal Legal Service;
- Measures have already been initiated to fill up the vacant posts in the Official Language Branch (Bengali) of this Department;
- Measures have already been initiated to updation and reprint of the Constitution of India in Bengali;
- The West Bengal Code Volume XII is in the final stage of publication.
- Measures have been taken for creation of new 56 posts of Law Officer in the West Bengal Legal Service to cater the needs of different Department, Directorates, offices of District Magistrate and District Land and Land Reforms Officer;
- Measures have already been taken to fill up 18 posts of Law Officer of the West Bengal Legal Service in different offices of District Panchayats and Rural Development Officer (DPRDO) set up.
- A scheme for promotion and Other conditions of service of the Law Officers of the West Bengal Legal Service is in the process of finalisation.
- The Officers of the Official Languages of this Department have translated 11 Central Act and the Constitutional amendment ranging from 55 to 94 into Bengali. Apart from this 25 Central Acts and 6 State Acts have been translated into Bengali.

- Employment on compassionate ground has already been provided to one of the dependents of the employee who has died in harness belonging to O.L.B (Nepali).
- The Constitution of India has already been translated into Bengali. Steps has been taken to update the Constitution of India.

Other salient areas of performance of the Law Department are given here:

During the 2011-2012, this Department has played a vital role for framing and publication of the following **Acts/Ordinances**, namely:-

- The Singur Land Rehabilitation and Development Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act IV of 2011);
- The West Bengal Appropriation (Vote on Account) (No. 2) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act V of 2011);
- The West Bengal Municipal (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act VI of 2011);
- The West Bengal Finance Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act VII of 2011);
- The West Bengal Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act VIII of 2011);
- The East Kolkata Wetlands (Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act IX of 2011);
- The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act X of 2011);
- The Bengal Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XI of 2011);
- The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XII of 2011);
- the West Bengal Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XIII of 2011);
- The West Bengal Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XIV of 2011);
- The West Bengal State Health Service (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XV of 2011);
- The West Bengal Municipal (Second Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XVI of 2011);
- The West Bengal Staff Selection Commission Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XVII of 2011);
- The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (West Ben. Ord. III of 2011);
- The West Bengal (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (West Ben. Ord. IV of 2011);
- The Bengal Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (West Ben. Ord. V of 2011);
- The West Bengal Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XIV of 2011) ;
- The West Bengal Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XIX of 2011);
- The West Bengal Universities Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XII of 2011);
- The West Bengal Legislature (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Act, 2011 (West Ben. Act XVIII of 2011);
- The West Bengal Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act I of 2012);
- The West Bengal Finance Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act II of 2012);
- The West Bengal Appropriation Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act III of 2012).
- The West Bengal Appropriation (Vote on Account) Act, 2012 (West Ben. Act IV of 2012);
- The West Bengal Advocates Welfare Corporation Act, 2012;
- The West Bengal Minorities Commission (Amendment) Act, 2012;
- The West Bengal Legislature (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Official Languages (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Medical Council (Temporary supersession) (Amendment) Bill, 2012;
- The West Bengal Gorkhaland Act, 2011.

Enquiry Commissions under the Commission of Enquiry Act, 1952, namely:

- Unnatural Death of Mustafa Bin Kasem, ex MLA, West Bengal Legislative Assembly;
- Sain Bari incident in the district Burdwan in the year 1970;
- Unnatural death of Kallol Sur, ex BDO of Paschim Medinipur;
- Kassipur Baranagar Massacre;
- Incident of Marich Jhapi;
- suspicious death of several Santhal during the festival of Hul in the district of Paschim Medinipur;
- Death of 13 persons by police firing on July 21 , 1993 during Mahakaran Abhijan;
- Alleged Police firing in the incident at Mograhat in the district of 24-Parganas (South);
- Committee for withdrawal of cases against trial prisoners.