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PART III—Acts of the West Bengal Legislature.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Legislative**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 1644-L.—28th August, 2001.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:—

**West Bengal Act XVIII of 2001**

**THE WEST BENGAL CAPITAL CITY  
(CHANGE OF NAME) ACT, 2001.**

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

[Assent of the Governor was first published in the *Calcutta Gazette, Extraordinary*, of the 28th August, 2001.]

*An Act to alter the name of the Capital City of the State of West Bengal, Calcutta.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to change the name of the City of Calcutta and to give effect to the changed name, *Kolkata*, in place of Calcutta, so far and so long accepted universally in any law or document or instrument, on any structure, building, monument, road, lake, ground or any object of public importance or any other instrument having the force of law;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to rename 'Calcutta' as 'Kolkata' in consideration of the historical, social and cultural aspects of this State and its Capital City;

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-second Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

*The West Bengal Capital City (Change of Name)  
Act, 2001.*

(Sections 1-5.)

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Capital City (Change of Name) Act, 2001.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 1st day of January, 2001.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (1) “Approved Spelling” means the spelling as stated in section 3;
- (2) “Calcutta” means the name of the Capital City of the State of West Bengal prior to the commencement of this Act;
- (3) “*Kolkata*” means the name of the Capital City of the State of West Bengal on and from the date of commencement of this Act;
- (4) “Law” includes any enactment, ordinance, regulation, order, rule, scheme, notification, bye-law or other instrument having the force of law in the whole or any part of the State.

Spelling.

3. Approved spelling of the name of the Capital City of the State of West Bengal shall be described as follows:—

<i>Bengali</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Devanagari</i>
কলকাতা	Kolkata	कोलकाता

Substitution of the name of Calcutta to *Kolkata*.

4. The name of the Capital City of the State of West Bengal, Calcutta shall on and from the date of commencement of this Act be known as *Kolkata*.

The word ‘Calcutta’ to be read as ‘*Kolkata*’.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the word ‘Calcutta’ occurring in any Act, Ordinance, Order, bye-law, rule, regulation, notification, custom or usage or other instrument having the force of law shall be read as ‘*Kolkata*’ having the boundaries of ‘Calcutta’ as defined in sub-section (9) of section 2 of the Calcutta Municipal Corporation Act, 1980.

West Ben. Act  
LIX of 1980.

By order of the Governor,  
A. K. BHATTACHARYA,  
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.