

CHAPTER 13:02

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS (INMATES' PROPERTY) ACT

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c. 260
1953 Ed.
c. 49

An Act to provide for the Disposal of small sums of Money and other Movable Property found in the possession of Persons dying while Inmates of Public Institutions.

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1. This Act may be cited as the Public Institutions (Inmates' Property) Act

Short title.

2. (1) When any inmate of a hospital, an asylum, a prison, or any other public institution of whatever kind, dies, having in his possession any money or other movable property to an amount or value, or to an amount and value, not exceeding ten dollars, the principal resident officer in charge of the institution shall take possession of the money and property.

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(2) If the money and property are not claimed with effect by any person within one month after the death of the inmate, that officer shall, at the expiration of the month, sell the property and pay the proceeds thereof, together with any money aforesaid, to the Accountant General in the manner and to the account by him directed:

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Provided that where such officer cannot effect a sale of any such property the same shall be disposed of in such manner as the Minister responsible for finance may generally or in any particular case direct.

Furnishing
information of
sums paid in.

3. The officer aforesaid shall, within the first seven days of every month, furnish to the Director of Audit a statement in writing containing the particulars of all sums of money so paid by him to the Accountant General during the preceding month, and shall at the same time cause the statement to be published in the *Gazette*.

Claim to sum
paid in and
procedure
thereon.

4. (1) Any sum of money so paid to the Accountant General and not claimed within twelve months after that payment shall vest in the State for the public use.

(2) Everyone who claims any sum of money so paid to the Accountant General may apply to the Minister responsible for finance therefor by petition, and shall support his petition by the necessary evidence.

(3) The Minister responsible for finance, if he is satisfied of the correctness of the claim, may pay to the claimant the amount claimed or any portion thereof to which the right has been established, but if he is not so satisfied may authorise and require the claimant to establish his claim in due course of law, and shall make any defence thereto he may be advised.

(4) When the claimant establishes his claim in due course of law, he shall receive interest on the sum of money claimed and allowed at the rate of three per cent per annum from the date of the application for payment.

Saving.

5. (1) Nothing in this Act shall apply to any East Indian immigrant or to any person of East Indian descent.

c. 98:02

(2) Section 223 of the Indian Labour Act, shall apply in the case of any East Indian immigrant, and to anyone of East Indian descent, respectively dying in any institution aforesaid, so far as relates to the property found in his possession.
