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An Act to provide for the continuation of a general police district embracing two or more Union territories for the establishment of police force therefore.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the constitution of a general police district embracing two more Union territories and for the establishment of a police force therefore;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title, extent and commencement, -

- (1) This Act may be called the Police Act, 1949.
- (2) It extends to all the Union territories.
- (3) It shall come into force in a Union territory on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette appoint to this behalf for such territory.

2. Definition, -

In this Act “general police district” means in the general police district constituted under section 3.

3. Constitution of general police district embracing two or more Union territories, -

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Police Act 1861 (V of 1861), the Central Government may by notification in the official Gazette, constitute a general police district embracing two or more Union territories.

4. Constitution of the police force for general police district. -

The entire police establishment in a general police district shall be one police force and shall consist of such number of officers and men and shall be constituted in such manner as the Central Government may, by order, direct.

5. Superintendence and administration of police. -

(1) The superintendence of the police throughout a general police district shall vest in, and be exercised by the Central Government.

(2) The administration of the said police force shall vest in an officer, appointed in this behalf by the Central Government, who shall exercise in respect of that police such of the powers exercisable by an Inspector General of Police under the Police Act, 1861 (V of 1861), as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette specify in this behalf.

6. Application of the Police Act, 1861. -

Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the provisions of the Police Act, 1861 (V of 1861), shall apply to the police force constituted for the general police district as if it were one police force constituted for a State, and members of the said police force shall have, in every part of any territory which is included in the general police district, the same powers, duties and privilege, and shall be subject to, as police officers if they had formed a police establishment under one State Government.

7. Saving. -

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the provisions contained in the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 (XXV of 1946)