

AS INTRODUCED IN THE RAJYA SABHA

**Bill No. XXVIII of 2020**

THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF MINISTERS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

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*further to amend the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Act, 2020. Short title and commencement.

5 (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9th April, 2020.

58 of 1952. **2.** In the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952, section 5 shall be numbered as sub-section (1) thereof, and after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— Amendment of section 5.

10 "(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the sumptuary allowance payable to each Minister under that sub-section shall be reduced by

thirty per cent. for a period of one year commencing from the 1st April, 2020, to meet the exigencies arising out of Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic."

Repeal and savings.

**3.** (1) The Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 is Ord. 4 of 2020. hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act. 5

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952 (58 of 1952) is an Act to provide for salaries and allowances of Ministers.

2. India, as the rest of the world, is grappling with Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic which has severe health and economic ramifications for the people of the country. Immediate and expeditious relief as well as emergency assistance measures are being taken to prevent and contain the spread of said pandemic. In order to manage and control such situation, it has become necessary to raise resources from different sources, including by reduction in the sumptuary allowances of Ministers.

3. To achieve the said objective, certain amendment is required to be made in the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952. As the Parliament was not in session and there was immediate need for legislation, the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 (Ord. 4 of 2020) was promulgated on the 9th April, 2020 under clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution.

4. Accordingly, the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 2020 is being introduced in Parliament to replace the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020. The Bill propose to amend section 5 of the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952 so as to reduce the sumptuary allowance payable to each Minister by thirty per cent. for a period of one year commencing from the 1st April, 2020.

5. The Bill seeks to replace the aforesaid Ordinance.

NEW DELHI;  
*The 29th August, 2020.*

AMIT SHAH.

ANNEXURE

EXTRACT FROM THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF MINISTERS ACT, 1952

(58 OF 1952)

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Sumptuary  
allowance to  
Ministers.

**5.** There shall be paid a sumptuary allowance to each Minister at the following rates,  
namely:—

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| (a) | the Prime Minister                                     | Rupees three thousand per mensem; |
| (b) | every other Minister who is<br>a member of the Cabinet | Rupees two thousand per mensem;   |
| (c) | a Minister of State                                    | Rupees one thousand per mensem;   |
| (d) | a Deputy Minister                                      | Rupees six hundred per mensem.    |

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*(Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs)*