

# THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ACT (1899)

[Repealed by the Law for the Repeal of Laws (19 February 1992)]

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2. In this Act, the expression “municipal authority” includes a municipal corporation or a body of municipal commissioners constituted by, or under the provisions of, any law or enactment for the time being in force.

3. Nothing contained in any law or enactment for the time being in force to regulate the erection, re-erection, construction, alteration or maintenance of buildings within the limits of any municipality shall apply to any building used or required for the public service or for any public purpose, which is in the property of the [State] or in the occupation of the Government, or which is to be erected on land which is the property or in the occupation of the Government:-

Provided that, where the erection, re-erection, construction or material structural alteration of any such building as, aforesaid (not being a building connected with defence, or a building the plan or construction of which ought, in the opinion of the President of the Union, to be treated as confidential or secret) is contemplated, reasonable notice of the proposed work shall be given to the municipal authority before it is commenced.

4. (1) In the case of any such building as is mentioned in the last preceding section (not being a building connected with defence or a building the plan or construction of which ought, in the opinion of the President of the Union, to be treated as confidential or secret), the municipal authority, or any person authorized by it in this behalf, may, with the permission of the President of the Union previously obtained, but not otherwise, and subject to any restrictions or conditions which may, by general or special order, be imposed by the President of the Union, inspect the land and building and all plans connected with its erection, re-erection, construction or material structural alteration, as the case may be, and may submit to the President of the Union a statement in writing of any objections or suggestions which such municipal authority may deem fit to make with reference to such erection, re-erection, construction or material structural alteration;

(2) Every objection or suggestion submitted as aforesaid shall be considered by the President of the Union; who shall, after such investigation (if any) as he shall think advisable, pass orders thereon, and the building referred to therein shall be erected, re-erected, constructed or altered, as the case may be, in accordance with such orders;

Provided that, if the President of the Union overrules or disregards any such objection or suggestion as aforesaid, he shall give his reasons for so doing in writing.