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NOTIFICATION

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No. S. H./1A-50/84/386.—The following draft of the Antiquities Preservation Rules, 1986, which is proposed to be made by the Government in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Antiquities Act, 1968 (XIV of 1968), and in supersession of all previous rules on the subject, is hereby published, as required by sub-section (1) of that section, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, and notice is hereby given that said draft will be taken into consideration after the expiry of two weeks from the date of publication of this notification.

Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft within the period aforesaid will be taken into consideration by the Government.

DRAFT RULES

1. **Short title.**—These rules may be called the Antiquities Preservation Rules, 1986.

2. **Definitions.**—In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context :—

(a) "Act" means the Antiquities Act, 1968 (XIV of 1968);

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- (b) "Annex" means an Annex to these rules;
- (c) "armed forces" means the Bangladesh army, navy and air force;
- (d) "museum" means a museum established and maintained or preserved by the Department of Archaeology and Museum;
- (e) "Regional Director" means a Regional Director of Archaeology and Museums for an administrative Division of the country.

3. **Visiting hours.**—The time for visiting the museums and the immovable protected antiquities by the public shall be as follows :—

(1) *Museums :*

- (a) during winter (from the 1st October to the 31st March) on week days, except Saturdays : From 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
on Fridays : From 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
on Saturdays closed.
- (b) during summer (from the 1st April to the 30th September) on week days, except Saturdays : From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
on Fridays : From 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Saturdays : closed.

(2) *Immovable Protected Antiquities :*

- (a) Except Saturdays, the immovable protected antiquities will remain open to the public from 9.30 a.m. to half an hour before sunset.
- (b) Director may, with the approval of the Government, alter the visiting hours or may, in case of any emergency close the entry of the public to an immovable protected antiquity on any particular day with previous sanction in writing, of the Government.

4. **Admission ticket.**—(1) No person shall be admitted into an immovable protected antiquity or a museum, unless he obtains,—

(a) in the case of the Lalbag Fort,—

- (i) an admission ticket on payment of Tk. 1.00, if he is above the age of 12 years;
- (ii) an admission ticket on payment of Tk. 0.50, if his age does not exceed 12 years;

(b) in the case of any other museum or immovable protected antiquity,—

- (i) an admission ticket on payment of Tk. 0.50, if he is above the age of 12 years;
- (ii) an admission ticket on payment of Tk. 0.25, if his age does not exceed 12 years:

Provided that a child under 5 years of age will be exempt from the requirement of obtaining such admission ticket if he is accompanied by either of his parents or a guardian.

(2) Any group of students may be admitted into an immovable protected antiquity without an admission ticket with the prior permission in writing of the Director or of the Regional Director concerned, provided the group is accompanied by at least one teacher who shall be responsible for maintaining discipline amongst the students while in the immovable protected antiquity.

(3) The members of the armed forces in uniform shall be admitted into an immovable protected antiquity without admission ticket, but members of their families shall have to obtain admission ticket required under sub-rule (1).

5. Availability of admission ticket, etc.—(1) Admission tickets shall be available for sale in the booking counters set up for the purpose in front of or near the gate of the immovable protected antiquity or in such other place as may be specified by the Director in this behalf.

(2) Not more than fifty visitors will be admitted into an immovable protected antiquity at any one time.

(3) The admission ticket shall be produced to the attendant on duty at the gate before entering into the immovable protected antiquity and shall be handed over to the attendant at the time of leaving the immovable protected antiquity.

(4) No admission ticket shall be issued within half an hour before the expiry of the visiting hours.

(5) Admission tickets shall be available and valid only for one visit on for the day of issue.

(6) Refund in respect of the tickets once purchased shall not be allowed under any circumstances.

6. Visit to the places of worship or shrines.—(1) Every person shall pay due respect to the places of worship and shrines and shall do nothing to pollute or desecrate them.

(2) The places of worship and shrines shall not be used for any purpose incompatible with their religious character.

(3) No person shall be allowed to enter a place of worship or shrine with his shoes on.

7. Prohibition for admission of person with infectious diseases.—No person suffering from any infectious disease shall be allowed to visit any immovable protected antiquity.

8. Prohibition to walk over the walls or excavated remain or to disfigure the building :—

(a) no person shall walk over the walls of any immovable protected antiquity;

(b) touch or remove any object of the immovable protected antiquity;

(c) damage, alter, deface or imperil an immovable protected antiquity.

9. Prohibition to take arms or weapons, etc.—No person shall take any kind of arms or weapons, including air guns, into any immovable protected antiquity, except officials on security duty therein.

10. Prohibition to use loud speaker.—No person shall use loud speakers within any immovable protected antiquity except with the permission, in writing, of the Director.

11. Prohibition to commit any nuisance.—No person shall commit any nuisance or do or cause to be done any insanitary act inside an immovable protected antiquity.

12. **Prohibition to hawk.**—No person shall hawk articles or sale or carry on trade of any description or tout or advertise on behalf of any shopkeeper or the firm within an immovable antiquity.

13. **Prohibition to bath, etc.**—No person shall spit, bath or wash clothes in the tank or channels within an immovable antiquity.

14. **Prohibition to take bicycles, vehicles, etc.**—No bicycle, motor cycle or other vehicle shall be taken inside an immovable antiquity or site.

15. **Prohibition to take dogs, etc.**—No dog or other animal shall be taken inside an immovable antiquity.

16. **Prohibition to hold picnics, etc.**—No picnic or other party shall be held within an immovable antiquity without the previous permission in writing of the Director.

17. **Prohibition to cook meals, etc.**—No person shall cook meals or light fire within an immovable antiquity except with the previous permission in writing of the Director.

18. **Prohibition to shoot cinematograph films.**—No person shall shoot any cinematograph film within an immovable antiquity except with the previous permission in writing of the Director.

19. **Prohibition to enter excavation trenches.**—No person shall enter into any trenches of an immovable antiquity when excavation work is in progress, nor shall converse with the workmen, nor shall take photograph of the immovable antiquity under excavation.

20. **Prohibition of offer, tips, etc.**—No person shall offer any tips, gift or gratuity to any attendant on duty or any other employee of the Department of Archaeology and Museums posted at an immovable antiquity.

21. **Preservation or storing of movable antiquities by private individuals.**—Any person preserving or storing any kind of movable antiquity without licence shall produce it to the Director on demand for verification of the source of its possession.

22. **Licence to export movable antiquity.**—(1) An application for grant of a licence under section 22 of the Act to export movable antiquity shall be submitted to the Director in the form set forth in Annex-A.

(2) If, on scrutiny of the application, the Director is satisfied that the applicant fulfils the requirements for exporting the antiquities, he may issue a licence in favour of the applicant.

23. **Licence to deal in antiquities.**—(1) An application for grant of a licence under section 21 of the Act shall be submitted to the Director in the form set forth in Annex 'B' with a fee of Tk. 200 (non-transferable) in the form of Bank Draft in favour of the Director of Archaeology and Museums.

(2) If, on scrutiny of the application, the Director is satisfied that the applicant fulfils the requirement for dealing in antiquities, he may issue a licence in favour of the applicant.

(3) An authorised dealer in antiquities shall maintain register of antiquities so that the Director or an officer authorised by him in this behalf may inspect the same all other antiquities kept in his shop.

24. **Penalty for breach of Rules.**—Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rules shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred taka.

ANNEXURE-A

MODEL FORM

APPLICATION FORM FOR LICENCE TO EXPORT MOVABLE ANTIQUITIES

1. Name and address of applicant :
(Block letters).
2. Name and address of the owner of the :
antiquity/antiquities.
3. Name and address of the consignee :
(Block letters).
4. Purpose for which it is desired to export :
the antiquity/antiquities described therein.
5. Proposed date and method of export (if by :
agent, give name and address of agent).
6. Full description of the antiquity in respect :
of which the application is made.
7. Source from which the antiquity was :
obtained.

I hereby certify that the information given in this application is correct.

Date.....

Signature of the applicant.