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TAMIL NADU ACT No. 10 OF 1969.*

THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL LANDS RECORD OF TENANCY
RIGHTS ACT, 1969.

[Received the assent of the President on the 10th July 1969,
first published in the Fort St. George Gazette Extra-
ordinary, on the 17th July 1969 (Ashada 26, 1891).]

*An Act to provide for the preparation and maintenance of
record of tenancy rights in respect of agricultural lands
in the State of Tamil Nadu.*

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Tamil Nadu
in the Twentieth Year of the Republic of India as follows :

Short title, extent
and commence-
ment.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Agricul-
tural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights Act, 1969.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the
Government may, by notification, appoint and different
dates may be appointed for different areas in the State.

* For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Fort St. George
Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 19th August 1968, Part IV-Sec-
tion 3, page 83.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Definitions.

(1) "cultivation" means the use of land for the purpose of agriculture or horticulture;

(2) "Government" means the State Government;

(3) "intermediary" means any person, who, not being an owner or a possessory mortgagee, has an interest in land by virtue of a tenancy agreement and is entitled by reason of such interest, to possession thereof but has transferred such possession to others;

(4) "land" means a land used for purposes of agriculture or horticulture, or for purposes ancillary thereto, and includes any building or any waste, vacant or forest land appurtenant thereto and any house-site belonging to the landowner and let to the tenant under the same tenancy agreement;

(5) "landowner" means the owner of the land let for cultivation by a tenant and includes the heirs, assignees or legal representatives of such owner or persons deriving rights through him;

(6) "possessory mortgagee" means a mortgagee entitled to the possession of the whole or part of the mortgaged property and to receive the rents and profits accruing from such property or any part of such rents and profits and to appropriate the same in lieu of interest or in payment of the mortgage money or partly in lieu of interest or partly in payment of the mortgage money; and "possessory mortgage" and "possessory mortgagor" shall be construed accordingly;

(7) "record officer" means any officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar, authorised by the Government by notification to exercise the powers conferred on, and to discharge the duties imposed upon, the record officer under this Act for such area as may be specified in the notification;

[(8) (i) "tenant" in respect of any area in the State (other than the Kanyakumari district)—

(a) means in relation to any land to which the Tamil Nadu Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act XXV of 1955), applies, a cultivating tenant as defined in clause (aa) of section 2 of that Act and includes—

(i) a *mattuvaramdar* referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) of section 7 of the Tiruchirappalli *Kaiaeruvaram* and *Mattuvaram* Act, 1958 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXVI of 1958); and

¹ This clause was substituted for the following original clause by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1975 (Tamil Nadu Act 26 of 1975):—

"(8) "tenant"—

(a) in relation to any land to which the Tamil Nadu Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act XXV of 1955), applies, means a cultivating tenant as defined in clause (aa) of section 2 of that Act and includes—

(i) a *mattuvaramdar* referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) of section 7 of the Tiruchirappalli *Kaiaeruvaram* and *Mattuvaram* Act, 1958 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXVI of 1958), and

(ii) a possessory mortgagor, who, under a tenancy agreement express or implied, with the possessory mortgagee, contributes his own physical labour or that of any member of his family in the cultivation of the land subject to possessory mortgage; and

(b) in relation to any land to which the Tamil Nadu Public Trusts (Regulation of Administration of Agricultural Lands) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 57 of 1961), applies, means a cultivating tenant as defined in clause (5) of section 2 of that Act."

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(ii) a possessory mortgagor, who, under a tenancy agreement, express or implied, with the possessory mortgagee, contributes his own physical labour or that of any member of his family in the cultivation of the land subject to possessory mortgage ; and

(b) means in relation to any land to which the Tamil Nadu Public Trusts (Regulation of Administration of Agricultural Lands) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 57 of 1961), applies, a cultivating tenant as defined in clause (5) of section 2 of that Act ;

(ii) "tenant" in respect of any area in the Kanyakumari district—

(a) in relation to any land other than the land to which the Tamil Nadu Public Trusts (Regulation of Administration of Agricultural Lands) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 57 of 1961) applies—

(i) means a person who contributes his own physical labour or that of any member of his family in the cultivation of any land belonging to another, under a tenancy agreement, express or implied ; and

(ii) includes —

(a) any such person who continues in possession of the land after the determination of the tenancy agreement ;

(b) the heir of such person, if the heir contributes his own physical labour or that of any member of his family in the cultivation of such land ;

(c) a sub-tenant if he contributes his own physical labour or that of any member of his family in the cultivation of such land ; or

(d) any such sub-tenant who continues in possession of the land notwithstanding that the person who sublet the land to such sub-tenant ceases to have the right to possession of such land ;

(e) a possessory mortgagor, who, under a tenancy agreement, express or implied, with the possessory mortgagee, contributes his own physical labour or that of any member of his family in the cultivation of the land subject to possessory mortgage ; but

(iii) does not include a mere intermediary or his heir ;

(b) means in relation to any land to which the Tamil Nadu Public Trusts (Regulation of Administration of Agricultural Lands) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 57 of 1961), applies, a cultivating tenant as defined in clause (5) of section 2 of that Act;]

(9) "village" means any local area which is designated as a village in the revenue accounts and for which the revenue accounts are separately maintained by one or more karnams or which is now recognised by the Government or may hereafter be declared by the Government for the purposes of this Act to be a village, and shall include any hamlet or hamlets which may be attached thereto.

Preparation of
record of
tenancy rights.

3. (1) The Government may, by notification, direct the preparation of a record of tenancy rights for such village or villages as may be specified in the notification and such record shall be prepared, maintained and revised in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) The record referred to in sub-section (1) shall contain the following particulars, namely :—

(a) the survey number or sub-division number, extent and local name, if any, of the land ;

(b) the name and address of the landowner ;

(c) the name and address of the intermediary, if any ;

(d) the name and address of the tenant cultivating the land ; and

(e) such other particulars as may be prescribed.

(3) (a) As soon as may be, after the publication of a notification under sub-section (1), the record officer shall publish a notice in the village informing the public that a record of tenancy rights is to be prepared for the village, and that the landowner, tenant or intermediary of every land which has been let for cultivation shall intimate in writing to him of his interest in such land.

(b) The notice shall contain such further particulars, and shall be published in such manner, as may be prescribed.

(4) On the basis of the intimation given under clause (a) of sub-section (3) or on the basis of information obtained by the record officer under section 9 ¹[or on the basis of information and particulars furnished or recommendation made by the Advisory Committee under section 5-A] or in such other manner as may be prescribed, the record officer shall, after giving a reasonable opportunity to the parties concerned to make their representations either orally or in writing, prepare a draft record of tenancy rights for the village.

(5) As soon as may be after the completion of the preparation of the draft record of tenancy rights for a village, such draft record shall be published in the District Gazette of the district in which the village is situated and in such other manner as may be prescribed. An extract of the entries in the draft record relating to any survey number or sub-division number of the land shall also be served on the landowner, intermediary, if any, and the tenant concerned.

(6) Any person aggrieved by such draft record either on the ground that the entry in respect of particulars

¹ This expression was inserted by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1981 (Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1981).

the village is situated and in such other manner as may be prescribed.

4. (1) (a) Where subsequent to the publication of the approved record of tenancy rights any land has been let for cultivation, the land owner, intermediary or the tenant having interest in such land shall make an application to the record officer for inclusion of particulars relating to such land in the approved record of tenancy rights.

(b) Where any land has been let for cultivation before the publication of the approved record of tenancy rights, but the particulars thereof have not been included in the approved record of tenancy rights for any reason, the landowner, the intermediary or the tenant shall make an application to the record officer for inclusion of particulars relating to such land in the approved record of tenancy rights.

(2) An application under sub-section (1) shall contain such particulars as may be prescribed and shall be accompanied by the documents, if any, relied on by the applicant as evidence in support of his claim.

(3) (a) Before passing an order on an application under sub-section (1) the record officer shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed and shall also give a reasonable opportunity to the parties concerned to make their representations either orally or in writing. If the record officer decides that the particulars of the land specified in the application should be included in the approved record of tenancy rights he shall pass an order accordingly and shall make the necessary entries in the approved record of tenancy rights.

(b) If the record officer decides that there is no case for inclusion of particulars of the land in the approved record of tenancy rights, he shall reject the application.

(c) An order under clause (a) or clause (b) shall contain the reasons for such order and shall be communicated to the parties concerned in such manner as may be prescribed.

Power of
record officer
to take
suo motu action.

¹[4-A. Where it appears to the record officer that in respect of any land let for cultivation, the landowner, intermediary or tenant having interest in such land—

(a) has failed to intimate his interest in such land under sub-section (3) of section 3 ; or

(b) has failed to make an application for rectification or inclusion under sub-section (6) of section 3 ; or

(c) has failed to make an application for inclusion of particulars relating to such land in the approved record of tenancy rights under clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4, the record officer shall make an enquiry in respect of the landowner, intermediary or tenant having interest in such land, in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed and if, after making such enquiry, the record officer decides that the particulars of the land should be included in the draft or the approved record of tenancy rights, as the case may be, he shall pass an order accordingly and shall make the necessary entries in the draft or approved record of tenancy rights, as the case may be :

Provided that the record officer shall not pass an order under this section unless the parties concerned have been given a reasonable opportunity to make their representation either orally or in writing.]

Modification of
entries in the
approved record
of tenancy
rights.

5. (1) Where any person claims that in respect of any land already included in the approved record of tenancy rights any modification is required in respect of the entries in such record either by reason of the death of any person or by reason of the transfer of interest or by reason of any other subsequent change in circumstances, he shall make an application to the record officer for the modification of the relevant entries in the approved record of tenancy rights.

(2) An application under sub-section (1) shall contain such particulars as may be prescribed and shall be accompanied by the documents, if any, relied on by the applicant as evidence in support of his claim.

¹This section was inserted by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1972 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 1972)

(3) (a) Before passing an order on an application under sub-section (1) the record officer shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed and shall also give a reasonable opportunity to the parties concerned to make their representations either orally or in writing. If the record officer decides that any modification should be made in respect of the entries in the approved record of tenancy rights he shall pass an order accordingly and shall effect the modification and make such incidental and consequential changes in the approved record of tenancy rights, as appear to him to be necessary, for giving effect to his order.

(b) If the record officer decides that there is no case for effecting any modification in the entries in the approved record of tenancy rights he shall reject the application.

(c) An order under clause (a) or clause (b) shall contain the reasons for such order and shall be communicated to the parties concerned in such manner as may be prescribed.

[5-A. (1) For the purpose of advising the record officer in the discharge of his functions and in particular in the preparation of record of tenancy rights under section 3, the Government may, by notification, constitute an Advisory Committee for every taluk in a revenue district.

Constitution of
Advisory
Committees.

(2) Such committee shall consist of the following members, namely :—

(a) one landless agricultural labourer belonging to the Schedule Castes or Schedule Tribes ;

(b) one tenant ; and

(c) three social workers.

(3) The term of office of the members of the committee constituted under sub-section (1) shall be three years from the date of their appointment and they shall be eligible for reappointment. They shall continue as such members until the appointment of their successors :

¹ This section was inserted by section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1981 (Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1981).

Provided that the Government may, by notification, extend the term of office of all or any of such members for such period or periods not exceeding six years in the aggregate as they think fit.

(4) The members of the committee shall be paid travelling allowance at such rate and upon such conditions as may be prescribed.

(5) The functions of the Advisory Committee shall be—

(i) to gather information and particulars regarding the land situated in the taluk with the name and address of land owner, intermediary and the tenant cultivating such land ;

(ii) to furnish the information and particulars so gathered to the record officer having jurisdiction over the land concerned ;

(iii) to make recommendation to the record officer in the discharge of his functions under sections 3, 4 and 5 ; and

(iv) to perform such other functions as may be assigned by rules made by the Government in this behalf.

(6) The record officer in the discharge of his duties and functions under this Act and in particular before passing orders under sections 3, 4 and 5 shall take into consideration the information and particulars furnished and also the recommendation, if any, made by the Advisory Committee under this section. Where the record officer is of opinion that the recommendation made by the Committee is not acceptable he shall record his reasons in writing and pass orders accordingly.]

Appear.

6. Any person aggrieved by an order made under sub-section (8) of section 3, sub-section (3) of section 4 or sub-section (3) of section 5 may within such period as may be prescribed appeal to such authority as may be specified by the Government in this behalf (hereinafter referred to as the appellate authority) and the decision of such authority on such appeal shall, subject to the provisions of section 7, be final.

7. ¹[The District Collector or such officer as may be specified by the Government in this behalf] may of his own motion or on the application of a party call for and examine the record of any record officer or appellate authority within his jurisdiction in respect of any proceeding under this Act and pass such orders as he may think fit. Revision.

Provided that ²[the District Collector or the said officer] shall not pass any order prejudicial to any party unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

8. Where as a result of an order passed under section 6 or section 7, any change becomes necessary in the approved record of tenancy rights, the appellate authority or ³[the District Collector or the officer referred to in section 7,] as the case may be, shall direct the record officer to amend the approved record of tenancy rights accordingly, and the record officer shall give effect to such direction. Amendment of approved record of tenancy rights to give effect to the orders under section 6 or section 7.

9. (1) Any person whose rights, or interests are required to be, or have been entered, in a record of tenancy rights under this Act shall be bound on the requisition of the record officer engaged in preparing or revising the record of tenancy rights, to furnish or produce for his inspection within such time as may be specified in such requisition or within such further time not exceeding thirty days as the record officer may in his discretion allow, all such information or documents needed for the correct preparation or revision thereof, as may be within his knowledge or in his possession or power. Obligation to furnish information.

(2) The record officer to whom any information is furnished or before whom any document is produced in accordance with a requisition under sub-section (1) shall at once give a written acknowledgement thereof to the person furnishing or producing the same and shall endorse on any such document a note under his signature stating the fact of its production and the date thereof.

¹ These words were substituted for the words "The District Collector" by section 3 (i) of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1972 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 1972).

² These words were substituted for the words "the District Collector" by section 3 (ii), *ibid*.

³ These words and figure were substituted for the words "the District Collector" by section 4, *ibid*.

**Power to take
evidence on
oath, etc.**

10. The record officer or the appellate authority or ¹[the District Collector or the officer referred to in section 7] shall, for the purposes of this Act, have the same powers as are vested in a court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Central Act V of 1908) when trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely :—

(a) enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath ;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of documents ;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavit ;

(d) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses ; and any proceeding before the record officer or the appellate authority or the District Collector shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228, and for the purposes of section 196 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act XLV of 1860).

**Penalty for
failure to fur-
nish informa-
tion.**

11. If any person fails to furnish any information or to produce any document requisitioned under sub-section (1) of section 9 within the time specified in the requisition under that sub-section or within the further time, if any, allowed by the record officer under that sub-section, he shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to two hundred rupees.

**Penalty for
furnishing false
information.**

12. If any person who is under an obligation to furnish any information under this Act, furnishes any information which he knows, or has reason to believe, to be false, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

**Cognizance
of offences.**

13. (1) No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act except on complaint in writing made by an officer authorised in this behalf by the Government.

¹These words and figure were substituted for the words "the District Collector" by section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1972 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 1972.)

(2) No court inferior to that of a *Presidency Magistrate or a Magistrate of the first class shall try any offence punishable under this Act.

14. (1) After the date of the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, of the approved record of tenancy rights under sub-section (10) of section 3 in respect of any village, every person making an application in pursuance of any of the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act XXV of 1955) or the Tamil Nadu Cultivating Tenants (Payment of Fair Rent) Act, 1956 (Tamil Nadu Act XXIV of 1956), or Chapters III and IV of the Tamil Nadu Public Trusts (Regulation of Administration of Agricultural Lands) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 57 of 1961) relating to any land in such village shall annex to the application, a certified copy of any entry in the approved record of tenancy rights relevant to such land.

Certified copy
of record to be
annexed to
application in
certain cases.

(2) If the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1) for any cause which the officer or authority to whom such application is made deems sufficient, he shall be required to produce such certified copy within a reasonable time to be fixed by such officer or authority and if such certified copy is not so annexed or produced, the application shall be rejected, but the rejection shall not of its own force preclude the presentation of a fresh application in respect of the same subject-matter, with a certified copy annexed.

15. Any entry in the approved record of tenancy rights shall be presumed to be true and correct until the contrary is proved or a new entry is lawfully substituted therefor.

Presumption
of correctness
of entries in
the approved
record of
tenancy rights.

* According to clauses (a) and (c) of sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974), which came into force on the 1st April 1974, any reference to a Magistrate of the first class shall be construed as a reference to a Judicial Magistrate of the first class and any reference to a Presidency Magistrate shall be construed as a reference to a Metropolitan Magistrate.

† Now, the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

Inspection and
copies.

16. Subject to such conditions and to the payment of such fees as may be prescribed, the approved record of tenancy rights shall be open to the inspection of the public at reasonable hours and certified extracts therefrom or certified copies thereof shall be given to all persons applying for the same.

Bar of jurisdic-
tion of civil
courts.

¹[16-A. No civil court shall have jurisdiction in respect of any matter which the record officer, the District Collector or other officer or authority empowered by or under this Act has to determine and no injunction shall be granted by any court in respect of any action taken or to be taken by such officer or authority in pursuance of any power conferred by or under this Act.]

Indemnity.

17. (1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding, shall lie against the record officer, the appellate authority, ²[the District Collector or the officer referred to in section 7] or other authority for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rule made thereunder.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government for any damage caused or likely to be caused by virtue of any provision of this Act or by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rules made thereunder.

Power to make
rules.

18. (1) The Government may make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for—

¹ This section was inserted by section 5 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) Act, 1972 (Tamil Nadu Act 34 of 1972).

² These words and figure were substituted for the words "the District Collector" by section 4, *ibid*.

(a) all matters expressly required or allowed by this Act to be prescribed ;

(b) the manner of preparation, maintenance and revision of the record of tenancy rights ;

(c) the form in which the record of tenancy rights shall be prepared ;

(d) the procedure to be followed by the authorities and officers appointed or having jurisdiction under this Act ;

(e) the time within which appeals and applications for revision may be presented under this Act in cases for which no specific provision in that behalf has been made herein ;

(f) the fees to be paid in respect of applications and appeals under this Act ; and

(g) the manner of communicating to the party concerned every decision or order in any proceeding against which an appeal or revision is provided for by this Act.

(3) All rules made under this Act shall, be published in the **Fort St. George Gazette* and unless they are expressed to come into force on a particular day, shall come into force on the day on which they are so published.

(4) Every rule made under this Act shall, as soon as possible after it is made, be placed on the table of both Houses of the Legislature and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so placed or the next session, both Houses agree in making any modification in any such rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall there after have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

19. Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to any Exemption. land owned by the Central Government or any State Government, or any local authority.

* Now the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

Explanation. — In this section 'local authority' means,—

- (a) the Corporation of Madras ;
- (b) any municipal council;
- (c) any panchayat or panchayat union council constituted or deemed to have been constituted under the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXV of 1958) ;
- (d) any township committee constituted or deemed to have been constituted under any law for the time being in force ; and
- (e) the Tamil Nadu State Housing Board constituted under the Tamil Nadu State Housing Board Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 17 of 1961).

Act to override
contract and
other laws, etc.

20. The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law, custom, usage or contract.

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Record of Tenancy Rights
(Amendment)

TAMIL NADU ACT NO. 26 OF 1975.*

**THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL LANDS
 RECORD OF TENANCY RIGHTS (AMEND-
 MENT) ACT, 1975.**

[Received the assent of the President on the 30th July 1975,
 first published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette
 Extraordinary on the 2nd August 1975 (Adi 17, Iratchasa
 (2006—Tiruvalluvar Andu)).]

**An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Agricultural
 Lands Record of Tenancy Rights Act, 1969.**

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Tamil
 Nadu in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Republic of India
 as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Agri- Short title and
 cultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights (Amendment) commencement.
 Act, 1975.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on
 the 8th September 1971.

2. [The amendments made by this section have already
 been incorporated in the principal Act, namely, the Tamil
 Nadu Agricultural Lands Record of Tenancy Rights Act,
 1969 (Tamil Nadu Act 10 of 1969).]

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any judg- Validation.
 ment, decree or order of any court or other authority, all
 acts done and proceedings taken by any officer or authority
 under the principal Act before the date of publication of
 this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, on the
 basis that the definition of tenant in clause (8) of section 2
 of the principal Act as in force immediately before the
 date of such publication, had included all categories
 of persons specified in sub-clause (ii) of clause (8) of section
 2 of the principal Act as amended by this Act shall, for
 all purposes be deemed to be and to have always been
 validly done or taken in accordance with law as if this Act
 had been in force at all material times when such acts or
 proceedings were done or taken.

*For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Tamil Nadu Gov-
 ernment Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 18th December 1974, Part
 IV—Section 1, Page 312.