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LAW DEPARTMENT.

TAMIL NADU ACT No. 39 OF 1972.

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*An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms
(Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961.*

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

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Fourth Amendment Act, 1972.

2. *Definition.*—In this Act, “principal Act” means the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961), as subsequently modified.

3. *Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961, as subsequently modified, to have effect subject to modifications.*—The principal Act shall on and from the 1st day of March 1972, have effect as if,—

(1) after section 3-C of the principal Act, the following section had been inserted namely:—

“3-D. *Certain special definitions.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act, if by virtue of the operation of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land)

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Fourth Amendment Act, 1972, the total extent of land held by any person exceeds the ceiling area, then, in relation to such person and in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(i) 'date of the commencement of this Act' means the 1st day of March 1972;

(ii) 'notified date' means the date specified by the Government in a notification, which shall be a date subsequent to the date of the publication of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land, Fourth Amendment Act, 1972, in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.”;

(2) in section 5 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), for the expression “shall in no case exceed 40 standard acres”, the expression “shall in no case exceed 30 standard acres” had been substituted;

(3) in section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(a) for the words “within ninety days”, the words “within thirty days” had been substituted;

(b) clause (iv) had been omitted;

(4) in section 9 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3),—

(a) in clause (a), at the end, the word “or” had been omitted;

(b) clause (b) had been omitted;

(5) in section 10 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (1), clause (v) had been omitted;

(b) in sub-section (5),—

(i) for the words “within sixty days”, in the two places where they occur, the words “within thirty days” had been substituted;

(ii) the proviso had been omitted;

(6) in section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(a) in clause (i), the word “and” had been added at the end;

(b) clause (ii) and the word “and” had been omitted;

(7) in section 14 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), clause (a) and the word "or" had been omitted;

(8) after section 18 of the principal Act, the following section had been inserted, namely:—

"18-A. *Direction by Land Commissioner.*—Where for any reason, the extent of any land held by any person has not been included in the total extent of the land held by such person for the purposes of this Act, the Land Commissioner may, at any time, direct the authorized officer to include such land in such total extent and the ceiling area shall be calculated or recalculated, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and accordingly, the provisions of section 9 and the other provisions of this Act shall, as far as may be, apply as if the extent of the land so included were mentioned in the return required to be furnished under section 8."

(9) in section 24 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for clauses (c) and (d), the following clauses had been substituted, namely:—

"(c) one member of the Board of Revenue (other than the Land Commissioner) nominated by the Government;

(d) two non-official members nominated by the Government."

(10) sections 26, 27, 28 and 29 of the principal Act had been omitted:

(11) in section 34 of the principal Act, for the expressions "section 27 or 31" and "section 29 or 33", the expressions "section 31" and "section 33" had respectively been substituted:

(12) in section 50 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (2),—

(a) for the words "within sixty days", the words "within thirty days" had been substituted;

(b) the words "or within such further time not exceeding thirty days as the authorized officer may in his discretion allow" had been omitted;

(ii) in sub-section (3), in clause (a) (ii),—

(a) for the words “within sixty days”, the words “within thirty days” had been substituted;

(b) the proviso had been omitted;

(13) in section 51 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words “within ninety days”, the words “within sixty days” had been substituted;

(14) in section 73 of the principal Act, clause (x) had been omitted;

(15) in section 78 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (1) for the words “within sixty days”, the words “within thirty days”, had been substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), after the expression “after the expiration of the period mentioned in sub-section (1)”, the expression “but not exceeding thirty days”, had been inserted;

(16) section 81 of the principal Act had been omitted;

(17) in section 82 of the principal Act,—

(i) for the expression “under section 9 (3), 17 (3) or 18 (4)”, the expression, “under section 9 (3), 12, 13, 14 (1), 14 (2), 17 (3), 18 (4), 50 (5) or 50 (9) or the record of any proceeding under sub-section (2) of section 54” had been substituted;

(ii) the words “or revision” had been omitted;

(18) in section 110 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), clause (d) had been omitted.

4. *Modification of Schedule III of principal Act.*—The principal Act shall, on and from the date of the publication of this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, have effect as if in Schedule III to the principal Act, under Part I,—

(a) paragraph 4 had been renumbered as sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph and after sub-paragraph (1) as so renumbered, the following sub-paragraph had been added, namely:—

“(2) In determining the normal gross produce of any land for purposes of sub-paragraph (1), the return made under section 16 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Income-tax Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act V of 1955) in respect of that land shall be taken into account.”;

(b) in paragraph 6, for item (iv), the following items had been substituted, namely:—

“(iv) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 9 times such sum or portion;

(v) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 8 times such or portion;

(vi) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 7 times such sum of portion;

(vii) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 6 times such sum or portion;

(viii) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 5 times such sum or portion;

(ix) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 4 times such sum or portion;

(x) for the next sum of Rs. 5,000 or any portion thereof of the net annual income from the land, 3 times such sum or portion;

(xi) for the balance of the net annual income from the land, 2 times such balance.”;

(c) for paragraph 7, the following paragraph had been substituted, namely:—

“7. (a) The compensation payable for any building, machinery, plant, apparatus, wells, filter points or power lines acquired under this Act shall be the written down value [determined in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Central Act 43 of 1961)] of such building, machinery, plant, apparatus, wells, filter points or power lines, on the date of the publication of the notification under sub-section (1) of section 18;

(b) The compensation payable for any tree shall be the value of such tree on the date of the publication of the notification under sub-section (1) of section 18.”.

5. *Modification of section 3 (28) of the principal Act.*—The principal Act shall on and from the 6th day of April 1960, have effect as if, in section 3 of the principal Act, to clause (28), the following *explanation* had been added, namely:—

“*Explanation.*—A person who has a right to enjoy the land during his life-time shall be deemed to be a limited owner notwithstanding that he has no power to alienate the land.”.

6. *Abolition of existing Land Board.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, on and from the date of the publication of this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.—

(a) the Land Board existing on the date shall stand abolished and any member of such Board shall cease to hold office as such member ;

(b) any application and any proceeding in respect of any land used exclusively for dairy farming or livestock breeding and pending before such Board on the said date shall abate ;

(c) any application and any proceeding in respect of any land which is interspersed among plantations or is contiguous to any plantation and pending before such Board on the said date shall stand transferred to the Land Board constituted after the date of the publication of this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*;

(d) any permission granted, or order passed, or decision given by the Land Board before the date of such publication in respect of any land used exclusively for dairy farming or livestock breeding shall be deemed to be of no effect and accordingly the provisions of the principal Act, as modified by this Act, shall apply to such land ;

(e) any permission granted, or order passed, or decision given by the Land Board before the date of such publication in respect of any land which is interspersed among plantations or is contiguous to any plantation shall be deemed to have been granted, passed or given by the Land Board constituted after the date of such publication.

7. *Validation.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, 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 the publication of this

Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, on the basis that a person who had a right to enjoy the land during his life-time but had no power to alienate the land was a limited owner under the principal Act shall, for all purposes be deemed to be and to have always been validly done or taken in accordance with law as if section 5 of this Act had been in force at all material times when such acts or proceedings were done or taken.

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