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The following Act of the Tripura Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on 20-03-2014 and is hereby published for General Information.
THE TRIPURA ACT NO. 4 OF 2014

THE TRIPURA LAND REVENUE AND LAND REFORMS (TENTH AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013

AN ACT

to further amend the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960.

BE it enacted by the Tripura Legislative Assembly in the Sixty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. (1) This may be called "The Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Tenth Amendment) Act, 2013".

(2) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

2. Sub-section (d) of Section 2 of the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), shall be substituted with the following, namely: -

"District Magistrate & Collector" means the District Magistrate & Collector of the District and includes any officer appointed by the State Government to exercise and perform all or any of the powers and functions of a District Magistrate & Collector under this Act.

3. Sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Principal Act shall be substituted with the following: -

"(1) The Government or such other officer, as may be authorized by the Government in this behalf, may appoint the following classes of revenue officers namely: -

(a) District Magistrate & Collectors
(b) Director of Land Records & Settlement
(c) Additional District Magistrate & Collectors
(d) Sub-Divisional Magistrates
(e) Addl. Sub-Divisional Magistrates
(f) Survey & Settlement Officers
(g) Deputy Collector & Magistrates
(h) Assistant Survey Officers
(i) Revenue Inspectors
(j) Kanungos
(k) Tehsildars

Explanation : The terms (i) "village accountants", (ii) "assistant survey and settlement officers", (iii) "circle officers", (iv) "sub-divisional officers", (v) "director of settlement and land records" and (vi) "collectors" wherever they appear in the Principal Act, shall be read and construed as (i) "Tehsildars", (ii) "Assistant Survey Officers", (iii) "Deputy Collector and Magistrates", (iv) "Sub-Divisional Magistrates", (v) "Director of Land Records & Settlement" and (vi) "District Magistrate & Collectors" respectively."
Amendment of Section 11

4. In sub-section (3) of section 11 of the Principal Act, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided that, no such disputed claim by any private person, against the Government can be filed, after expiry of five years from the date of final publication of the Records-of-Rights by a Revenue Survey Operation carried out u/s 26 of the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960 or from the date of commencement of this Act, whichever is later.

Provided further that the District Magistrate & Collector may entertain such claim after the expiry of the said period of 5 years, if he is satisfied on the ground, to be recorded in writing, that the applicant was prevented under extraordinary circumstances, in preferring such claim in time."

Amendment of Section 20

5. (1) In sub-section (4) of Section 20 of the Principal Act, the words "ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted with the words "fifty thousand rupees".

(2) In sub-section (5) of section 20 of the Principal Act, the words 'ten thousand rupees' shall be substituted with the words 'fifty thousand rupees' and the words 'four hundred rupees' shall be substituted with the words 'one thousand rupees'.

(3) The explanation given after sub-section (6) of section 20 of the Principal Act, shall be renumbered as "Explanation -1". Thereafter, a new explanation shall be added as follows:

"Explanation-2 :- Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, in case of diversion of water body, natural or manmade, to any other purpose, prior permission shall be obtained from the competent authority."

Amendment of Section 178

6. (1) In sub-section (1) (a) of section 178 of the Principal Act, the words 'or rubber' shall be omitted and the following proviso shall be added after the sub-section:

"Provided that no tea garden land shall be used for the purpose of rubber plantation."

(2) Under the proviso to sub-section (1)(e) of section 178 of the Principal Act, the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided further that, any person intending to establish a tea garden shall have to apply to the State Government in the same method as provided under sub-section (1)(a) of section 178 of the Act and the rules made thereunder and acquire and hold land in excess of the ceiling area applicable in section 164A."

(3) In sub-section (2) of section 178 of the Principal Act, the words 'clause (d) of' shall be omitted.
(4) In sub-section (4) of section 178 of the Principal Act, after the words 'such exemptions', the following words shall be inserted—
"and all the provisions of this chapter relating to ceiling on land holding will be applicable."

(5) After sub-section (4) of section 178 of the Principal Act, the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:

"(5) No land, in respect of which exemption has been granted under sub-section (1) or (2) or (3) of this section, shall be transferred without prior written approval of the State Government."

Explanation: For the purpose of this section, "transfer shall have the same meaning as in Section 168."

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