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[ORISSA AGRICULTURAL YEAR ACT, 1963]

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AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE AN UNIFORM AGRICULTURAL YEAR FOR THE STATE OF ORISSA

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Orissa in the Fourteenth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1.(1) This Act may be called the Orissa Agricultural Year Act, 1963.

Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Orissa.

(3) It shall come into force² on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint in that behalf.

2. It is hereby declared that with effect from the date of commencement of this Act—

The Agricultural year and its commencement.

(a) the year commencing on the first day of April shall be the agricultural year, anything in any law to the contrary notwithstanding;

(b) all references in any law to a fasli year, amli year or revenue year or any other agricultural year, howsoever defined, designated or locally known, and all such references, in the absence of an intention to the contrary, in any contract, deed or instrument shall be construed as references to the year specified in clause (a).

1. For the Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Orissa Gazette, Extraordinary*, dated the 22nd September 1963 (No. 570).

2. Came into force with effect from the 1st April 1965, vide Notification No. 9517-L.R.-4/65-R., dated the 12th February 1965, published in the *Orissa Gazette, Extraordinary*, dated the 15th February 1965 (No. 187).

(Sec. 3)

Explanation—“Law” includes any rule, order, notification, practice, custom and usage having the force of law.

Payment of
land revenue
and rent in
instalments.

[3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, and in the absence of any contract in writing to the contrary—

(1) all land revenue in respect of any land payable during the agricultural year specified in clause (a) of section 2 and all rent payable during the said year in respect of any land held for agricultural purposes shall—

(i) if payable in cash, be paid in two instalments falling due on the fifteenth day of December and the first day of March respectively of the said year:

Provided that not less than one-third of such land revenue or such rent, as the case may be, shall be paid on or before the date on which the first instalment falls due;

(ii) if payable in kind otherwise than in produce be paid in one instalment falling due on the first day of March of the said year;

(iii) if payable in produce, be paid in one instalment falling due on the last day of the month immediately following the month during which the crop is harvested of the said year;

(2) on any default being made in payment of land revenue or rent on the date or dates specified in clause (1) such land revenue or rent or as the case may be, such portion thereof to which the default relates shall carry simple interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from the date of default.

Explanation—“Law” has the same meaning as in section 2; and “interest” where land revenue or rent is payable in kind means the interest reckoned on the basis of the prevailing market value.]

(Secs. 4-5)

¹[4] (1) Nothing contained in section 2 ²[or section 3] shall be deemed to prejudice any rights and liabilities subsisting on the date of commencement of this Act. ^{Adjustment of rights and liabilities.}

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) the aforesaid rights and liabilities in so far as they concern the State Government and relate to a period subsequent to the date aforesaid, shall in accordance with any general or special order made by the State Government or, subject to their control, by any officer or authority empowered in that behalf, be liable to be adjusted and given effect to ³[as if the provisions of this Act applied] in respect of such rights and liabilities.

⁴[5] If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, particularly in relation to the transition from ⁵[any law over-ridden by this Act to the provisions of this Act], the State Government may, by general or special order, do anything not inconsistent with such provisions which appears to be necessary or expedient for the purpose for removing the difficulty. ^{Removal of difficulties.}

1. Re-numbered by the Orissa Agricultural Year (Amendment) Act 1964 Or. Act 16 of 1964), s. 3.

2. Inserted by *ibid.*, s. 3 (i).

3. Substituted by *ibid.*, s. 3 (ii).

4. Re-numbered by the Orissa Agricultural Year (Amendment) Act, 1964 Or. Act 16 of 1964), s. 4.

5. Substituted by *ibid.*

ORISSA ACT 31 OF 1992

*** THE ORISSA AGRICULTURAL YEAR (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1992**

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AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ORISSA AGRICULTURAL YEAR ACT, 1963.

B it enacted by the legislature of the State of Orissa in the Forty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Orissa Agricultural Year (Amendment) Act, 1992.

Amendment of section 3.

2. In the Orissa Agricultural Year Act, 1963, in sub-section (2) of section 3, for the words "six per centum", the words "twelve per centum" shall be substituted.

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* For the Bill, see *Orissa Gazette*, Extraordinary dated the 10th March 1992 (No. 350)

** For Report of the Select Committee see *Orissa Gazette*, Extraordinary, dated the 17th October 1992 (No. 1403)