



## The Orissa Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1964

Act 13 of 1964

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ORISSA ACT 13 OF 1964

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November 1964 ]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION  
OF GIFT GOODS SUPPLIED BY CERTAIN RELIEF ORGANISATIONS

**B**E it enacted by the Legislature of the State of  
Orissa in the Fiftieth Year of the Republic of  
India, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Orissa Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1964. Short title  
extent and  
commence-  
ment.

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

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) 'gift goods' means any of the following  
goods, namely:—

(i) cornmeal;

(ii) milk powder;

(iii) vegetable oil;

supplied by way of gift, by any relief organi-  
sation to any State Government or to the  
Central Government or to any other person on  
behalf of such Government;

(b) 'relief organisation' means any organisa-  
tion specified in the Schedule appended to  
this Act.

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons see Orissa Gazette Extra-ordi-  
nary, dated the 21st September 1964. (1440)

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(Secs. 3—6)

Unlawful possession of gift goods to be an offence.

3. Whoever without reasonable cause is in possession of or deals with, any gift goods otherwise than in conformity with the scheme relating to the supply, distribution and custody of such goods shall on conviction, be liable to be punished with imprisonment for a term, which may extend to two years or with fine or with both.

*Explanation*—Ignorance of the identity of the goods being gift goods shall not by itself be deemed to be 'reasonable cause' for the purposes of this section.

Offences to be cognizable and triable by First Class Magistrate.

4. All offences punishable under section 3 shall be cognizable and no court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class shall try any such offence.

Power to amend the Schedule.

5. The State Government may, by notification, add any organisation to, or omit any organisation from the Schedule; and on the publication of such notification, such organisation shall be deemed to be included in, or as the case may be, omitted from the Schedule.

Notifications to be laid before the Legislature.

6. Every notification issued under this Act shall come into force with effect from the date on which it is published and shall, as soon as possible, after it is published, be laid before the Legislative Assembly for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one or more sessions and shall be subject to such modifications as the Assembly may make during the said period.

SCHEDULE

[ See Section 2 (b) ]

1. United Nations Children's Fund ( UNICEF )
2. Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere  
( CARE )
3. Church World Service
4. Lutheran World Relief
5. Catholic Relief Service