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THE TAMIL NADU INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISH-  
MENTS (NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS)  
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<sup>1</sup>[TAMIL NADU] ACT No. XXXIII OF 1958.<sup>2</sup>

[THE <sup>1</sup>[TAMIL NADU] INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS  
(NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS) ACT, 1958.]

[Received the assent of the Governor on the 4th December  
1958; first published in the Fort St. George Gazette  
on the 10th December 1958 (Agrahayana 19, 1880).]

An Act to provide for the grant of National and festival  
holidays to persons employed in industrial establishments  
in the <sup>3</sup>[State of Tamil Nadu].

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the grant of National  
and festival holidays to persons employed in industrial  
establishments in the <sup>3</sup>[State of Tamil Nadu] ;

BE it enacted in the Ninth Year of the Republic of India  
as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the “<sup>1</sup>[Tamil Nadu] Short title,  
Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) extent and  
Act, 1958”. commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of the <sup>3</sup>[State of Tamil  
Nadu].

(3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>4</sup> as the  
Government may, by notification, appoint.

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<sup>1</sup> These words were substituted for the word “ Madras ” by the  
Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the  
Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969.

<sup>2</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Fort St. George  
Gazette*, dated the 25th June 1958, Part IV-A, page 212.

This Act was extended to the added territories by section 3 of,  
and the First Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension  
of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961) repealing  
the corresponding law in force in those territories.

<sup>3</sup> This expression was substituted for the expression “ State of  
Madras ” by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as  
amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amend-  
ment) Order, 1969.

<sup>4</sup> Came into force on the 1st day of April 1959.

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Holidays*)

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

(a) “day” means a period of twenty-four hours beginning at midnight ;

(b) “employee” means—]

(i) any person (including an apprentice) employed in any industrial establishment to do any skilled or unskilled, manual, supervisory, technical or clerical work for hire or reward, whether the terms of employment be express or implied ;

(ii) any other person employed in any industrial establishment whom the Government may, by notification, declare to be an employee for the purposes of this Act ;

(c) “employer” when used in relation to an industrial establishment means a person who has the ultimate control over the affairs of the industrial establishment and where the affairs of any industrial establishment are entrusted to any other person (whether called a managing agent, manager, superintendent or by any other name, such other person ;

(d) “Government” means the State Government ;

(e) “industrial establishment” means,—

(i) any, establishment as defined in clause (6) of section 2 of the <sup>1</sup>[Tamil Nadu] Shops and Establishments Act, 1947 (<sup>1</sup>[Tamil Nadu] Act XXXVI of 1947) ;

(ii) any factory as defined in clause (m) of section 2 of the Factories Act, 1948 (Central Act LXIII of 1948), or any place which is deemed to be a factory under subsection (2) of section 85 of that Act ;

(iii) any plantation as defined in clause (f) of section 2 of the Plantations Labour Act, 1951 (Central Act LXIX of 1951) ;

(iv) any other establishment which the Government may, by notification, declare to be an industrial establishment for the purposes of this Act ;

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<sup>1</sup> These words were substituted for the word “*Mistras*” by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969.

(f) "Inspector" means an Inspector appointed under sub-section (1) of section 6 ;

(g) "wages" means all remuneration capable of being expressed in terms of money, which would, if the terms of employment, express or implied, were fulfilled, be payable to an employee in respect of his employment or of the work done by him in such employment, and includes,—

(i) such allowances (including dearness allowance), as the employee is for the time being entitled to ;

(ii) the value of any house accommodation ; or of supply of light, water, medical attendance or other amenity or of any service or of any concessional supply of food-grains or other articles ;

but does not include.—

(a) any bonus ;

(b) any contribution paid or payable by the employer to any pension fund or provident fund, or for the benefit of the employee under any law for the time being in force ;

(c) any gratuity payable on the termination of his service ;

(d) any sum paid to the employee to defray special expenses entailed on him by the nature of his employment ;

(e) any travelling concession.

3. Every employee shall be allowed in each calendar year a holiday of one whole day on <sup>1</sup>[the 26th January, the 1st May, the 15th August and the 2nd October and five other holidays each of one whole day for such festivals as the Inspector may, in consultation with the employer and the employees, specify in respect of any industrial establishment. Grant of National and festival holidays.

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<sup>1</sup> The words, figures and letters " the 26th January, the 15th August and the 2nd October " were substituted for the words, figures and letters " the 26th January and the 15th August " by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1962 (Tamil Nadu Act 16 of 1962) and the words, figures and letters in brackets were substituted for the words, figures and letters " the 26th January, the 15th August and the 2nd October " by section 2 (1) of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1970 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 1970).

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Employer  
to send  
statement  
to Inspector.

4. Every employer shall send to the Inspector having jurisdiction over the area in which the industrial establishment is situated, and display in the premises of the industrial establishment, a statement showing the holidays allowed in each calendar year under section 3, in such form, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed.

Wages.

5. (1) Notwithstanding any contract to the contrary, every employee shall be paid wages for each of the holidays allowed to him under section 3.

<sup>2</sup>[(2) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 3, any employee may be required by the employer to work on any holiday allowed under that section if the employer has, not less than twenty-four hours before such holiday,—

(i) served in the prescribed manner on the employee a notice in writing requiring him to work as aforesaid; and

(ii) sent to the Inspector having jurisdiction over the area in which the industrial establishment is situated and displayed in the premises of the industrial establishment a copy of such notice.

(b) Where an employee works on any holiday allowed under section 3, he shall, at his option, be entitled to—

(i) twice the wages; or

(ii) wages for such day and to avail himself of a substituted holiday with wages <sup>3</sup>(on one of the three days immediately before or after the day on which he so works).]

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), an employee who is paid wages by the day or at piece rates shall be entitled to be paid wages for any holiday allowed under section 3—

(i) only at a rate equivalent to the daily average of his wages to be calculated in the prescribed manner;

<sup>1</sup> This proviso was omitted by section 2 (2) of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1970 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 1970).

<sup>2</sup> This sub-section was substituted for the original sub-section (2) by section 2 (i) of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1961).

<sup>3</sup> These words were substituted for the words "on any other day" by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1964 (Tamil Nadu Act 17 of 1964).

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(ii) where he works on any such holiday, only at twice the rate mentioned in clause (i), or in lieu thereof, at the rate mentioned in that clause and to avail himself of a substituted holiday with wages at that rate <sup>1</sup>[on one of the three days immediately before or after the day on which he so works]:

<sup>2</sup>[Provided that no such employee shall be entitled to be paid any wages for any of the holidays allowed under section 3, other than <sup>3</sup>[the 26th January, the 1st May, the 15th August and the 2nd October] unless he has been in the service under the employer for a total period of thirty days, within a continuous period of ninety days immediately preceding such holiday.

*Explanation.*—For the purpose of this proviso, a weekly or any other holiday or authorized leave availed of by an employee shall be included in computing the period of thirty days mentioned therein.]

6. (1) The Government may, by notification, appoint **Inspectors.** such persons or such class of persons as they think fit to be Inspectors for the purposes of this Act for such local limits as the Government may specify.

(2) Every Inspector shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 29 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act XLV of 1860).

7. Subject to any rules made by the Government in **Powers of Inspectors.** this behalf, an Inspector may, within the local limits for which he is appointed,—

(a) enter, at all reasonable times and with such assistants, if any, who are persons in the service of the Government or of any local authority as he thinks fit to take with him, any place which is, or which he has reason to believe is, an industrial establishment ;

(b) make such examination of the premises and of any prescribed registers, records and notices and take on

<sup>1</sup> These words were substituted for the words "on any other day" by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1964 (Tamil Nadu Act 17 of 1964).

<sup>2</sup> This proviso and the Explanation were substituted for the original proviso and the Explanation by section 2 (ii) of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1961).

<sup>3</sup> These words, figures and letters were substituted for the words, figures and letters "the 26th January, the 15th August and the 2nd October" by section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1970 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 1970).

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the spot or otherwise, the evidence of such person as he may deem necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act ;

(c) exercise such other powers as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act :

Provided that no one shall be required under this section to answer any question or give any evidence tending to incriminate himself.

**Penalties.** 8. Any employer who contravenes any of the provisions of section 3 or section 5 shall be punishable with fine which, for the first offence, may extend to twenty-five rupees and for a second and subsequent offences may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees.

**Penalty for obstructing Inspector.** 9. Whoever wilfully obstructs an Inspector in the exercise of any power conferred on him by or under this Act, or fails to produce on demand in writing by an Inspector any register, record or notice in his custody which may be required to be kept in pursuance of this Act or of any rule made thereunder, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both.

**Exemptions.** 10. (1) Nothing contained in this Act shall apply to—  
(a) any employee in a position of management ;  
(b) any employee whose work involves travelling ;  
(c) any industrial establishment under the control of the Central or any State Government, local authority, Reserve Bank of India, a railway administration operating any railway as defined in clause (20) of Article 366 of the Constitution or a contentment authority ; or  
(d) any mine or oil field.

(2) The Government may, by notification, exempt either permanently or for any specified period any establishment or class of establishments, or person or class of persons from all or any of the provisions of this Act, subject to such conditions as the Government may deem fit.

**Rights and privileges under other laws, etc., not affected** 11. Nothing contained in this Act shall affect any rights or privileges which any employee is entitled to, on the date on which this Act comes into force under any other law, contract, custom or usage, if such rights or privileges are more favourable to him than those to which he would be entitled under this Act.

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12. (1) The Government may <sup>2</sup>[ ], make rules **Power to make rules.** for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(2) In making a rule under this Act, the Government may provide that a contravention thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

<sup>3</sup>[(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 thereafter 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.]

1 The following proviso which was added by section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1962 (Tamil Nadu Act 16 of 1962) was, however, omitted by section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1971 (Tamil Nadu Act 17 of 1971) which was deemed to have come into force on the 25th April 1970 :—

“ Provided that if in any industrial establishment the number of holidays for festivals which any employee is entitled to, on the date on which this Act comes into force, exceeds five, the employer may, subject to the provisions of section 3, curtail a holiday of one whole day for one such festival as the Inspector may, in consultation with the employer and the employees, specify in respect of the industrial establishment.”

[ The curtailment by any employer on or after the 25th April 1970 of a holiday in lieu of the holiday allowed on the 1st May was, and was deemed always to have been, null and void. (*Vide* section 3 of Tamil Nadu Act 17 of 1971)].

2. The words “by notification” were omitted by section 3 (i) of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1961).

3. These sub-sections were substituted for the original sub-section (3) by section 3 (ii) of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 43 of 1961).

\* Now the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

TAMIL NADU ACT No. 17 OF 1971. \*

THE TAMIL NADU INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS (NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS) AMENDMENT ACT, 1971.

[Received the assent of the Governor on the 5th August 1971, first published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary on the 11th August 1971 (Sravana 20, 1893).]

*An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958.*

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

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 1971. Short title and commencement.

(2) Section 2 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 25th April 1970.

2. [The amendment made by this section has already been incorporated in the principal Act, namely, the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXIII of 1958).]

3. The curtailment by any employer on or after the 25th April 1970 of a holiday in lieu of the holiday allowed on the 1st May shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been, null and void. Curtailment of a holiday in lieu of 1st May to be null and void.

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\* For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 3rd July 1971, Part IV—Section 3, page 468.

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 11th December 2000 and is hereby published for general information:—

**ACT No. 49 OF 2000.**

*An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958.*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Fifty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 2000.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

2. After section 8 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 8-A.

*“8-A. Compounding of offences.—(1) Any offence punishable under section 8 or any rule made under section 12 may, either before or after the institution of the prosecution, be compounded by the Commissioner of Labour or such other officer as may be authorised in this behalf by the Commissioner of Labour, on payment, for credit to the Government of such sum as the Commissioner of Labour or such other officer may specify:*

*Provided that such sum shall not, in any case, exceed the maximum amount of fine which may be imposed under this Act for the offence so compounded.*

(2) Where an offence has been compounded under sub-section (1), no proceeding or further proceeding, as the case may be, shall be taken against the offender, in respect of the offence so compounded and the offender, if in custody, shall be discharged forthwith.

(3) No offence punishable under this Act shall be compounded except as provided by this section.”.

(By order of the Governor)

**K. PARTHASARATHY,**  
*Secretary to Government,*  
*Law Department.*

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 24th May 2007 and is hereby published for general information :—

ACT No. 11 OF 2007

**An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958.**

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Act, 2007.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

2. In section 5 of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub-section (1), the following shall be added at the end, namely:—

Amendment of section 5.

“Such wages shall be paid along with the wages for the wage period in which such holiday falls.”.

3. In section 7 of the principal Act, after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of section 7.

“(bb) seize or take copies of such registers, records or notices or portions thereof which he considers relevant in respect of an offence under this Act, on giving the employer a receipt therefor. The registers, records or notices or portions thereof so seized shall be returned by the Inspector, on completion of examination or inquiry or proceeding under this Act:

Provided that such registers, records or notices or portions thereof shall not be retained by the Inspector for more than thirty days except with the permission of the Commissioner of Labour.”.

4. For section 8 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution of section 8.

“8. *Penalties.*—Any employer who contravenes any of the provisions of sections 3 or 5 shall be punishable with fine which, for the first offence, shall not be less than five hundred rupees but which may extend to one thousand rupees and for the second and subsequent offences, shall not be less than one thousand rupees but which may extend to two thousand and five hundred rupees.”.

5. After section 11 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 11-A.

“11-A. *Protection of action taken in good faith.*—No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government or any officer of the Government for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.”.

6. In section 12 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words “fifty rupees”, the words “five hundred rupees” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 12.

(By Order of the Governor.)

S. DHEENADHAYALAN,  
Secretary to Government-in-charge,  
Law Department.