



## The Punjab Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1963

Act 24 of 1963

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Year	No.	Short title	Whether repealed or otherwise affected by legislation
1963	24	The Punjab Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1963	Amended by Punjab Act 25 of 1964 <sup>2</sup>  Amended by the Haryana Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968 <sup>3</sup>

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ACT

**to provide for the punishment of the offence of unlawful  
possession of gift goods supplied by certain relief organizations.**

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Fourteenth  
Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1963.

Short title  
and extent.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of <sup>4</sup>[Haryana].

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1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, dated the 27th February, 1963.
  2. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, 1964, pages 935-937.
  3. See *Haryana Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, dated the 29th October, 1968.
  4. Substituted for the word "Punjab" by Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

Definitions.

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

(1) "gift goods" means any of the following goods, namely :—

(a) cornmeal ;

(b) milk powder ;

(c) vegetable oil (soya bean oil or sunflower seed oil) ;

(d) rolled wheat ;

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

(2) "relief organization" means any organization specified in the Schedule appended to this Act.

Unlawful  
possession  
of gift goods.

3. If any person is found, or is proved to have been, in possession of any gift goods reasonably suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained, and cannot account satisfactorily how he come by the same, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

Offences  
under the  
Act to be  
cognizable.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Central Act V of 1898), an offence under this Act shall be a cognizable offence within the meaning of that Code.

(2) No court below that of a <sup>1</sup>[Judicial Magistrate] of the First Class shall try an offence under this Act.

Power to  
amend  
Schedule.

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

1. Substituted for the word "Magistrate" by Punjab Act 25 of 1964.

(2) Every notification issued under this section shall be laid as soon as may be after it is issued before <sup>1</sup>[the House], of the State Legislature while it is in session, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, <sup>2</sup>[the House agrees], in making any modification in the notification or <sup>3</sup>[the House agrees] that the notification should not be issued, the notification 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 notification.

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1. Substituted for the words "each House" by Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.
  2. Substituted for the words "both Houses agree" by *ibid.*

## THE SCHEDULE

*[See section 2(2)]*

1. United Nations '[ \* \* \* ] Children '[ \* \* \* ] Fund (UNICEF).
2. Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE).

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1. Words 'International' and 'Emergency' omitted by Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.