



The Punjab Abolition of Village Cess (Malba) Act, 1961

Act 17 of 1961

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(MALBA) ACT, 1961.

(PUNJAB ACT NO. 17 OF 1961.)

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Act to abolish village cess known as Malba.

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

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Abolition of Village Cess (Malba) Act, 1961. Short title and extent.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Punjab.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Record of Rights prepared or any notification issued or order made under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887, or any agreement express or implied or any custom or usage to the contrary as from the commencement of this Act, the village cess known as *Malba* by whatever name called (hereinafter referred to as the "Cess"), shall cease to be levied, or collected. Levy or collection of cess to cease.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887, or in any other law for the time being in force, no suit or other legal proceedings for or in relation to the recovery of the cess shall lie or, if already instituted, shall be proceeded with; nor shall the cess be recoverable by any person by any other means whatsoever. Recovery of cess barred.

4. Whoever with intent to evade the provisions of this Act accepts or obtains or agrees to accept or attempts to obtain from any person for himself or for any other person the cess hereby abolished shall be punishable with fine which may extend to three hundred rupees. Penalty.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary), 1961, page 304.