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विधिवृत्तनाम

नई विल्ली, 8 नवम्बर, 2023

का.आ. 4882(अ).—केन्द्रीय सरकार, जन विभाग (उपर्योगी का संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2023 (2023 का 18) (जिसे इसमें दूसरे पञ्चात् उक्त अधिनियम कहा गया है) की द्वारा 1 की उपायारा 2 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, तारीख 15 नवम्बर, 2023 को उस तारीख के रूप में निकर करती है, जिसकी भारतीय वाल अधिनियम, 1927 (1927 का 16) से संबंधित उक्त अधिनियम के उपर्योग, वहाँ तक उनका संबंध उक्त अधिनियम की अनुसूची के क्रम संचालक 4 और उसकी प्रविधियों से है, प्रबुर्च होती है।

[फा. नं. 2-1/2020- एफ पी]

विभाग रंगन, जपर जन महानिवेदक

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8th November, 2023

S.O. 4882(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023 (18 of 2023), the Central Government hereby appoints the 15th November, 2023 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act, in so far as it relates to serial number 4 and the entries relating thereto in the schedule to the said Act, relating to the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927) shall come into force.

[F. No. 2-I/2020-FP]

BIVASH RANJAN, Addl. Director General of Forests



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PART II — Section 1

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No. 21] NEW DELHI, FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023/SHRAVANA 20, 1945 (SAKA)

इस भाग में फ़िन पृष्ठ संख्या दी गयी है जिससे कि क्या अलग संकलन के रूप में रखा जा सके।
Separate paging is given to this Part in order that it may be filed as a separate compilation.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 11th August, 2023/Sravana 20, 1945 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 11th August, 2023 and is hereby published for general information:—

THE JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) ACT, 2023

No. 18 of 2023

[11th August, 2023.]

An Act to amend certain enactments for decriminalising and rationalising offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023. Short title and
commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for amendments relating to different enactments mentioned in the Schedule.

2. The enactments mentioned in column (4) of the Schedule are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner mentioned in column (5) thereof. Amendment
of certain
enactments.

3. The fines and penalties provided under various provisions in the enactments mentioned in the Schedule shall be increased by ten per cent. of the minimum amount of fine or penalty, as the case may be, prescribed therefor, after the expiry of every three years from the date of commencement of this Act. Revision of
fines and
penalties.

Savings.

4. The amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment shall not affect any other enactment in which the amended or repealed enactment has been applied, incorporated or referred to; and this Act shall not affect the validity, invalidity, effect or consequences of anything already done or suffered, or any right, title, obligation or liability already acquired, accrued or incurred or any remedy or proceeding in respect thereof, or any release or discharge of, or from any debt, penalty, obligation, liability, claim or demand, or any indemnity already granted, or the proof of any past act or thing;

nor shall this Act affect any principle or rule of law, or established jurisdiction, form or course of pleading, practice or procedure, or existing usage, custom, privilege, restriction, exemption, office or appointment, notwithstanding that the same respectively may have been in any manner affirmed, or recognised or derived by, in or from any enactment hereby amended or repealed;

nor shall the amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment revive or restore any jurisdiction, office, custom, liability, right, title, privilege, restriction, exemption, usage, practice, procedure or other matter or thing not now existing or in force.

THE SCHEDULE

(See section 2)

Sl. No.	Year No.	Short title	Amendments	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	1867 25	The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867	(A) In section 8C,— (i) in sub-section (1), after the words, figure and letter "declaration under section 8B", the words, figures and letter "or an order by the Press Registrar suspending or cancelling the certificate of registration under section 12 or imposing penalties under section 13 or under section 19K" shall be inserted; (ii) in sub-section (2), after the words "records from the Magistrate", the words "or from the Press Registrar, as the case may be," shall be inserted. (B) For sections 12 to 14, the following sections shall be substituted, namely:—	

*12. Suspension or cancellation of
certificate of registration.—(1) The Press
Registrar may, by order, suspend the
certificate of registration of a newspaper
for a period not exceeding one year, if—

(a) the publisher has failed to
publish the newspaper continuously.

Explanation.—For the removal
of doubts, it is hereby clarified that if a
newspaper publishes less than half
of its issues, as are required to be
published under rule (6) of section 5,
such newspaper shall be deemed to

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
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(F) In section 27, the words "Presidency Magistrate or a" shall be omitted.

(G) In section 28A, in sub-section (1A), after clause (c), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

"(ca) the manner of holding inquiry and imposing penalty under sub-section (1) of section 26A;

"(cb) the form and manner of preferring appeal under sub-section (1) of section 26B;".

(H) In section 29, in sub-section (1), after clause (k), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

"(ka) the manner of holding inquiry and imposing penalty under sub-section (1) of section 26A;

"(kb) the form and manner of preferring appeal under sub-section (1) of section 26B;".

(I) In section 30,—

(i) for the words "punishable, in the case of a first offence, with fine", the words "liable to penalty, in the case of a first contravention, with penalty" shall be substituted;

(ii) for the words "subsequent offence, with fine", the words "subsequent contravention, with penalty" shall be substituted.

(J) In section 26,—

(i) in sub-section (1), clauses (d) and (e) shall be omitted;

(ii) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(1A) Any person who, in a reserved forest—

(a) trespasses or pastures cattle, or permits cattle to trespass shall be liable to penalty which may extend to five hundred rupees, in addition to such compensation for damage done to the forest as determined by a Forest-officer empowered under section 68;

(b) causes any damage by negligence in felling any tree

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				or cutting or dragging any timber shall be liable to penalty which may extend to five thousand rupees, in addition to such compensation for damage done to the forest as determined by a Forest-officer empowered under section 68.”.

(B) In section 33,—

(i) in sub-section (J), clauses (e), (f) and (g) shall be omitted;

(ii) after sub-section (J), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(JA) Any person who in a protected forest—

(a) leaves burning any fire kindled by him in the vicinity of any tree reserved under section 30, whether standing, fallen or felled, or closed portion of any protected forest;

(b) fells any tree or drags any timber so as to damage any tree reserved as aforesaid,

shall be liable to penalty which may extend to five thousand rupees in addition to such compensation for damage done to the forest as determined by a Forest-officer empowered under section 68.”.

(C) In section 63,—

(i) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

“Power to compound offences and impose penalties.”;

(ii) in sub-section (J)—

(J) in clause (a), for the word “, and”, the word “; or” shall be substituted;

(II) after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(aa) to accept from any person a sum of money by way

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5.	1937	1	The Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937	<p>of penalty or compensation for violation of sub-section (1A) of section 26 or sub-section (1A) of section 33; and—</p> <p>(A) In section 3, in sub-section (2), after clause (g), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—</p> <p>"(ga) holding inquiry and imposing penalty under sub-section (1) of section 5C;</p> <p>(gb) preferring appeal under sub-section (1) of section 5D;"</p> <p>(B) In section 4, for the words "punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months and fine not exceeding five thousand rupees", the words "liable to penalty not exceeding five lakh rupees" shall be substituted.</p> <p>(C) In section 5, for the words "punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years and fine not exceeding five thousand rupees", the words "liable to penalty not exceeding fifteen lakh rupees" shall be substituted.</p> <p>(D) In section 5A, for the words "punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months and fine not exceeding five thousand rupees", the words "liable to penalty not exceeding three lakh rupees" shall be substituted.</p> <p>(E) In section 5B, in sub-section (4), for the words "punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months and fine not exceeding five thousand rupees", the words "liable to penalty not exceeding five lakh rupees" shall be substituted.</p> <p>(F) For section 5C, the following sections shall be substituted, namely:—</p> <p>"5C. Adjudicating officer.—</p> <p>(1) The Central Government may, for the purposes of determining the penalties under sections 4, 5, 5A and 5B, appoint an officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India or an officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the State Government, to be adjudicating officer to hold an inquiry and impose penalty, in the manner as may be prescribed:</p>