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IN pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of the Uttar Pradesh Adhikam Jot-Sima Aropan (Sanshodhan) Adhyadesh, 1975 (Uttar Pradesh Adhyadesh Sankhya 31 of 1975), promulgated by the Governor :

THE UTTAR PRADESH IMPOSITION OF CEILING ON LAND HOLDINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1975

(U. P. ORDINANCE NO. 31 OF 1975)

[Promulgated by the Governor in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Republic of India]

AN

ORDINANCE

further to amend the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1960

WHEREAS, the State Legislature is not in session and the Governor is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution, the Governor is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance :—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975.

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

Declaration.

2. It is hereby declared that this Ordinance is for giving effect to the policy of the State towards securing the principles specified in clauses (b) and (c) of Article 39 of the Constitution.

Substitution of the words "Prescribed Authority", for the words "Compensation Officer", and the words "Assessment Roll" for the words "Compensation Assessment Roll" in U. P. Act I of 1961.

3. In the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1960, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act,—

(a) for the words "Compensation Officer" wherever occurring, the words "Prescribed Authority" shall be substituted; and

(b) for the words "Compensation Assessment Roll", wherever occurring, the words "Assessment Roll" shall be substituted.

4. In section 2 of the principal Act, in clause (ii), for the words "Uttarakhand Division and Kumaun Division", the words "Kumaun and Garhwal Divisions" shall be *substituted*, and be deemed to have been *substituted* from December 20, 1968.

Amendment of section 2.

5. In section 3 of the principal Act—

Amendment of section 3.

(a) in clause (8), for the words "papaya, banana or vine plants", the words "guava, papaya, banana or vine plants" shall be *substituted* and be deemed to have been *substituted* from June 8, 1973 ;

(b) for clause (11), the following clause shall be *substituted* and be deemed to have been *substituted* from June 8, 1973, namely :—

"(11) 'irrigated land' means land determined as such in the manner laid down in section 4-A."

Amendment of section 5.]

6. In section 5 of the principal Act—

(a) in sub-section (6), in Explanation I thereof, for the existing clause (a), the following clause shall be *substituted*, namely :—

"(a) a declaration of a person as a co-tenure-holder made after the twenty-fourth day of January, 1971 in a suit or proceeding irrespective of whether such suit or proceeding was pending on or was instituted after the twenty-fourth day of January, 1971."

(b) in sub-section (7), in the proviso thereto, clause (a) shall be *omitted* ;

(c) after sub-section (7), the following sub-section shall be *inserted*, namely :—

"(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (6) and (7), no tenure-holder shall have the right to transfer any land held by him during the continuance of proceedings for determination of surplus land in relation to such tenure-holder and every transfer made in contravention of this sub-section shall be void.

Explanation—For the purposes of this sub-section, proceedings for determination of surplus land shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of publication of notice under sub-section (2) of section 9 and shall be deemed to have concluded on the date when an order in relation to such tenure-holder is passed under sub-section (1) of section 11 or under sub-section (1) of section 12, or as the case may be, under section 13."

7. Section 6 of the principal Act shall be *re-numbered* as sub-section (1) thereof ; and—

Amendment of section 6.

(a) in sub-section (1) as so *re-numbered*, the following Explanation thereto shall be *inserted* and be deemed always to have been *inserted*, namely :—

"*Explanation*—Nothing in clause (f) of sub-section (1) shall apply in relation to a Goshala referred to in clause (g) of that sub-section."

(b) after sub-section (1) as so *re-numbered*, the following sub-sections shall be *inserted*, and be deemed always to have been *inserted*, namely :—

"(2) No person shall transfer any land referred to in clause (d) or clause (e) or clause (f) or clause (g) of sub-section (1) without prior permission of the State Government, and every transfer made without such permission shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, be void.

(3) Any land which is the subject of any transfer which by virtue of sub-section (2) is void, shall be deemed to be surplus land, and shall, with effect from the commencement of the U. P. Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975, stand transferred to and vest in the State Government free from all encumbrances, and all rights title and interests of all persons in such land shall stand extinguished :

Provided that the encumbrances, if any, shall be attached to the amount payable under section 17 in substitution for the surplus land.

- (4) Where any land is deemed to be surplus land under sub-section (3) —
 (i) the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 14 shall apply as if it were a land notified under sub-section (1) of that section ;
 (ii) the amount payable therefor under section 17 shall be paid to the person in whose favour such transfer was purported to be made."

Amendment of
Section 9.

8. In section 9 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (2), the following proviso thereto shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that at any time after the enforcement of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975, the Prescribed Authority may, by notice, call upon any tenure-holder holding land in excess of the ceiling area applicable to him on the enforcement of the said Act, to submit to him within thirty days from the date of service of such notice a statement referred to in sub-section (1) or any information pertaining thereto."

(b) after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(2-A) Every tenure-holder holding land in excess of the ceiling area on January 24, 1971, or at any time thereafter who has not submitted the statement referred to in sub-section (2) and in respect of whom no proceeding under this Act is pending on the date of commencement of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975, shall, within thirty days from the date of its commencement, furnish to the Prescribed Authority a statement containing particulars of all land—

(a) held by him and the members of his family on January 24, 1971 ;

(b) acquired or disposed of by him or by members of his family between January 24, 1971 and the commencement of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975."

Amendment of
section 12-A.

9. In section 12-A of the principal Act, in the proviso thereto—

(i) in clause (c) for the words "banking company", the words, figures, letters and brackets "bank as defined in clause (c) of section 2 of the Uttar Pradesh Agricultural Credit Act, 1973" shall be substituted and be deemed to have been substituted from March 31, 1975 ;

(ii) in clause (d), in sub-section (i) for the word "compensation" the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted.

Amendment of
section 14.

10. In section 14 of the principal Act—

(a) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(2) As from the beginning of the date of the notification under sub-section (1), all such surplus land shall stand transferred to and vest in the State Government free from all encumbrances and all rights, title and interests of all persons in such land shall, with effect from such date, stand extinguished :

Provided that the encumbrances, if any, shall be attached to the amount payable under section 17 in substitution for the surplus land."

(b) sub-sections (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) shall be omitted ;

(c) for sub-section (8), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(8) The Collector may at any time after the publication of the notification under sub-section (1) take possession of the surplus land after evicting the tenure-holder or any other person found in possession of such land, and may, for that purpose, use such force as may be necessary :

Provided that a tenure-holder may at any time voluntarily deliver possession to the Collector over the whole or any part of the land

held by him which has been or is likely to be declared surplus under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and thereupon the provisions of sub-section (2) shall apply to such land as they apply to any surplus land specified in a notification under sub-section (1)."

11. In Chapter II of the principal Act, after section 15, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 16.

"16. Where any tenure-holder holds any land on or after the commencement of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 1972, in excess of the Ceiling area applicable to him, he shall be liable to pay to the State Government for the period commencing from the first day of July, 1973, until the date on which the Collector takes possession of such surplus land under sub-section (8) of section 14, or the date on which the tenure-holder voluntarily delivers possession to the Collector under the proviso to the said sub-section whichever is earlier, such compensation for use and occupation as may be prescribed."

12. In section 17 of the principal Act—

Amendment of section 17.

(a) in the marginal heading including heading of the Chapter III, for the word "compensation" the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(b) in sub-section (1), for the word "compensation", the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(c) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted, namely:—

"(2) The sub-tenant or asami of the tenure-holder, not being an asami mentioned in section 11 of the U. P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act, 1950, shall be entitled to receive and be paid a portion out of the amount payable to the tenure-holder. The proportion of amount payable to the sub-tenant or the asami shall be the aggregate of the land revenue for the unexpired period of his subordinate interest computed at hereditary rates, so, however, that the sub-tenant or the asami shall not in any case, be entitled to more than one-fourth of the amount payable to the tenure-holder. The amount shall be apportioned between the tenure-holder and the sub-tenant or the asami by the Prescribed Authority."

(d) in sub-section (3), for the word "compensation" wherever occurring, the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted.

13. In section 17-A of the principal Act—

Amendment of section 17-A.

(a) in the marginal heading and in clause (i) and clause (ii) for the word "compensation", wherever occurring, the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(b) in clause (iii), for the words "the compensation shall be payable in accordance with section 17" the words "the amount shall be payable in accordance with section 17" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted.

14. In section 17-B of the principal Act—

Amendment of section 17-B.

(a) in the marginal heading, for the words "refund of compensation of certain cases", the words "refund of amount in certain cases" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(b) in sub-section (1), for the words "the proportionate amount of the compensation" the words "the proportionate part of the amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted.

15. In section 18 of the principal Act, for the words and figures "compensation payable under section 17", the words and figures "amount payable under section 17" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted.

Amendment of section 18.

16. In section 19 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1) for the words and figures "compensation under section 17", the words and figures "the amount payable under section 17" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted.

Amendment of section 19.

Amendment of
section 22.

17. In section 22 of the principal Act—

(a) in the marginal heading, for the word "compensation" the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(b) in sub-section (1), for the words "the amount of compensation", the words "the amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(c) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted, namely:—

"(2) The amount shall be due as from the date on which possession of the land is taken under sub-section (8) of section 14, and, when possession of different lands of the persons entitled to the amount is taken on different dates, from the last of such dates, and the same shall be payable from the date of determination thereof."

(d) in sub-section (3) —

(i) for the words "the amount of compensation determined under this Act", the words and figures "the amount determined under section 17" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(ii) for the words "the date on which compensation becomes due", the words "the date on which such amount becomes due" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(e) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, and be deemed always to have been substituted, namely:—

"(4) The payment of the said amount in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be full discharge of all liability of the State Government in respect of the surplus land, but shall not prejudice the rights of any other person against the person to whom such payment is so made in respect of the said amount."

Amendment of
section 23.

18. In section 23 of the principal Act—

(a) in the marginal heading for the words "compensation money", the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(b) the words "of compensation", shall be omitted and be deemed always to have been omitted.

Amendment of
section 27.

19. In section 27 of the principal Act—

(i) in sub-section (3), for the words, figures and brackets "sub-sections (1) and (2)", the words, figures and brackets "sub-sections (1) and (3)" shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (6) —

(a) for the words "within one year from the date of such commencement", the words, brackets and figures "within five years from the commencement of the Uttar Pradesh Land Laws (Amendment) Act, 1975" shall be substituted;

(b) for the words "two years", the words "five years" shall be substituted.

(iii) in sub-section (7), for the words "by notification in the Gazette", the words "by a general or special order to be published in the manner prescribed" shall be substituted.

Amendment of
section 29.

20. In section 29, of the principal Act, for the words "and accordingly any land held by him in excess of the ceiling area so determined shall be liable to be treated as surplus land", the following words and figures shall be substituted, namely:—

"and accordingly the provisions of this Act, except section 16, shall *mutatis mutandis* apply".

Amendment of
section 35.]

21. For section 35 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"35. (1) Whoever—

(a) fails to submit a statement as required under sub-section (2) of section 9, or sub-section (1) of section 30, or to furnish an affidavit under sub-section (1) of section 38-A; or

(b) makes or submits a statement or furnishes any information in a document referred to in clause (a) which is false and which he has reason to believe to be false, or

(c) otherwise contravenes any order passed under this Act; or

(d) obstructs any person from taking possession of any land in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine or with both.

(2) Where the Collector has taken possession of any surplus land under sub-section (8) of section 14 and any person thereafter occupies such land or any part thereof without any lawful authority, such person shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both.

(3) Any court convicting a person under sub-section (2) may make an order for evicting the person summarily, and such person shall be liable to such eviction without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him under any law for the time being in force."

22. In section 38 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words "any Civil Judge" the words "any Additional District Judge, Civil Judge or Additional Civil Judge" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted. An amendment of section 38.

23. After section 38 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:— Insertion of new sections 38-A and 38-B.

"38-A. (1) Where the prescribed authority or the appellate court considers it necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act, it may, at any stage of the proceedings under this Act, require any tenure-holder to furnish such particulars by affidavit in respect of the land held by him and members of his family as may be prescribed.

(2) The particulars of land filed under sub-section (1) may be taken into consideration in determining the surplus land of such tenure-holder.

38-B. No finding or decision given before the commencement of this section in any proceeding or on any issue (including any order, decree or judgment) by any court, tribunal or authority in respect of any matter governed by this Act, shall bar the retrial of such proceeding or issue under this Act, in accordance with the provisions of this Act as amended from time to time."

24. For section 40 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:— Amendment of section 40.

"40. Where any sum is payable by any person to the State Government, under the provisions of this Act, the same may, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be realised by deduction from the amount if any, payable to such person under Chapter III, or as an arrear of land revenue."

25. In section 44 of the principal Act—

(a) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) The State Government may, by notification published in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act."

(b) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(3) All rules made under this section shall, as soon as may, after they are made, be laid before each House of the State Legislature, while it is in session, for a total period of not less than thirty days comprised in its one session or two or more successive sessions and shall, unless some later date is appointed, take effect from the date of their publication in the Gazette subject to such modifications or annulments, as the two Houses of the Legislature may, during the

Amendment of section 44.

said period agree to make, so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder."

Amendment of
the schedule.

26. In the Schedule to the principal Act—

(a) in Part I, in the second column—

(i) against item (a), the words "or eighty times of the land revenue payable, whichever is greater" shall be omitted and be deemed always to have been omitted;

(ii) against item (b), for the words "amount of compensation", wherever occurring, the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(iii) against item (c), for the words, "amount of compensation" wherever occurring, the word "amount" shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted;

(b) in Part III—

(i) in item (a), for the word "compensation" wherever occurring the word "amount" shall be substituted;

(ii) for item (b) the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

"(b) The amount payable to a sub-lessee of a Government lessee mentioned in clause (9) of section 3 shall be seven-eighth of the amount calculated as in the case of item (a) above, and the balance shall be paid to the Government lessee concerned;"

(c) in Part IV—

(i) for the Note below item (a), the following note shall be substituted and be deemed always to have been substituted, namely:—

"NOTE—The amount for building shall include the amount for land on which the building stands."

(ii) in item (c) —

(1) the Note below sub-item (1) shall be omitted and be deemed always to have been omitted;

(2) for the entry in the second column against sub-item (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:—

"Eight times the annual fair average value of such trees;"

(3), after sub-item (3), the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:—

"Explanation—For the purposes of item (c) the expression "average value", in relation to a tree, means the arithmetic mean of twenty years' profits accruing from such tree."

27. (1) All proceedings under sub-sections (3) to (7) of section 14 of the principal Act, as it stood immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance pending before any court or authority immediately before the date of such commencement shall abate.

(2) Where an order determining the surplus land in relation to a tenure-holder has been made under the principal Act before January 17, 1975 and the Prescribed Authority is required to redetermine the surplus land under section 9 of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 1974, then notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 1972, every appeal under section 13 of the principal Act or other proceedings in relation to such appeal, preferred against the said order on or after January 17, 1975, and pending immediately before the date of commencement of this Ordinance shall abate.

(3) Where an order determining surplus land in relation to a tenure-holder has been made under the principal Act before the commencement of this Ordinance, the Prescribed Authority (as defined in the principal Act) may at any time within a period of two years from the commencement of this Ordinance redetermine the surplus land in accordance with the principal Act as amended by this Ordinance, notwithstanding any appeal (whether pending or decided) against the original order of determination of surplus land.

Transitory
Provisions.

U. P. Act
II of 1975.
U. P. Act
XVIII of
1973.

(1) The provisions of section 13 of the principal Act shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to every order redetermining surplus land under sub-section (3) of this section or section 9 of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 1974 :

Provided that the period of thirty days shall, in the case of an appeal against the order referred to in section 9 of the Uttar Pradesh imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 1974, be computed from the date of such order or the date of commencement of this Ordinance, whichever is later.

(3) The provisions of section 13-A shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to every redetermination of surplus land under this section or under section 9 of the Uttar Pradesh Imposition of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 1974.

(6) Where any tenure-holder has received before June 8, 1973, any compensation in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III of the principal Act read with the Schedule, as they existed before the commencement of this Ordinance, then notwithstanding the amendments made in the said Chapter and the Schedule by this Ordinance, no tenure-holder shall be liable to refund the whole or part of any such compensation to the State Government.

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