

ODISHA LAND REVENUE (ABOLITION) ACT, 1978

The Odisha . Gazette Orissa Act 23 of 1950. EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY ORISSA ACT 6 OF 1978 *THE ORISSA LAND REVENUE (ABOLITION) ACT, 1978 [Received the assent of the-Governor the 22nd March 1978; first published in an extraordinary issue of the Orissa- the 27th March 1978] .AN; AOT TO PROVIDE, FOR •THE ABOLITION OF PAY- LAND REVENUE IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN (CATEGORIES) OF LAND -Be it enacted by the Legislature the State of Orissa in the Twenty-ninth Year of the, Republic of India, as follows:— called the Orissa Land Short* Act, 1978. commencing. (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Orissa. (3) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 1st day of April, 1977. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires;— means (a) the State Government of Orissa; (b) "land revenue" means all sums and payments in money or in kind or in both, by whatever name designated or locally known, received or claimed by or on behalf of the Government from a raiyat or tenant for use on occupation of the land held by him and includes rent* but does not include cess; (c) "municipality" or "notified area" means a municipality or notified area constituted under the Orissa Municipal Act, 1950; (d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; (e) "rent" means whatever is payable or deliverable in money or in kind or in both, except by way of a special contract by a tenant or raiyat to Government on account of use or occupation of the land held by him; (f) "small scale industry" means an industry the capital investment in respect of which does not exceed one lakh of rupees or an industry wherein the number of labourers employed on any day during the previous agricultural year does not exceed twenty; and (g) words and expressions used in this but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as, are respectively assigned to them in the land revenue and tenancy laws for the time being in force in the State. 3. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary Abolition of land revenue. contained in any other law, custom, or usage for the time being in force in the State, no raiyat or tenant shall be liable to pay land revenue in respect of any land held by him directly under Government provided such land is used for purposes of agriculture, horticulture or pisciculture or for purposes of any small scale industry located outside the limits of municipality or notified area. (2) The provisions contained in sub-section (1) shall be without prejudice to and shall not affect the operation of any law providing for assessment of land revenue or for recovery of any sum as arrears of land revenue

4. Any sum paid by or on behalf of a raiyat or Adjustment refund. tenant towards land revenue after the commencement of this Act shall) if he was not liable to pay such sum in accordance with the provisions contained in section 3, be adjusted towards other dues, if any, payable by him to Government under any law and the balance shall be refunded to him on an application made in that behalf in the prescribed manner. 6 of 1978 THE ORISSA LAND REVENUE (ABOLITION) ACT, 1978 (Secs. 5—8) 5. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 3, Computation of land for the purposes of computation, the land revenue in respect of any land which was settled or assessed prior to the 1st day of April, 1945, shall include a surcharge of an amount equal to fifty per centum of such land revenue. Provided that the surcharge shall cease to be so included with effect from the date on which the land revenue settled under the Orissa Survey and Settlement Act, 1958 or under the Orissa Consolidation of Holdings and Prevention of Fragmentation of Land Orissa Act 21 of 1972 in respect of the said land takes effect

1972. Power to make rules. The Government may make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act. Orissa Act 7. (1) The Orissa Land Revenue (Re-imposition) Repeal Act, 1975 and the provisions of any other enactment Orissa Act 33 of 1975. in so far as they are repugnant to the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed. (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, all documents and revenue records relating to landlords and tenants shall continue to be valid to the extent of their use for purposes which are not inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act. Orissa Ordinance No. 1 of 1977. (1) The Orissa Land Revenue (Abolition) Repeal Ordinance No. Orissa Ordinance No. 1 of 1977. (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under

the Ordinance so repealed shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

