

THE TAMIL NADU LAND REFORMS (REDUCTION OF CEILING ON LAND) ACT, 1970

[1970 : T.N; Act 11. Land Reforms (Reduction of Ceiling on Land) TAMIL NADU ACT NO. 17 OF 1970, * THE TAMIL NADU LAND REFORMS (REDUCTION OF CEILING ON LAND) ACT, 1970, [Received the assent of the President on the 20th June 1970, first published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, on the 23rd June 1970 (Ashada 2, 1892).] 1. An Act further to reduce the ceiling on agricultural land holdings in the State of Tamil Nadu Whereas under the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961), the ceiling area in the case of every person and in the case of every family consisting of not more than five members, is 30 standard acres ; And whereas even after the implementation of the said Act, there is disparity in the ownership of agricultural land leading to the concentration of such land in the hands of certain persons to the common detriment ; And whereas as a further step towards agrarian reform, it is considered necessary to reduce such disparity ; And whereas with a view to achieve this object, it is considered necessary to reduce the ceiling area from 30 standard to 15 standard acres ; And whereas for the above purpose it is expedient that the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961) shall have effect subject to modifications ; BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Twenty-first Year of the Republic of India follows 1, (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Land Ceiling Reforms (Reduction of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1970. and com- (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of February 1970. *For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Fort St. George Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 31st March 1970, Part IV—Section 48. "O T, Nd Act! 171' Land Refoniä' (Reduction of Ceiling on Land) 2, [The modifications made by this section have been incorporated in the principal Act, viz., the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 Tamil Nadu Act 58 of Subject to the provision* of sub-section (2), any Saving, intaken (including any order issued, 'Sion or direction given, proceeding taken, liability or duty incurred and punishment awarded) under the provisions of the Act before the date of the publication of this Act in the Fort St. George Gazette,* may be enforced after the said date in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act as if this Act had not been passed. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, any person is a party to any transaction mentioned in sub-section (1), to hold after the 15th day of February 1970, land in excess of the area under the principal Act as modified by section 2 and the provisions of the principal Act as modified by section 2 shall, after the said date, apply to such person, Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, 747