

## TAMIL NADU GENERAL CLAUSES ACT, 1891

416 \*ort tiNe. General Clauses [1891 : T.N. Act '(TAMIL NADU) ACT No. 1 OF 18912. (THE (TAMIL, NADU) GENERAL CLAUSES ACT, 1891.1 (Received the assent of the governor on the 3rd April 1891, and of the governor-General on the 14th May 1891. ) An Act for further shortning the language used in 3(Tamil Nadu Acts) and for other purposes. WHEREAS it is expedient to further shorten the language used in 3(Tamil Nadu Acts) made and to make certain further provisions relating to those It is hereby enacted as follows Acts ; 1. (a) This Act may be called the ) (Tamil Nadu) General Clauses Act, 1891 ; and (b) It shall come into force on the first day of Commencement January 1892

**2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Saving clause.** Tamil Nadu; (Tamil Nadu) General Clauses Act, 1867, the pro- Act I of visions of that Act shall not apply to this Act 1867. or to any 4(Tamil Nadu Act) which may be passed subsequent to the commencement of this Act. 1 These words were substituted for the word 'Madras ' by the Tamil Nadu Adoption of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969, which come into force on the 14th January 1969. 2 For Statomont of Objects and Roagons, see Fort St. George aozette Supploment, doted the 3rd March, 1891, p. 5 ; for Roport of the Select Committee, gee ibid, dated 10th idem, p. I ; for Procee- dings in Council, see ibid, dated the 10th idem, p. 2, and ibid, dated tho 7th April 1891, p.l. This Act was extended to the merged State of Pudukkottai by wction 3 of, and the First Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Merged States (Lows) Act, 1949 Nadu Act XXX.V of 1949). This Act was extended to the Kanyakumari district and the Shencottah taluk of the Tirunelveli district by section 10 of the Tamil Nadu (Transferred Territory) Extension of Laws Act, 1960 (Tarnil Nodu Act 23 of 1900), which came into force on the 1st April, 1961 repeoling the corresponding low in that territory. 8 This expression was substituted for the expression " Madras Aets " by paragraph 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Tamil Nodu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, by the Tamil Nadu Adzptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969. 4 This expression was substituted for " Madras Aot " by 'bid. 1891 : T.N. Act 1] general CHAPTER 1. DEFINiTiONs. 417 3. In this Aot and in every I(Tamil Nadu Act) Doanitions. made after the commencement of this Act, unless there be something repugnant in the subject or context,— central Act (1) " abet " with its grammatical variations "Abet". 1860. and cognate expressions, shall have the same meaning as in the Indian Penal Code : (2) " barrister " shall mean a barrister of England "Barrister". or Ireland or member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland : (4) " Chapter," "part," "section" and "schedule" "Chapter" shall mean respectively a Chapter, part and section "part " "section" and of, and schedule to, the Act in which the word "schedule". occurs : (5) "City of Madras" shall mean such local "City of area as is declared from time time tb be the City Madras" of Madras under any Act for the time being in force relating to the municipal affairs of such city : (6) "Collector" shall include every officer who, ' •collector". for the time being, is authorized to exercise the powers of a (hllector : (7) ' 'commencement," used with reference to an "Commnce. Act, shall mean the time at which the Act comes menb". into force : (8) "District Collector" shall mean the chief "District Collector". •local in of the revenue administration Of a district : 1 This expression substituted for the expression " Mad-rag Rat " by paragraph 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, amended by the Tamil Nadr A daptation of Laws' (Second Amnnndment) Order, 1969. 2 Clause (3)' omittâd by the Adaptation Order of 1937. 125-19--27 418 ' 'Document'. ' Financial year". "Good faith". ' 'Immovable property" 'Imprison• meat". "Judicial proceeding". d Local authority". General Clouses [1891 : T.N. 1 (9) "document" shall mean any matter expressed or described upon any substance by means of letters, figures or marks, or by more thon one of those mâens, intended to be used, or which may be used, as evidence of that matter : (10) "financial year" shall mean the year commen- cing on the first day of April ; (11) nothing is said to be done or believed in "good faith" which is done or believed without due care and attention : (14) "immovable property " Bhall include land, benefits to arise out of land, and things attached to the earth, or permanently fastened to onything attached to the earth : (15) "imprisonment" shall mean imprisonment Central A.ot of either description as defined in the Indian Penal XLV of Code : 3 15-A) (16) "judicial proceeding" shall moan any proceeding in tho course of which evidence is, or may be, legally taken : (17) "local authority " shall mean a Municipal Committee,Di8trict Board\* , body of Port Commissionerß or other authority legally entitled to, or entrusted by the Government with, the control or management of a municipal or local fund : [(170) i Claus (12) omitted by

the Adaptation Order of 1937. 2 Clause (13) was omitted by the Adaptation (Amendment) Order of 1950. 8 Clause (15.A) was Omitted by the Adaptation Order of 1937. This clause was omitted by paragraph 5 of, and the Schedule to, the Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969, which came into force on the 14th January 1969. \* Now the panchayat union council or panchayat. 1860, 1891: T.N. Act 1] general Clause 419 (18) "Magistrate" shall mean any person exercising "Magistrate" all or any of the powers of a Magistrate under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882 • "Movable (19) "movable property" shall mean property of every description except immovable property : "notification" shall mean a notification published in the Official Gazette] : (20) "oath," "swear" and "affidavit" shall "Oath" "swear" and include affirmation and declaration in the case of "affidavit". persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing • (21) "offence" shall mean any act or omission "Offence" made punishable by any law for the time being in force: (22) "person" shall include any company or "Person". association of individuals, whether incorporated or not : "Place". (23) "place" includes also a house, building, tent and vessel : [(24) "prescribed" shall mean prescribed by rules, regulations or by-laws made under the Act, in which the word occurs] : (25) "Presidency-town" shall mean the local "Presidency town". limits for the time being of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Madras : 1 See now the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 Act 2 of 1974). a This clause inserted by section 3 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Repealing and Amending Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act xxxv of 1955). In so far as this Act applies to the added territories, this clause was inserted by section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961), 8 clause (24) omitted by the Adaptation Order of 1937 and the present clause inserted by section 3 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Repealing and Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act xxxvi of 1955). In so far as this Act applies to the added territories, this clause inserted by section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961), 420 "Public." "Public nuisance." General Clauses [1891 : Act 1 (26) "public" includes any class of the public or any community : (27) "public nuisance" shall have the meaning assigned to that expression in section 268 of the central Indian Penal Code : Act XLV of 1860. "Registered." "registered" used with reference to a "Son" and "father." document, shall mean registered in 2[India] under the law for the time being in force for the registration of documents (29) "sign," with its grammatical and cognate expressions, shall, with reference to a person who is unable to write his name, include "mark" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions : (30) in the case of any one whose personal law permits adoption, "son" shall include an adopted son, and "father" an adoptive father : Sub-section." (31) "sub-section" shall mean a sub-section of the section in which the word occurs : "Tamil Nadu Act" shall mean an Act made by the Governor of Fort St. George in Council under the Indian Councils Acts, 1861 to 1909 or any of those Acts, or the Government of India Act, 1915, or by the Local Legislature or the Governor of the Presidency of Madras under the Government of India Act or by the Provincial Legislature of Madras under the Government of India Act, 1935, or by the Legislature of the State of Madras or Tamil Nadu under the Constitution ;] 1 This clause was substituted for the original clause (28) by the Adaptation (Amendment) Order of 1960. 2 This word was substituted for the words and letters "a Part A State or a Part C State" by section 4 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu and Amending Act, 1957 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXV of 1957). 3 Clause (318) was inserted by paragraph 5 of, and the Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969, which came into force on the 14th January 1969. 1891 : T.N. Act 1] General (32) "value," used with reference to a suit, shall "Value" mean the amount or value of the subject-matter of the suit, computed according to the law for the time being in force regulating the valuation of suits for purposes of jurisdiction: \*here the rule is • (33) "will" • concurrence Of codicil and every writing making out distribution of property: (34) words importing the masculine gender Gender. shall include females: (35) words in the singular shall include the plural, Number. and words in the plural shall include the singular: (36) words which refer to acts done extend also Illegal omissions. to illegal omissions : (37) "writing," with its grammatical variations "Writing." and cognate expressions, shall include "printing," "lithography," "photography," with their grammatical variations and cognate expressions, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form : respectively "Year" and (38) "year" and "month" shall, "month." mean a year and month reckoned according to the British calendar

## CHAPTER 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO FUTURE ACTS

**4. This Chapter shall apply to all 2(Tamil Nadu Application o.f Acts) made after the commencement of this Aot Chapter 11 to a contrary intention appears in such Acts.** 1 In so far as this Act applies to the added territories, section 3-A of this Act was repealed by section 12 of the Tarnil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961). \* Thig expression was substituted for the expression "Madru Acts" by paragraph 8 of, and the Schedule to, the Tamil Nada Adapt'. tion of L.,sws Order, 1969, u amended by the Tamil Nada Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969 , 422 Commence- General Clauses [1891 : T.N. Act 1 IL5• 2 [ (1) Where any Act to which this Chapter ment of future applies is not expressed to come into operation, on a Aote. particular day, then, it shzll come-into operation, on the day on which the assent thereto of the Governor, the Governor-General or the President, as the oase may require, is first published in the Offfoial Gazette.] (2) In every suoh Aot the dote of such publication as aforesaid shall be printed either above or below the title of the Act and shall form port of the Aot.] Making of rules 6, Where, by an Aot to which this Chapter applies and issue Of and which is not to come into force immediately on orders between the passing thereof, a power is conferred on Govern- and commencement ment or other authority to moke rules, or to issue orders, of Act. with respect to the opplioation of the Act, or with respect to the appointment of any omcer thereunder, such ower ma be exercised ot an time after the passin o t e c u ru es or orders so madeorissued 7. Where, by on Act to which this Chapter applies, Provisiona regulating the making of rule, a power to make rules is expressed to be given, subject after previous to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication, the following provisions shall apply, namely :— (a) the authority having the power to make the Publication of draft rules, Manner of publication. rules shall; before making them, publish a draft of the proposed rules; (b) the publication shall be mode in such manner as that authority deems to be sufficient, or, if the condition with respect to previous publication go requires, in such manner as the 8[Central Government or, as the case may be, the 4(Stbte) Government] prescribes; This section wag substituted for the original section by the Adaptation Order of 1937. 2 This sub-section was substituted for sub-sectipn (1) by the Adaptation (Amendment) Order of 1960. 3 These words were substituted for the word ' 'Gbvemment" by the Adaptation Ordemof 1937. 4 This word substituted for the word "Provincial" by the' Adaptation Order of 1950. : T.N. Aci i] Cenerai 423 (c) there shall be published with the draft Notice to & notice specifying a date ot or after which the draft accompany draft rules. will be taken into consideration; (d) the authority having power to make the rules, of suggestion in and, where the rules are to be mode with the sanction regard to draft approval or concurrence of another authority, that authority also, shall consider any objection or sugges- tion which may be received by the authority having power to make the rules from any person with respect to the draft, before the date so specified; (e) the publicotion in the I(Official Gazette) Publication be proof of due of a rule purporting to have been made in exercise of a making of rules. power to moke rules after previous publication, shall be conclusive proof that the rule has been duly mode

**8. Where any Act, to which this Chapter applies, Effect Of repeals any other enactment, then the repeal shall not**—repealing, an (a) affect anything done or any offence committed, or any fine or penalty incurred or any proceedings be- gun before the commencement of the repealing Aot ; or (b) revive anything not in force or existing at the time at vhiogh the repeal takes effect; or (c) affect the previous operation of any enactment so repealed or anything duly done or suffered under any enactment 80 repealed; or (d) affect any right, pritilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under any enactment so repealed; or (e) offept any fine, penalty, forfeiture or punish- ment inourfed in respect of any offence committed against any enactment so repealed ; or (f) Bffect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege,obligation, liability, fine, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid ; and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, 1 These words were gubstituted for the word" " Fort SC. george Goutte" by the Adaptation Order of 1937, 424 (1891 : T.N. Act r General Clauses and any such fine, penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if the repealing Act had not been passed. Effect of repeal 8 \_A. Where any Aot to which this Chapter of Aot making tartual amend. applies, repeals any enactment by which the text of any previous enactment was amended by the express ment in previou Act, omission, insertion or substitution of any matter, then, unless different intention appears, the repeal shall not affect the continuance of any such omendment made by the enactment so repealed and in operation at the time of such repeal.] 9. In any Act

to which this Chapter applies— Revival of repealed enact. (a) for the purpose of reviving, either wholly or parts, partially, an Act or Regulation, wholly or partially repealed, it shall be necessary expressly to state such purpose ; (b) for the purpose of excluding the first in a series Commence- ment of term. of days or any other period of time, it shall be sufficient to use the word " from" ; of Termination (c) for the purpose of including the last in a series term. of days or any other period of time, it shall be sufficient to use the word "to" ; Application to (d) for the purpose of expressing that a law relative subordinates of to to the chief or superior of an office shall apply to the law relative to all deputies or subordinates lawfully executing the duties of such office in the place of their superior, it shall be sufficient to prescribe the duty of the superior ; Application of (e) for the purpose of indicating the relation of a law to success- • on of function- law to the successors of any functionaries, or of corporations and corporations having perpetual succession, it shall be sufficient to express its relation to the functionaries or corporations ; and Application of (j) for the purpose of indicating the application of law to persons for time being a law to every person or number of persons for the time filling an office. being executing the functions of an office, it shall be sufficient to mention the official title of the Officer at present executing such functions, or that of the officer by whom the functions are commonly executed. Section 8.A was inserted by the Madras General Amendment Act, 1936 (Madras Act IV of 1937). 1891 : T.N. General Clauses 425 10. Where an Act, to which this Chapter applies, Expressions used in rules, confers power to make rules or by-laws or [to issue by-laws and orders to have notifications or orders], expressions used in such same meaning rules, [by-laws, notifications or orders], have the same as in Act under which they are same respective meanings as in the Act conferring made or issued. the power

**11. Where, by an Act to which this Chapter applies, Necessary extension of any act or proceeding is directed or allowed to be period.** Done or taken in a Court or office on certain day or within a prescribed period, then, if the Court or office is closed on that day or the last day of the prescribed period, the act or proceeding shall be considered as done or taken in due time if it is done or taken on the next day afterwards on which the Court or office is open. This section does not apply to any act or proceeding under the Central Act XV of 1908 to which the Indian Limitation Act, 1877 applies. 1 In sections 10 and 15, for the words "(to issue orders)", the words "to issue notifications or orders" and for the words "by-laws or orders," the words "by-laws, notifications or orders," were substituted by section 3 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Repealing and Amending Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act xxxvi of 1955). In so far as this Act applies to the added territories, for the words "to issue orders," the words "to issue notifications or orders" and for the words "by-laws or orders," the words "by-laws, notifications or orders" were substituted by section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961). See now the Limitation Act, 1963 (Central Act, 3C of 1963). 426 general Clauses [1891 : T.N. Act 1 CHAPTER 111. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ACTS. Application of 12. This Chapter shall apply to all Acts (Tamil Nadu Chapter III to Acts) unless contrary intention appears in any Act, but it shall not affect anything done or commenced prior to the commencement of this Act under any enactment now in force. When powers 13. Where an Act confers a power or imposes a duty, then the power may be exercised and the duty shall be performed from time to time as occasion requires. Exercise of 14. Where an Act confers a power or imposes a power and performance of duty on the holder of an office, as such, then the power may be exercised and the duty be performed by temporary holder of the office for the time being of the office. holder of office. Revocation and 15. Where an Act confers a power to make any alteration of rules, by-laws or by-laws, or 2[to issue notifications or orders,] and orders. the power shall be construed as including a power exercisable in the like manner and subject to the like consent and conditions, if any, to rescind, revoke, amend or vary the rules, 2[by-laws, notifications or orders]. 1 This expression was substituted for the expression "Madras Acts." by paragraph 3 of, and the Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969. In so far as this Act applies to the added territories, for the words "all Madras Acts, Andhra Acts and Andhra Pradesh Acts" the words "all Madras Acts, Andhra Acts and Andhra Pradesh Acts" were substituted by section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961). 2 In sections 10 and 15, for the words "to issue orders", the words "to issue notifications or orders" and for the words "by-laws or orders", the words "by-laws, notifications or orders" were substituted by section 3 of, and the Second

Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Repealing and Amending Act, 1955 (Tamil Nadu Act xxxvi of 1955). In so far as this Act applies to the Bdded territories, for the words "to issue orders," the words "to issue notifications or orders" and for the words "by-laws or orders," the words "by, laws, notifications or orders" were substituted by section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961). 1891 : T.N. Act n general 427 •16. Whenever by an Act any duty of oustoms Duty leviabie pro rota. or excise or in the nature thereof is leviabie on any given quantity, by weight, measure or value, of any goods or merohondise, a like duty shall be leviabie according to the same rate on any greater or less quantity

**17. Whenever by an Aot authority is given to Mode of con.**ferring powers confer powers or impose duties, such powers may and imposing be conferred or duties imposed by name or by office duties. or on classes of offioials generally by their offioial titles. •18. Where an Aot repeals and re-enacts, with References to or without modification, all or any of the provisions provisions in Acts repealed of a former Act, references in any other Act to the re-enacted. provisions so repealed shall be construed as references to the provisions so re-enacted, and if notifications have been published, proclamations or certificates l' issued, aay&ers conferred, forms prescribed, local limits Vd, offoes established, orders, rules ; and appointments made, engagements entered into, licences or permits granted, and other things duly done, under the provisions so repealed, the same shall be deemed,. so far as the same are consistent with the provisions so re-enacted, to have been res- Fotively published, issued, oonfe1Td, presoribed, defi- ned, established, made, entered into, granted or done, under the provisions so re-enacted

**19. The provisions of sections 63, 68, 69 and 70 Recovery Of Central fines.**Act XLV Of of the Indian Penal Code shall apply to all fines 1860. imposed under the authority of any Act

**20. Where an act or omission constitutes an offence Punishment for offences under under two or more enactments, the offender shall be more than one liable to be prosecuted and punished under either or enactment.**any of those enactments, but shall not be liable to be punished twice for the same aot or omission, Publication of 21. Where in any Act, or in any rule passed under orders and notifications in any Act, it is' directed that •any order, notification the Omcial or other matter shall be notified or published, such Gazette. 428 generai Clauses (1891 E. T.N. Act notification or publication shall, unless the Act otherwise provides, be deemed to be duly made if it is published in the I [Official Gazette]. Detemni nation 2[any Government] is 22. When, by an Act of the times at which Acts or empowered to extend or apply an Act or any provi- Sion of an Act to any place in, or to any portion of, provisions of Aote extended the 3[State], the Government may, in any order or applied by Government to extending or applying such Act or provision or in certain places o subsequent order, notify the time ot which the same shall come into shall come into force in the place or portion of the force. Provioo. 3[State] to which it is so extended or applied ; and, unless it is otherwise provided in the Act, 2[the Govern- ment] may, by notification in the 1[Offoial Gazette] from time to time postpone the time at whioh tho Act or provision shall come into force in such place or portion of the 3[State ] or concel the order for extending or applying the same to such place or portion of the 3[State] : Provided that no order postponing. the time ot which an Act or provision shall come into force, or cancelling an order for extending or applying the same, shall be made after the Act or provision hss actually oome into force in the place or portion of the 8[State] to which such order relates. 1 Thoso words were substituted for the words 'Fort St George gazette" by the Adaptation Order of 1937. 2 These words were substituted for the word "Government" by was substituted for the word3 3 The word "Province" "Presidency of Madras" by tho Adaptation Order of 1937 and the word "State" was substituted for "Province" by the Adaptation Order of 1950. 1891 : TON, Act I] General Clauseg CHAPTER Iv. APPLICATION TO AND REGULATIONS. 429 Application of Act to tions and Ordinances. a [28. The provisions of this Aot shall apply— s (b) in relation to any Ordinance promulgated by the Governor under article 213 of the Constitu- tion or any Regulation made by him under paragraph 5 of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution, in like manner as they apply in relation to [Tamil Nadu Acts] made by the State Legislature : Provided that sub-section (1) of seotion 5 of this Act shall apply to any Ordinance referred to in clause (b) as if the reference in that sub-section to the day of the first publiootion of the assent to an Aot in the Offoial Gazette were a reference instead to the day of the first publication of the Ordi- nanoe in that Gazette.] 1 Chapter IV was inserted by the Adaptation Order of 1937. This section was substituted for the original section 23 by the Adaptation (Amend.ment) Order of 1950. 8 This clause was omitted by the Madras Adaptation of Laws Order' 1957. In go far as this Act applies to the added

territories, this clause was omitted by section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 1961). Its expression was substituted for the expression "Madras Acts" by paragraph 8 of, and the Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws of Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969. 1976 : President's Act 12] General Clauses (Amendment) PRESIDENT'S ACT NO. 12 OF 1976.\* 539 THE TAMIL NADU GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1976. (Received the assent of the President on the 16th April 1976, first published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary on the 17th April 1976 (Chithirai 5, Nala (2007. Tiruvalluvar Enacted by the President in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India. An Act further to amend the Tamil Nadu General Clauses Act, 1891. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976 (41 of 1976), the President is pleased to enact as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Short title General Clauses (Amendment) Act, 1976. and commensurate. (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd day of March 1976

**2. In the Tamil Nadu General Clauses Act, 1891 Insertion of (Tamil Nadu Act I of 1891) (hereinafter referred to as the new section 22-A, principal Act), in Chapter III, after section 22, the following section shall be inserted, namely :** "22-A. Construction of references to Minister in Acts, etc.—Any reference to any Minister (including the Chief Minister) in any Act or in any rule, notification, order, regulation, by-law or other instrument made or issued, under such Act, shall, during the period of operation of a Proclamation issued by the President under article 356 of the Constitution in respect of the State of Tamil Nadu, be construed as a reference to the Governor or to such adviser to the Governor or to such other officer, as the Governor may, by notification, specify in this behalf and different notifications may be issued in respect of different Acts and instruments made or issued thereunder.". \*For Reasons for the enactment, see Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 17th April 1976, Part IV—Section 141-142. 540 L General Clauses (Amendment) [1976 : President's Act 12 Repeal and saving. 3. (1) The Tamil Nadu General Clauses (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Tamil Nadu Ordinance 4 of 1976), is hereby repealed. (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.