

Cantonments Act, 1924

Section 178 - Conditions of Service of Safaiwalas

Special conditions regarding essential services

(1) Whoever, being a¹[safaiwala] employed by a²[Board], in the absence of a written contract authorising him so to do and without reasonable cause, resigns his employment or absents himself from his duty without having given one month's notice to the²[Board], or neglects or refuses to perform his duties, or any of them, shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one month.

(2) The³[Central Government] may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that on and from such date as may be specified in the notification, the provisions of this section shall apply in the case of any specified class of servants employed by a²[Board] whose functions intimately concern the public health or safety.

(3) For the purpose of this section⁴["safaiwala" includes any lower grade employee] employed by a²[Board] in the removal or disposal of filth or rubbish.

1. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 99, for "sweeper" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.

2. Substituted by Act 24 of 1936, section 69, for "Cantonment Authority".

3. Substituted by the A.O. 1937 for "L.G.".

4. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 99, for ' "sweeper" includes any menial servant', w.e.f. 1-10-1983.
