

Forest Act, 1927

Section 1 - SHORT TITLE AND EXTENT

FOREST ACT, 1927 FOREST ACT, 1927 16 of 1927 21st September, 1927 STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS The general law relating to forests in British India is contained in the Indian Forest Act, 1878 and its amending Acts. The present Bill brings the law together within the scope of one enactment. The Bill is a straightforward consolidating Bill but the original Act having been passed before the General Clauses Act of 1897 (10 of 1897), it has been possible to shorten the language of the Bill by taking advantage of that Act. The ambiguous language of the second paragraph of section 42 of Act 7 of 1878 has been altered in clause 42(2) so as to bring it into conformity with what appears to have been the original intention of the law. The only other point which calls for further notice is the extent clause. The original Act extended to the Province of Assam, but by Regulation 7 of 1891 the Indian Forest Act, 1878 was repealed as far as it relates to Assam. The Bill accordingly omits Assam from the extent clause. The Bill to consolidate the law relating to forests and the transit of forest produce was passed and further assented by Governor-General of India on 21st September, 1927 and became a Central Act under the short title and number "Indian forest act, 1927 (16 of 1927)". list of amending acts and adaptation orders 1. the Indian forest (amendment) act, 1930 (26 of 1930). 2. the Indian forest (amendment) act, 1933 (3 of 1933). 3. The Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937. 4. The Repealing and Amending Act, 1947 (2 of 1948). 5. The Indian Independence (Adaptation of Central Acts and Ordinances) Order, 1948. 6. The Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950. 7. The Adaptation of Laws (No. 3) Order, 1956. An Act to consolidate the law relating to forests, the transit of forest-produce and the duty leviable on timber and other forest-produce. WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate the law relating to forests, the transit of forest-produce and the duty leviable on timber and other forest-produce; It is hereby enacted as follows :— 1) This Act may be called the Indian Forest Act, 1927. 1[(2) It extends to the whole of India except the territories which, immediately before the 1st November, 1956, were comprised in Part B States. (3) It applies to the territories which, immediately before the 1st November, 1956, were comprised in the States of Bihar, Bombay, Coorg, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; but the Government of any State may by notification in the Official Gazette bring this Act into force to in the whole or any specified part of that State to which this Act extends and where it is not in force.]