

Opium Act, 1878

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OPIUM ACT, 1878 OPIUM ACT, 1878 STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS "The prevent Bill has the following objects: First to enable the Governor-General in council to bring the Opium Act, 1878, into force in such local areas and at such respective dates as he thinks fit; secondly, to remove the doubts as to whether sections 4 and of that Act admitted of the free export and import of opium, when thought desirable; thirdly, to permit and regulate, by rules framed under that Act section 8, the form of opium duties and to facilitate the recovery of their dues by farmers; lastly, to correct a clerical error in section 22 of the same Act" -Gazette of India. 1877, Part V, page 645. An Act to amend the law relating to opium. Preamble. - Whereas it is expedient to amend the law relating to opium; it is hereby enacted as follows-The Act has been declared in force in the Sonthal Parganas by the Sonthal Parganas Settlement Regulation, 1872 (III of 1872), Section 3; in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (IV of 1936), Section 3 and Schedule; and in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (V of 1936), Section 3 and Schedule. Regulation V of 1936 has now been repealed by Orissa Act 19 of 1967. Angul is now a sub-division of Dhenkanal district of Orissa. This Act has been extended to the new Provinces and the merged States by the Merged States (Laws) Act, 1949 (LIX of 1949), Section 3 (1-1-1950) and to the States of Manipur, Tripura and Vindhya Pradesh by the Union Territories (Laws) Act, 1950 (XXX of 1950), Section 3 (16-4-1950). Manipur and Tripura have become full-fledged States now but Vindhya Pradesh has merged with the State of M. P.-See Acts 81 of 1971, Sections 5. 6; 37 of 1956, Section 9. It has also been extended to States merged in the State of- Madhya Pradesh, by M. P. Act 12 of 1950, Section 3 (3-4-1950); Madras, by Mad. Act 35 of 1949, Section 3 (1-1-1950); Orissa by Ori. Act IV of 1950, Section 4 (3-3-1950); Punjab, by Punj. Act V of 1950, Section 3 (15-4-1950). The Act in its application to the pre-Reorganisation State of Bombay (excluding the transferred territories) has been repealed in whole, see Bombay Repealing and Amending Act, 1959 (Born. Act LXIII of 1959). As to repeal of this Act in the other areas of the State of Bombay, see Born. Act XXV of 1949 as amended by Born. Act XII of 1959. The Act has now been revived in Bombay area of Mysore by Mysore Act XVII of 1962. It has now been extended to the Union territory of- (1) Goa, Daman and Diu, by Regn. XII of 1962 (31-3-1963); (2) Pondicherry, by Regn. VII of 1963 (1-10-1963); and (3) Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands, by Regn. VIII of 1965 (1-10-1967). The Act has been extended to the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli by G.S.R. 450 of 1968 issued under Section 10 of Act 31 of 1965, with effect from 1-4-1968. Act enforced in the Union territory of Goa, Daman and Diu on 31-1-1963-See Goa Govt. Gaz. 31-1-1963, Sr. I, No. 5 (Supplement), P. 31, SECTION 01: SHORT TITLE This Act may be called THE OPIUM ACT, 1878. Local extent.-2[It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.]