

Petroleum Act, 1934

Section 1 - Short title, extent and commencement

PETROLEUM ACT, 1934 PETROLEUM ACT, 1934 30 OF 1934 "Petroleum Act, 1899 was passed at time when the use of petroleum, particularly of dangerous petroleum or petrol, was limited, and with the great development in the use of petroleum that have taken place in the last 30 years it has become unsuitable in several ways. As early as 1903 the attention of the Government of India was drawn to the inconvenience arising from the existence in different provinces of separate sets of rules to regulate the importation, possession and transport of petroleum. The present Act does not permit the issue by the Government of India of a set of rules applicable throughout British India and the only way in which it has been possible to secure uniformity has been made by the issue by Local Governments from time to time of similar rules with the sanction of the Central Government. Local Governments, and the interests concerned were consulted on the subject of revising the Act in 1925-26 and it was agreed by all Local Governments that the rule-making power should be transferred to the Central Government. In addition a number of other changes have been proposed in the light of experience. The opportunity has been taken to rearrange the whole law. In addition to the "Preliminary" portion and the final "Supplemental" chapter the Bill contains three separate chapters. Chapter I relates to the control of petroleum and Chapter II to its testing, while Chapter III contains the necessary penal provisions and what may be described as criminal procedure."-Gaz. of Ind., 1933, Part V, page 104. Amending Act 31 of 1977.- The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Fifth. Lok Sabha) in their Fourteenth Report desired that the Government should undertake a review of all Acts to find out which of them do not contain a provision for laying of rules framed thereunder before Parliament and should incorporate such a provision in those Acts. As the Petroleum Act, 1934, does not contain such a provision, the Bill seeks to include such a provision in that Act. 2. The opportunity is availed of to change the reference to the Chief Inspector of Explosives in India and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, into references to the Chief Controller of Explosives and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. respectively.-S.O.R. of Ind., 20-7-1977. Pt. II, S. 2 Ext., p. 417. An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the import, transport, storage, production, refining and blending of petroleum b [* * * *] Whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the import, transport, storage, production, refining and blending of petroleum b [* * * *]; It is hereby enacted as follows :- CHAPTER 1 : PRELIMINARY 1) This Act may be called (The Petroleum Act, 1934) . 3 (a) [a] Substituted for sub-section (2) by A.L.O., 1950 (26-1-1950). [(2) It extends to the whole of India 3 (b) [b] The words 'except the State of Jammu and Kashmir' were omitted by the Jammu and Kashmir (Extension of Laws) Act, 1956(62 of 1956), Section 2 and Schedule (1-1-1956). [* * *].] (3) It shall come into force on such date 3 (c) [c] The Act came into force on 30-3-1937-See Gazette of India, 1937, Pt. I, p. 632. as the 3 (d) [d] Substituted for the words 'Governor-General in Council' and 'Gazette of India' by A.O., 1937. [Central Government] may, by notification in the 3 (d) [d] Substituted for the words 'Governor-General in Council' and 'Gazette of India' by A.O., 1937. [Official Gazette], appoint.