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**ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS Etc.,**

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature received the assent of the Governor on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information :

**ACT No. 33 of 2021.**

**AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA PRADESH RIGHTS IN LAND AND PATTADAR PASSBOOKS ACT, 1971.**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the seventy second year of the Republic of India as follows,-

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| 1. | (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books (Amendment) Act, 2021.  | Short title and Commencement. |
|    | (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on and from the 29 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021.  |                               |
| 2. | In the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 (herein after referred to as the Principal Act), in section 2, -  | Amendment of section 2.       |
|    | (i) The existing clauses (1) and (1-a) shall be re-numbered as (1-a) and (1-aa) respectively.  | Act No.26 of 1971.            |
|    | (ii) Before the clause ( 1-a) as so re-numbered, the following clause shall be inserted namely,-   |                               |
|    | “(1). “Agricultural land” means land used for the purpose of agriculture including raising of crops, garden produce, orchards, horticulture, plantation, sericulture, pastures, hayricks , and such other uses as may be prescribed.”. |                               |



(iii) after clause (1-f), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

“(1-g) “Certificate of ownership” means Certificate of ownership issued under section 6-A for the lands located in the Gramakantam and Non-Agricultural lands in the village.”.

(iv) for clause (4), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(4) “Land” means all lands, irrespective of its usage, falling within a Village, including Agricultural land, Non-Agricultural land, Gramakantam etc.”.

(v) after clause (5), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

“(5-a) on-Agricultural land” means the land other than Agricultural Land.”.

(vi) in clause (7), after the words “every person who holds” the word “agricultural” shall be inserted.

(vii) in clause (10), the following shall be added at the end, namely, “or any officer of the Government, for a specified purpose, as prescribed by Government.”.

(viii) after clause (12), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,- “(12-a) Gramakantam, Gramanatham, Abadi, Village Site or any other name in local parlance having same meaning, means the land set apart in a Village, for dwelling and incidental purposes.

Explanation:-

A Village can have one or more than one Gramakantam.”.

Amendment of section 3.

3. In the principal Act, in section 3, in sub-section (1), after clause (d), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely,-

Act No. VIII of 1923.

“Provided that whenever a resurvey/ survey is conducted in a village under the Andhra Pradesh Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923, the Record of Rights in all lands in that Village shall be updated as per the resurvey/ survey records prepared under the Andhra Pradesh Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923.”.

Substitution of section 6-A.

4. In the principal Act, for section 6-A, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“6-A. Application for title deed cum pattadar pass book in respect of agricultural land or Certificate of Ownership for land in Gramakantam or Non-Agricultural land :-

- (1) Any person claiming title deed cum pass book of any agricultural land may apply for issue of a title deed cum pass book to the Tahsildar or any other officer as prescribed, on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.
- (2) Any Person claiming ownership of any land in Gramakantam or Non Agricultural Land may apply certificate of ownership to the Tahsildar or any other officer as prescribed, on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.



- (3) On making such applicaton, the Tahsildar or such officer as prescribed shall cause an enquiry to be made in such manner as may be prescribed and shall issue a title deed cum pass book or certificate of ownership in accordance with the Record of Rights with such particulars and in such from as may be prescribed;

Provided that no such title and deed cum pass book or certificate of ownership shall be issued by the Tahsildar or such officer as prescribed unless the Record of Rights have been brought upto date.

- (4) The entries in the title deed cum pass book or certificate of ownership may be corrected on an application made to the Tahsildar or such officer as prescribed in the manner prescribed.
- (5) The Government may prescribe by rules manner in which the title deed cum pass book or the certificate of ownership may be issued to pattadars or owners in accordance with the records of rights.
- (6) The title deed cum pass book issued under sub-section (1) or certificate of ownership issued under sub-section (2) and duly certified by the Tahsildar, or such other authority as may be prescribed, shall be the title deed cum pass book or the certificate of ownership in respect of a pattadar - owner and it shall have the same evidentiary value with regard to the title for the purpose of creation of equitable mortgage under the provisions of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 as a document registered in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Act, 1908 has under the law.”

Central Act 4 of 1882.

Central Act 16 of 1908.

5. (1) The Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 is hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

Repeal and Savings.

Ordinance No. 8 of 2021.

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