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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 14th October, 2022 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 18th October, 2022 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information :

ACT No. 15 of 2022.

**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-third year of the republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Rights in land and Pattadar Passbooks (Amendment) Act, 2022. Short title and commencement.
- (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on and from the 1st January, 2022.
2. In the Andhra Pradesh Rights In Land And Pattadar Passbooks Act, 1971, (hereinafter referred to as Principal Act) in section 2,- Amendment of section 2.
Act No.26 of 1971.
 - (i) Clauses (1), (1-a), (1-b), (1-c), (1-d) and (1-e) shall be omitted.
 - (ii) In clause (1-f), after the words and expressions “the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (Central Act 1 of 1872) and”, the words and expressions “shall include an electronically signed copy of an electronic record as specified in” shall be inserted.

(iii) After clause (2-aa), the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

“(2-ab) “District Revenue Officer” means an officer of Revenue Department whose Office is located in the Office of the Collector of the District.”.

(iv) The existing clause (4-a) shall be renumbered as clause (4-b), before the clause (4-b), as so renumbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

“(4-a) ‘Land Parcel’ means any land including agricultural, non-agricultural, Gramakantam /Gramanatham/Abadi/ Village site or any other name in local parlance having an assigned numeric code for which the location and boundaries are marked.”.

(v) After clause (10-a), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

“(10-b) the term ‘Registering Officer’ under this Act shall mean to be the Registrar and Sub-Registrars as provided under Section (6) of the Registration Act, 1908.

(10-c) ‘Resurvey Land Register’ means the field Register prepared and published after resurvey is completed in a village as per the provisions of AP Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923.

(10-d) ‘Service Centre’ means any officer or facility where applications for different services of the government are received and processed and includes Village/Ward Secretariat, Meeseva centres online websites etc.”.

(vi) After clause (11), the following shall be inserted, namely,-

“(11-a) ‘Unique Identification Number’ means the unique identification number assigned to any land parcel, as contained in the Record of Rights, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(vii) After clause (12-a), the following new clauses shall be added, namely,-

“(12-b) Village Secretariat means Village or Ward Secretariat as notified by the Government.

(13) “Web Land” means the electronically maintained database of all lands in the State.”.

Substitution of
Section 4.

3. In the Principal Act, for section 4, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

Acquisition of rights
to be intimated.

“4. Any person acquiring by succession, survivorship, inheritance, partition, Government patta, decree of a Court or otherwise any right as owner, pattadar, mortgagee, occupant or tenant of a land and any person acquiring any right as occupant of a land by any other

method shall, intimate in writing, his acquisition of such right either through online or in person addressed to the Tahsildar within sixty (60) days from the date of such acquisition, in the manner hereinafter provided:

Provided that such intimation of acquisition of right addressed to the Tahsildar shall be submitted either online or in person at any service centre as notified for the purposes of this Act.

Provided further that the issuance of acknowledgement of the receipt of such intimation shall be in such form, format and manner as prescribed under the rules.

Provided also that where the person acquiring the right is a minor or otherwise disqualified, his guardian or other persons having charge of his property shall intimate the fact of such acquisition to the Tahsildar.”.

4. In the Principal Act, for section 5, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“5. (1) On receipt of intimation of the fact of acquisition of any right referred to in section 4, otherwise than by a registered document, the Tahsildar shall determine as to whether, and if so in what manner, the record of rights may be amended in consequence thereof and shall carryout the amendment in the record of rights in accordance with such determination.

(2) In the event of the Tahsildar determining that the amendment in consequence of the acquisition of right referred to in sub-section (1) above, is liable to be refused, then the Tahsildar shall transmit all the documents to the Revenue Divisional Officer with the recommendations.

(2a) The Revenue Divisional Officer, on receipt of such recommendations, shall pass an order as under, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the interested persons,

- (i) Confirming the recommendations of the Tahsildar.
- (ii) Disagreeing with the recommendations of the Tahsildar.
- (iii) On the receipt of communication of disagreement under 5(2a)(ii), the Tahsildar shall carry out the amendment of R.O.R, as provided for under section 5(1).

Provided that the procedure for initiation and conclusion of action by the Tahsildar and Revenue Divisional Officer shall be such as may be prescribed under the Rules.

(3) In cases of acquisition of right under section 4(1) by a registered document in accordance with the provisions under the Registration Act, 1908, the R.O.R shall stand amended to reflect the said transaction.

Substitution of
Section 4.

Amendment and
updating of Record
of Right.

(4) Any person aggrieved by any order passed under sub-sections (1), 2(a) and the amendment of R.O.R under sub-section (3), above may prefer an appeal before the District Revenue Officer within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such order or amendment of R.O.R. the Appellate Authority shall dispose the appeal preferably not later than 6 months from the date of filing of such appeal.

(5) In all cases of amendment of Record of Rights in resurveyed villages, unless the acquisition of right is for the entire extent of the land parcel, it shall be mandatory to carry out sub division of the Land parcel in the manner prescribed.

(6) The District Collector, suo motu or otherwise, shall be competent to initiate proceedings under criminal law in case any application for amendment of R.O.R under this Act is made fraudulently, or on the basis of multiple registrations by the same executant of the same land parcel.”.

Omission of Sections
6-E and 6-F.

5. In the principal Act, sections 6-E and 6-F shall be omitted.

Insertion of
section 7A.

6. In the principal Act, after section 7, the following new section shall be inserted, namely,-

Annual
Inspection and copies
of the Record of
Rights.

“7A. Every year, subject to such rules as may be made in this behalf, copies of the Resurvey Land Register shall be published in the Village Secretariat.”.

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