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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 17th December, 2021 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 20th December, 2021 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information:

No. 14 of 2021.

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA PRADESH PANCHAYAT RAJACT, 1994.

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

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Short title and commencement.

- (2) Sections 2,3,4,10,11,12 and 13 shall be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from the 3rd August, 2021 and remaining sections shall come in to force at once.
- 2. In the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2, after clause (16) the following shall be inserted, namely,-

Amendment of section 2

Act No. 13 of 1994.

"(16-A) Grama Kantam, Grama natham, 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 purpose;".

Explanation: - A Village can have one or more than one Grama Kantam.

3. In the principal Act, in section 58, in sub-section (1), after the words "Cart Stands," the words "vacant and unoccupied land of Grama Kantam" shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 58.

Insertion of new section 58-A. 4. In the principal Act, after section 58, the following new section shall be inserted, namely,-

Certificate of ownership for all the owners of Grama Kantam area.

"58- A. (1) Government shall cause to survey and prepare a map of Grama Kantam area of the Gram Panchayat in the manner prescribed in the Andhra Pradesh Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923 as amended from time to time.

Act No. VIII of 1923.

(2) Government shall cause to prepare a Record of Rights and issue Certificate of Ownership for the owners of Grama Kantam area in the Grama Panchayat in the manner prescribed in the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 as amended from time to time."

Amendment of section 148

Act No. 26 of 1971

- 5. In the principal Act, in section 148,-
- (i) In the proviso to sub-section (2), for the words "the Vice-President" the word "Vice-Presidents" and for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.
- (ii) in sub-section (3), in clause (ii), in the provisos and the explanation there under to sub-clause (b), for the word "Vice-President", wherever it occurs, the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 153.

- 6. In the principal Act, in section 153,-
- (i) in the marginal heading, for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.
- (ii) in sub-section (1), for the words "one Vice-President", the words "two Vice-Presidents", for the words "Vice-President is", the words "Vice-Presidents are", and for the words "the Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.
- (iii) in sub-section (3) and in the proviso there under, for the word "Vice-President", occurring at three places, the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted and in the proviso for the words "Vice-President is", the words "Vice-Presidents are" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 156.

7. In the principal Act, in section 156, in sub-sections (1) and (2) for the word "Vice-President" the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 165

- 8. In the principal Act, in section 165,-
- (i) in the marginal heading, for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.
- (ii) In sub-section (3) for the word "Vice-President" the words "one of the Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.

- (iii) in sub section (4) for the word "Vice-President" the words "one of the Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted and after the words "functions of the President", the words "as directed by the District Collector" shall be inserted.
- (iv) in sub-section (5), for the word "Vice-President" the words "one of the Vice-Presidents as directed by the District Collector" shall be substituted at the end.
- (v) in sub-section (6), for the words "the Vice-President has been", the words "Vice-Presidents have been" shall be substituted and for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.
- 9. In the principal Act, in section 170, in sub-section (1), for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 170.

10. In the principal Act, in section 181,-

Amendment of section 181.

- (i) in the marginal heading, for the word "Vice-Chairperson", the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.
- (ii) in sub-section (1),-
 - (a) for the words "one Vice-Chairperson", the words "two Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted;
 - (b) for the words "Vice-Chairperson is", the words "Vice-Chairpersons are" shall be substituted;
 - (c) for the word "Vice-Chairperson", the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.
- (iii) in sub-section (4) along with the proviso thereunder, for the word "Vice-Chairperson", wherever it occurs, the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted and in the proviso thereunder, for the word "is" occurring after the word Vice-Chairperson", the word "are" shall be substituted.
- 11. In the principal Act, in section 187, in sub-section (3), for the words "The Vice-Chairperson", the words "One of the Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted and after the words "Standing Committee for Agriculture", the words "and the Other Vice-Chairperson shall be ex-officio member and Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Social Welfare" shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 187.

12. In the principal Act, in section 188, in sub-section (1), after clause (v), the following clause shall be added, namely, -

Amendment of section 188.

"(vi) Chairpersons of the Corporations of Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities and other castes who are registered voters in the District:".

Amendment of section 193.

- 13. In the principal Act, in section 193,-
 - (i) in the marginal heading, for the word "Vice-Chairperson", the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.
 - (ii) in sub-section (2), for the words "The Vice-Chairperson", the words "The Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.
 - (iii) in sub-section (3), for the words "the Vice-Chairperson", the words "one of the Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted and after the words "functions of the Chairperson", the words "as directed by the Government" shall be inserted.
- (iv) in sub-section (4), for the words "the Vice-Chairperson", the words "one of the Vice-Chairpersons as directed by the Government" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 250.

14. In the principal Act, in section 250, in sub-section (1), in clause (ii), for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" and for the word "Vice-Chairperson", the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 250-A.

15. In the principal Act, in section 250-A, in sub-section (2), for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" and for the word "Vice-Chairperson", the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 260.

16. In the principal Act, in section 260, in the proviso to sub-section (6) there under, for the word "Vice-President", the word "Vice-Presidents" and for the word "Vice-Chairperson", the word "Vice-Chairpersons" shall be substituted.

Repeal and savings

Ordinance No. 9 of 2021.

- 17. (1) The Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (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.

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