AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA PRADESH LABOUR WELFARE FUND ACT, 1987.

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 Labour Welfare Fund (Second Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on and from the 9th day of September, 2022.

2. In the Andhra Pradesh Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), for section 25, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“25. Penalty for obstructing inspection or for failure to produce documents, etc.:-(1) Any person who wilfully obstructs an Inspector in the exercise of his powers or discharge of his duties under this Act or fails to produce for inspection on demand by an Inspector any register, record or other document maintained in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder or to supply to him on demand true copies of any such document shall, be imposed,-
(a) for the first offence with fine upto Rs.25,000/-

(b) for a second or subsequent offence with fine upto Rs.1,00,000/-

(2) The Inspecting Officer shall forward the inspection report to the authority, as prescribed within three (3) days of inspection. The authority, shall cause a notice to be issued to the person concerned and after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing, shall impose the fine as deemed fit.

(3) Any person aggrieved by the order passed under sub-section (2) above may prefer an appeal as provided for under the Rules.

(4) In case the fine so imposed is not paid within fifteen (15) days of passing of the order by the authority concerned, whether in appeal or otherwise, the said fine shall be recovered from such person as an arrear of land revenue.”.

Omission of sections 3. In the principal Act, Sections 26, 27 and 28 shall be omitted.

Substitution of section 30. In the principal Act, for section 30, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“30. Penalty for non-compliance with the direction of the Board:--
(1) Any person who willfully fails to produce any document required by the Board or to furnish any information called for by the Board or willfully fails to comply with any direction issued by the Board under Section 29, shall be imposed,-

(a) for the first offence with fine upto Rs.25,000/-

(b) for a second or subsequent offence with fine upto Rs.1,00,000/-

(2) The Inspecting Officer shall forward the inspection report to the authority as prescribed within three (3) days of inspection. The authority, shall cause a notice to be issued to the person concerned and after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing, shall impose the fine as deemed fit.

(3) Any person aggrieved by the order passed under sub-section (2) above may prefer an appeal as provided for under the Rules.
4. In case the fine so imposed is not paid within fifteen (15) days of passing of the order by the authority concerned, whether in appeal or otherwise, the said fine shall be recovered from such person as an arrear of land revenue.

5. In the principal Act, Section 30-A shall be omitted.

6. (1) The Andhra Pradesh Labour Welfare Fund (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 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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