

**'THE PUNJAB FOREST (SALE OF TIMBER)
ACT, 1913.**

PUNJAB ACT III OF 1913.

[21st March, 1913.]

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Year	No.	Short title	Whether repealed or otherwise affected by legislation
1913	III	The Punjab Forest (Sales of Timber) Act, 1913	Amended, Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937 Amended by the Indian Independence (Adaptation of Bengal and Punjab Acts,) Order of 1948 (G. G. O. 40) Amended by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950 Amended by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951

An Act to provide for the control of the sale of Timber and establishment of sale depots for such timber in Punjab.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the control of the sale of timber and the establishment of sale depots for such timber in ²Punjab ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Punjab Forest (Sale of Timber) Act, 1913. Short title, extent and commencement.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Gazette*, 1912, Part V, page 92 ; for Report of the Select Committee, see *Punjab Gazette*, 1912, Part V, page 225 ; and for Proceedings in Council, see *Punjab Gazette*, 1912, Part V, page 134, and *ibid*, 1913, Part V, page 5.

²Substituted for the words "East Punjab" (which had been inserted for the words "The Punjab" by the Indian Independence (Adaptation of Bengal and Punjab Acts, Order, 1948) by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951.

It shall extend to such local areas as the ¹[Central Government] may by notification in the ²[Official Gazette] direct; and it shall come into force in each of such areas on such day as the ¹[Central Government] in like manner directs in this behalf.

Meaning
terms.

2. In this Act all expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them in the ³Indian Forest Act, 1878.

Power to make
rules regulating
sale of timber and
the establish-
ment of sale
depots.

3. (1) The ¹[Central Government] may, by notification in the ²[Official Gazette], make rules to regulate the sale of timber and the establishment of sale depots for such timber.

Such rules may among other matters—

- (a) prescribe the classes of timber to which the rules shall apply ;
- (b) define what shall be deemed to be a sale depot ;
- (c) provide for the establishment, registration, regulation and inspection of sale depots, and the levy of fees for registration ; prescribe the period for which registration shall hold good and the conditions under which timber may be brought to, stored at, sold at, and removed from, sale depots ; and prohibit the sale of timber at, or the establishment or maintenance of, unregistered sale depots ;
- (d) regulate the use of the sale depot marks and the registration of such marks ; prescribe the time for which registration shall hold good and provide for the levy of fees for registration ;
- (e) prescribe the registers to be maintained at sale depots, and provide for the production of such registers, before and for their examination by any forest or police officer authorized in this behalf by the Divisional Forest Officer or by the District Superintendent of Police respectively ;

¹Substituted for the words "State Government" by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Con-
current Subjects) Order, 1968.

²Substituted for the words "Local Official Gazette" by the Govern-
ment of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937.

³See now the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927)

(f) prescribe as penalties for the infringement of any rule made under this section, imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to Rs. 500 or both. Double penalties may be inflicted where the offence is committed after sunset and before sunrise, or after preparation for resistance to lawful authority, or if the offender has been previously convicted of a like offence.

(2) All rules made under sub-section (1) shall be so made after previous publication in the ¹[Official Gazette].

VII of 1878. 4. The provisions of Chapter X of the ²Indian Forest Act, 1878, with the exception of section 67, shall apply so far as may be to any infringement of the rules made under this Act as if such infringement were a forest offence under the Indian Forest Act. Application of Chapter X of Indian Forest Act.

5. No suit shall lie against any public servant for anything done by him in good faith under this Act. Idemnity for acts done in good faith.

¹Substituted for the word "Gazette" by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937.

²See now the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), Chapter IX, with the exception of Section 58.