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THE ODISHA GENERAL CLAUSES ACT, 1937
(29th October 1937)

AN ACT FOR FACILITATING THE INTERPRETATION
OF ODISHA ACTS AND FOR SHORTENING THE LANGUAGE USED THEREIN.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate the interpretation of Orissa Acts and to shorten the language used therein;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

PRELIMINARY.

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Orissa General Clauses Act, 1937.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

DEFINITIONS.

Definitions.

2. In this Act and in all Orissa Acts unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

'Abet'.

(1) "abet" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions shall have the same meaning as in the Indian Penal Code;

45 of 1860.

'Act'.

(2) "act", used with reference to an offence or a civil wrong, shall include a series of acts; and words which refer to acts done shall extend also to illegal omissions;

'Affidavit'.

(3) "affidavit" shall include affirmation and declaration in the case of persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing;

- 'Barrister'.
- (4) "barrister" shall mean a barrister of England or Ireland or a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland;
- 'British Possession'.
- (5) 'British Possession' shall mean any part of His Majesty's dominions, exclusive of the United Kingdom, and, where parts of those dominions are under both a central and a local legislature, all parts under the central Legislature shall, for the purposes of this definition, be deemed to be one British possession;
- 'Chapter'.
- (6) "Chapter" shall mean a Chapter of the Act in which the word occurs;
- 'Collector'.
- (7) "Collector" shall mean the chief officer in charge of the revenue administration of a district and shall include a Deputy Commissioner;
- 'Commencement'.
- (8) "commencement", used with reference to an Act, shall mean the day on which the Act comes into force;
- 'Consular Officer'.
- (9) "Consular Officer" shall include consul-general, consul, vice-consul, consular agent, pro-consul, and any person for the time being authorized to perform the duties of consul-general, consul, vice-consul or consular agent;
- 'District Court'.
- (10) "District Court" shall mean the principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction of a district; but shall not include a High Court in the exercise of its ordinary or extraordinary original civil jurisdiction;
- 'District Judge'.
- (11) "District Judge" shall mean the Judge of a District Court;

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' Document '.

(12) "document" shall include any matter written, expressed or described upon any substance by means of letters, figures or marks or by more than one of those means, which is intended to be used, or which may be used for the purpose of recording that matter;

' Enactment '.

(13) "enactment" shall include a Regulation (as hereinafter defined) and any Regulation of the Bengal Code, and shall also include any provision contained in any Act or in any such Regulation as aforesaid;

' Father '.

(14) "father", in the case of anyone whose personal law permits adoption, shall include an adoptive father;

' Financial year '.

(15) "financial year" shall mean the year commencing on the first day of April;

' Gazette '.

(16) "Gazette" shall mean the Official Gazette of the Province.

' Good Faith '.

(17) a thing shall be deemed to be done in "good faith" where it is in fact done honestly, whether it is done negligently or not;

' Government '.

(18) "Government" or "the Government" shall include the Provincial Government as well as the Central Government;

' High Court '.

(19) "High Court", used with reference to civil proceedings, shall mean the highest Civil Court of appeal in the part of Orissa, in which the Act containing the expression operates;

' His Majesty ' or
' the King '.

(20) "His Majesty" or "the King" shall include his successors;