

THE ORISSA BHOODAN AND GRAMDAN (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1979

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ORISSA BHOODAN AND GRAMDAN ACT, 1970

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Orissa in the Thirtieth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

- Short title 1. This Act may be called the Orissa Bhoodan and Gramdan (Amendment) Act, 1979.
- Amendment of section 2. 2. In section 2 of the Orissa Bhoodan and Gramdan Act, 1970 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after clause (e), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— Orissa Act 2 of 1971
- “(e-1) ‘homeless person’ means a person who does not own any house;”.
- Amendment of section 19. 3. In section 19 of the principal Act,—
- (i) for clause (a), excluding the proviso thereto, the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—
- “(a) allot all the lands vested in it to landless or homeless persons residing in the Gramdan village either for cultivation or for construction of house, as the case may be, on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit;”
- (ii) after clause (c), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—
- “(c-1) make advances in cash for the purpose of construction, improvement or maintenance of houses, to persons to whom lands are allotted for construction of houses and recover the advances so made;”.
- Amendment of section 21. 4. For section 21 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—
- “21. Allotment of land in a Gramdan village shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:—
- (a) if the allotment is for cultivation, the allottee shall, unless specifically exempted by the Grama Parishad, cultivate the land personally;
- (b) if the allotment is for construction of house, the allottee shall construct the house within a reasonable period and shall, unless specifically exempted by the Grama Parishad, reside in the house;
- (c) the allottee shall not transfer his interest in the land or in the house, but such interest shall be heritable;
- Explanations*—For the purposes of this section and section 23, land shall not be deemed to be cultivated personally unless the person himself or any member of his family puts in such minimum labour on the land as may be laid down by the Regulations made by the Grama Parishad.”
- Amendment of section 23. 5. In section 23 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), after the words “agricultural years”, the words “or to construct the house within two years from the date of allotment and reside therein as the case may be,” shall be inserted.

For the Bill, See Orissa Gazette, Extraordinary, dated the 12th September 1979 (No. 1739)

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