

THE DISPLACED PERSONS (COMPENSATION AND  
REHABILITATION) AMENDMENT  
ACT, 1960

No. 2 OF 1960

[27th February, 1960]

An Act further to amend the Displaced Persons (Compensation  
and Rehabilitation) Act, 1954.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Eleventh Year of the Republic  
of India as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Act may be called the Displaced Persons (Compensation  
and Rehabilitation) Amendment Act, 1960.

~~Amendment~~ ~~of section 2.~~ ~~2. In section 2 of the Displaced Persons (Compensation and  
Rehabilitation) Act, 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the principal 44 of 1954.  
Act),—~~

(i) in clause (d), after sub-clause (iii), the following sub-  
clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(iii) any dues payable, whether in one lump sum or  
in instalments, to a co-operative society, registered as such  
under any law for the time being in force, by the displaced  
person on account of loans granted to him by the co-opera-  
tive society, where such loans have been granted out of  
funds placed at the disposal of the co-operative society by  
the Central Government or a State Government and such  
dues have been declared by the Central Government, by  
notification in the Official Gazette, to be public dues;”;

(ii) in clause (e), for the words, brackets and figures “East  
Punjab Refugees (Registration of Claims) Act, 1948” the words,  
brackets and figures “East Punjab Refugees (Registration of  
Land Claims) Act, 1948” shall be, and shall be deemed always  
to have been, substituted.

Amendment  
of section 3.

3. In section 3 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words “a Deputy Chief  
Settlement Commissioner and as many Settlement Commis-  
sioners”, the words “and as many Deputy Chief Settlement Com-  
missioners, Settlement Commissioners” shall be substituted;

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4 Sections 2 to 10 repealed by Act 52 of 1964, S. 2  
& sch. I (w.e.f. 29.12.64).

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words, "the Deputy Chief Settlement Commissioner and all Settlement Commissioners", the words "all Deputy Chief Settlement Commissioners, Settlement Commissioners" shall be substituted.

4. In section 19 of the principal Act, after sub-section (3), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:— Amendment  
of section 19.

"(4) Where a managing officer or a managing corporation is satisfied that any person, whether by way of allotment or lease, is, or has at any time been, in possession of any evacuee property acquired under this Act to which he was not entitled, or which was in excess of that to which he was entitled, under the law under which such allotment or lease was made or granted, then, without prejudice to any other action which may be taken against that person, the managing officer or the managing corporation may, having regard to such principles of assessment of rent as may be specified in this behalf by the Central Government, by order, assess the rent payable in respect of such property and that person shall be liable to pay the rent so assessed for the period for which the property remains or has remained in his possession:

Provided that no such order shall be made without giving to the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(5) Where any person is, or has at any time been, in unauthorised possession of any evacuee property acquired under this Act, the managing officer or the managing corporation may, having regard to such principles of assessment of damages as may be specified in this behalf by the Central Government, assess the damages on account of the use and occupation of such property and may, by order, require that person to pay the damages within such time and in such instalments as may be specified in the order:

Provided that no such order shall be made without giving to the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard."

5. In section 20 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— Amendment  
of section 20.

"(1A) For the purpose of transferring any property out of the compensation pool under sub-section (1), it shall be lawful

for the managing officer or the managing corporation to transfer the same to a displaced person jointly with any other person or an association of displaced persons or otherwise.”.

Insertion of  
new section  
20B.

6. After section 20A of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Restrictions  
on restoration  
of  
certain  
property.

“20B. (1) Where any person is entitled to the restoration of any property by virtue of an order made by the Custodian-General under section 27 of the Administration of Evacuee Property Act, 1950, or by the competent officer or the appellate officer under the Evacuee Interest Separation Act, 1951, and the Central Government is of opinion that it is not expedient or practicable to restore the whole or any part of such property to that person by reason of the property or part thereof being in occupation of a displaced person or otherwise, then, notwithstanding anything contained in the said Acts or this Act, it shall be lawful for the Central Government—

(a) to transfer to that person in lieu of the property to be restored or any part thereof, any immovable property in the compensation pool or any part thereof, being in the opinion of the Central Government as nearly as may be of the same value as the property to be restored or, as the case may be, any part thereof, or

(b) to pay to that person such amount in cash from the compensation pool in lieu of the property to be restored or part thereof, as the Central Government having regard to the value of the property to be restored or part thereof, may in the circumstances deem fit.

(2) Where in pursuance of sub-section (1) any person has been granted any immovable property from the compensation pool or has been paid any amount in cash from the compensation pool, his right, title and interest in the property to be restored shall be deemed to have been extinguished.”.

Amendment  
of section 26.

7. In section 26 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1A) Every officer appointed under this Act may, for the purpose of making an inquiry under this Act and generally for the purpose of enabling him satisfactorily to discharge any of the duties imposed on him by or under this Act, require any person to submit to him such accounts, books or other documents or to furnish to him such information relating to any evacuee property acquired under this Act as he may reasonably think necessary.”.

8. In section 31 of the principal Act, after sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment  
of section 31

“(5) If at any time the Central Government is of opinion that the continued existence of the Board is unnecessary, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare that the Board shall be dissolved with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification and the Board shall be deemed to be dissolved accordingly.”

9. In section 34 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words “the Deputy Chief Settlement Commissioner”, the words “a Deputy Chief Settlement Commissioner” shall be substituted.

Amendment  
of section 34

10. In section 40 of the principal Act,—

Amendment  
of section 40

(a) in sub-section (2),—

(i) after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(hh) the manner in which any dispute as to who are the successors-in-interest of any deceased claimant to a rehabilitation grant or other grant, and as to the apportionment of such grant among persons entitled thereto, may be determined;”;

(ii) after clause (n), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(nn) the fees payable in respect of appeals, revisions or other applications made under this Act;”;

(b) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) Every rule made under this section shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule, or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.”

Validation of  
certain  
action taken.

11. (1) Any fees in respect of appeals, revisions or other applications which, before the commencement of this Act, have been levied under the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Act, 1954, shall be deemed to have been validly levied, as if this Act and the amendments made thereby were in force when such fees had been levied. 44 of 1954.

(2) No order made, no action taken and nothing done before the commencement of this Act by any person exercising the powers of a Deputy Chief Settlement Commissioner shall be invalid or shall be deemed ever to have been invalid merely by reason of any defect in, or invalidity of, the appointment of such person and such appointment shall be deemed to have been validly made, as if this Act and the amendments made thereby were in force on the date of such appointment.