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ACT NO. 23 OF 1932¹

[19th December, 1932.]

An Act to supplement the criminal law.

WHEREAS it is expedient to supplement the criminal law and to that end to amend the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931 (23 of 1931), and further to amend ^{2***} the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1908 (14 of 1908), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent, duration and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932.

³[(2) It extends to the whole of India except ⁴[the territories which, immediately before the 1st November, 1956, were comprised in Part B States].]

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(4) The whole of the Act except ^{6***} section 7 shall come into force at once, and the State Government may, by notification⁷ in the Official Gazette direct that ^{8** *} section 7 shall come into force in any area on such date as may be specified in the notification.

STATE AMENDMENTS

Karnataka

Amendment of Central Act 23 of 1932.—In the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932 (Central Act 23 of 1932), in sub-section (2) of section 1 after the words and letters “Part B States”, the following words, brackets, letters and figures shall be added, namely:—

“other than the territories specified in clause (a) and clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 (Central Act 37 of 1956).”

[Vide Karnataka Act 29 of 1975, s. 3].

2. [Dissuasion from enlistment.] Rep. by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 2.

3. [Tampering with public servants.] Rep. by s. 2, *ibid*.

4. [Boycotting a public servant.] Rep. by s. 2, *ibid*.

5. Dissemination of contents of prescribed document.—(1) Whoever publishes, circulates or repeats in public any passage from a newspaper, book or other document copies whereof have been declared to be forfeited to Government under any law for the time being in force, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

1. The Act has been extended to Goa, Daman and Diu (with modifications) *vide* G.S.R. 863, dated 2-6-1966, Gazette of India, Extraordinary Pt. II, Sec. 3(i), p. 389 and to Pondicherry (with modification) *vide* G.S.R. 200, dated 7-2-1967, Gazette of India, Pt. II, Sec. 3(i), p. 230. The Act has been amended in Bombay by Bombay Act 24 of 1959.

2. The word “temporarily” omitted by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 3.

3. Subs. by the A.O. 1950, for the sub-section (2).

4. Subs. by the Adaptation of Laws (No. 3) Order, 1956, for “Part B States”.

5. Sub-section (3) limiting the duration of the Act to three years from commencement, rep. by Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 2.

6. The words and figure “section 4 and” omitted. by s. 4, *ibid*

7. S. 7 was brought into force in—

Former Province of Bihar and Orissa, from 26th December, 1932: *see* B. & O. Gazette, Extraordinary, dated 26th December, 1932;

The Delhi Province, from 24th December, 1932: *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, 1932, p. 429;

The City of Bombay, the Bombay Suburban district and the districts of Kaira, Ahmednagar, East Khandesh, West Khandesh, Ratnagiri and Kanara, from 29th December, 1932: *see* Bombay Gazette, Extraordinary, dated 27th December, 1932;

Amritsar district, from 31st December, 1932: *see* Punjab Gazette, Extraordinary, 1932, p. 163;

The districts of Cachar, Goalpara, Kamrup, Darrang, Nowgong, Sibsagar and Lakhimpur, from 7th January, 1933: *see* Assam Gazette, Extraordinary, dated 7th January, 1933;

Ajmer-Merwara, from 30th September, 1933: *see* Gazette of India, 1933, Pt. II-A, p. 716.

8. The words and figure “section 4 or” omitted by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 4.

(2) The State Government may, in like manner and subject to the like conditions and with the like effect, declare⁴ that an offence punishable under section 188 or section 506 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860), shall be non-bailable.

11. [Amendment of section 16, Act 14 of 1908.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1938 (1 of 1938), s. 2 and the Schedule.

12. [Amendment of section 17, Act 14 of 1908.] Rep. by s. 2 and the Schedule. *ibid.*

13. [Insertion of new sections 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, 17E and 17F in Act 14 of 1908.] Rep by the s. 2 and the Schedule, *ibid.*

14. [Amendment of title and preamble of Act 23 of 1931.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1938 (1 of 1938), s. 2 and the Schedule.

15. [Amendment of s. 1, Act 23 of 1931.] Rep. by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 2.

16. [Amendment of s. 4, Act 23 of 1931.] Rep. by the Repealing Act, 1938 (1 of 1938), s. 2 and Schedule.

17. [Cessation of effect of s. 62, Ordinance 10 of 1932.] Rep. by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 2.

18. Adoption and continuance of action taken under Ordinance 10 of 1932.—Anything done or any proceedings commenced in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter VI of the Special Powers Ordinance, 1932 (10 of 1932), shall, upon the commencement of this Act, be deemed to have been done or to have been commenced in pursuance of the corresponding provisions of the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1908 (45 of 1908), as amended by this Act, and shall have effect as if this Act was already in force when such thing was done or such proceedings were commenced.

19. Adoption and continuance of action taken under Act 23 of 1931 as amended by Ordinance 10 of 1932.—Anything done or any proceedings commenced in pursuance of the provisions of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931 (23 of 1931), as amended by section 77 of the Special Powers Ordinance, 1932 (10 of 1932), shall, upon the commencement of this Act, be deemed to have been done or to have been commenced in pursuance of the corresponding provisions of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, as amended by this Act, and shall have effect as if this Act was already in force when such thing was done or such proceedings were commenced.

20. [Trial of, and completion of trials of, offences against Ordinance 10 of 1932.] Rep. by the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1935, s. 2.