

**THE PONDICHERRY LAND REFORMS (FIXATION OF CEILING ON  
LAND) AMENDMENT REGULATION, 1977.**

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**NOTIFICATION**

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(By Order)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

**THE PONDICHERRY LAND REFORMS (FIXATION OF CEILING ON LAND) AMENDMENT  
REGULATION, 1977.**

Promulgated by the Vice-President acting as President in the Twenty-eight Year of the Republic of India.

A Regulation to amend the Pondicherry Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1973.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the second proviso to clause (1) of article 240 of the Constitution, the Vice-President acting as President is pleased to promulgate the following Regulation made by him :—

**Short title and commencement.**

1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Pondicherry Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Amendment Regulation 1977.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

### **Amendment of section 7 of Pondicherry Act 9 of 1974.**

2. In section 7 of the Pondicherry Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub section (1), the proviso to Explanation III shall be omitted.

### **Amendment of section 8.**

3. In section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2) clause (b) shall be omitted.

### **Amendment of section 9.**

4. In section 9 of the principal Act,—

(a) in clause (a) of sub-section (1), the words brackets and figures “and on the basis of the representation and evidence under the proviso to Explanation III to sub-section (1) of section 7” and the words, brackets, letter and figures “and the orders passed on the representation and the evidence, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 8” shall be omitted ;

(b) in sub-section (5), for the word “thirty”, the word “fifteen” shall be substituted ;

(c) in clause (a) of sub-section (6), for the word “thirty” the word “fifteen” shall be substituted.

### **Amendment of section 21.**

5. In section 21 of the principal Act,—

(a) in clause (b) of sub-section (1), for the word “ninety” the word “thirty” shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), for the word “ninety”, the word “thirty” shall be substituted ;

### **Amendment of section 24.**

6. In section 24 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (2), for the word “thirty” the word “fifteen” shall be substituted ;

(b) in sub-section (3), in sub-clause (ii) of clause (a) (including the proviso thereto), for the word “thirty” in the two places where it occurs, the word “fifteen” shall be substituted.

### **Amendment of section 25.**

7. In section 25 of the principal Act, in clause (b) of sub-section (1), for the word “sixty”, the word “thirty” shall be substituted.

### **Amendment of section 31.**

8. In section 31 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the word “thirty”, the word “fifteen” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of section 32.**

9. In section 32 of the principal Act, in the second proviso, for the words “three months”, the words “fifteen days” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of section 39.**

10. In section 39 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the word “ninety”, the word “thirty” shall be substituted

**Amendment of section 46.**

11. In section 46 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely :-

“(1) Any person aggrieved by any decision of the authorised officer under sub-section (1), or sub-section (2), of section 11 or sub-clause (iii) of clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 15 or section 20 or section 22 or sub-section (4) of section 24 or sub-section (1), or sub-section (2) of section 25 or section 26 or clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 31 or clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 68, may, within thirty days from the date of such decision, prefer an appeal to the Land Tribunal in such manner as may be prescribed.

Explanation:- In this section and in section 47, “date of decision” means the date on which the decision is communicated to the party concerned.”

**Amendment of section 47.**

12. In section 47 of the principal Act, for the word “sixty” the word “thirty” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of section 52.**

13. In section 52 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words “with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees”. the words “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of section 53.**

14. In section 53 of the principal Act for the words “with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees”, the words “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of section 54.**

15. In section 54 of the principal Act, for the words “with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both” shall be substituted.

#### **Amendment of section 55.**

16. In section 55 of the principal Act, for the words “with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees”, the words “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.

#### **Amendment of section 56.**

17. In section 56 of the principal Act for the words “with fine not exceeding one thousand rupees”, the words “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.

#### **Amendment of section 57.**

18. In section 57 of the principal Act, for the words “with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees”, the words, “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.

#### **Amendment of section 68.**

19. In section 68 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the word “thirty”, the word “fifteen” shall be substituted.

#### **Insertion of new section 72 A.**

20. After section 72 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :-

#### **Parties not to be represented by legal practitioners before the authorised officer**

72 A. Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no party to any proceeding under this Act shall be entitled to be represented by a legal practitioner before the authorised officer :

Provided that the authorised officer may, in the interests of justice and for reasons to be recorded in writing, allow any such party to be represented by a legal practitioner at his own cost.

Explanation .- For the purposes of this section, “legal practitioner” has the same meaning as in clause (1) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (25 of 1961)”

#### **Savings.**

21. (1) Notwithstanding the amendment of section 9, 21, 24, 25, 39 and 47 of the principal Act by this Regulation, where any objection or claim or return could have been preferred or furnished to the authorised officer, or where any appeal could have been preferred to the High Court against the decision of the Land Tribunal before the commencement of this Regulation but has not been so preferred or furnished before such commencement, such objection or claim or return or appeal may be preferred or furnished within the period specified in the relevant provision of the principal Act as if this Regulation had not been made.

(2) An appeal preferred against any order or decision of the authorised officer under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 8 or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) or sub-section (6) of section 9, of the Principal Act as it stood before the commencement of this Regulation and pending on the date of such commencement shall be heard and disposed of as if this Regulation had not been made.