

ACT 14 OF 2011
THE KERALA CONSERVATION OF PADDY LAND AND WETLAND
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2011.

An Act to amend the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008.

Preamble.- WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008 (28 of 2008) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. *Short title and commencement.-* (1) This Act is known as the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland (Amendment) Act, 2011.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 12th day of August, 2008.

2. *Amendment of section 12.-* In section 12 of the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008 (28 of 2008) (hereinafter referred as the principal Act), -

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words “not below the rank of Revenue Divisional Officer”, the words “not below the rank of Village Officer” shall be substituted;

(b) for sub-section (5), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

"(5) If an officer authorised under sub-section (1) fails to take action on the report received by him regarding the violation of the Act, he shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 23."

3. *Amendment of section 13.*- In section 13 of the principal Act, for the words “any paddy land”, the words “any paddy land or wetland” and for the words “the said paddy land”, the words “the said paddy land or wet land ” shall, respectively, be substituted.

4. *Amendment of section 19.*- In sub-section (1) of section 19 of the principal Act, for the words “of a Revenue Divisional Officer”, the words “of Village Officer ” shall be substituted.

5. *Validation.*- Notwithstanding the cesser of operation of the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (38 of 2011) (hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance),-

(a) anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the provisions of the principal Act as amended by this Act;

(b) anything done or any action taken after the cesser of operation of the said Ordinance and before the date of publication of this Act in the Gazette, which could have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance if the said Ordinance had not ceased to operate, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.