

THE PUNJAB FOREST (SALE OF TIMBER) ACT, 1913

(ACT No. III OF 1913)

(21st March 1913)

An Act to provide for the control of the sale of timber and the establishment of sale depots for such timber in the Punjab.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the control of the sale of timber and the establishment of sale depots for such timber in the Punjab ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—This Act may be called the Punjab Forest (Sale of Timber) Act, 1913.

It shall extend to such local areas as the Provincial Government may by notification in the official gazette direct, and it shall come into force in each of such areas on such day as the Provincial Government in like manner directs in this behalf.

2. Act VII of 1878 Meaning of term.—In this Act all expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Forst Act, 1878.

3. Power to make rules regulating sale of timbers and the establishment of sale depots.—(1) The Provincial Government may, by notification in official Gazette, make rules to regulate the sale of timber the establishment of sale depots for such timber.

Such rules may among other matters—

- (a) prescribe the classes of timber to which the rules shall apply ;**
- (b) define what shall be deemed to be a sale depot ;**
- (c) provide for the establishment, registration, regulation and inspection of sale depots, and the levy of fees for registration, prescribe the period for which registration shall hold good and the conditions under which timber may be brought to, stored at and removed, from, sale depots ; and prohibit the sale of timber at or the establishment or maintenance of unregistered sale "depots";**
- (d) regulate the use of sale depot marks and the registration of such marks ; prescribe the time for which registration shall hold good ; and provide for the levy of fees for registration ;**
- (e) prescribe the registers to be maintained at sale depots and provide for the production of such registers before and for their examination by any forest or police officer authorized in this behalf by the Divisional Forest Officer, or by the District Superintendent of Police, respectively ;**
- (f) prescribe as penalties for the infringement of any rule made under the section imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine**

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which may extend to Rs. 590 or both. Double penalties may be inflicted where the offence is committed after sunset and before sun-rise, or after preparation for resistance to lawful authority or if the offender has been previously convicted of a like offence.

(2) All rules made under sub-section (1) shall be so made after previous publication in the official Gazette.

4. Act VII of 1878. Application of Chapter Act X of Forest Act.—The provisions of Chapter X of the Forest Act, 1878, with the exception of section 67, shall apply so far as may be to any infringement of the rules made under this Act as if such infringement were a forest offence under the Forest Act.

5. Indemnity for acts done in good faith.—No suit shall lie against any public servant for anything done by him in good faith under this Act.