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Act

No. 4 of 1983.

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PASTURE LANDS (RESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT)

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESERVATION OF CERTAIN STATE LAND AS PASTURE LAND, FOR THE LEASING OF SUCH LAND, FOR THE RECOVERY OF POSSESSION OF SUCH LAND FROM PERSONS IN UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OR OCCUPATION THEREOF, AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

[Commencement and Operation-27th January, 1983.1

1 . This Act may be cited as the Pasture Lands (Reservation and Development) Act, No. 4 of 1983.

2. The Minister may from time to time, with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Lands, by Order published in the Gazette declare any State Land to be reserved as pasture land (hereinafter referred to as “ pasture land ‘3.

3. The Land Commissioner or an officer authorized in writing by him in consultation with the Director of Animal Production and Health (hereinafter referred to as the “ Director “) shall lease any pasture land to any State institution or body of persons, whether corporate or ‘unincorporate (hereinafter referred to as the “lessee “) engaged in the business of livestock breeding, where he is satisfied that such institution or body of persons has the capacity to manage and develop such pasture’land.

4. (1) The Land Commissioner or an officer authorized in writing by him in consultation with the Director shall, by order, terminate any lease agreement entered into under section 3 with any lessee where he is satisfied that-(

a) the terms and conditions specified in such lease agreement have not been complied with ; or

(b) maximum utilization has not been made of the pasture land which is

subject to such lease agreement.

(2) No order under subsection (1) shall be made against a lessee except after notice to him to show cause within such period as may be specified in the notice why such order should not be made, and except on his failing to show cause within such period, or on his not showing sufficient cause.

5 . All pasture lands shall be deemed to **State Lands** be State lands within the meaning of the (Recovery of State Lands (Recovery of Possession) Act ~~~~~p”b. and the provisions of that Act shall, *mutatis* [Cap. 289.1 *mutandis*, apply to the ejection of any person in unauthorized possession or occupation of any such land.

6. Every lessee under this Act shall **Maintenance** maintain such records as may be prescribed Of records. and shall submit to the Land Commissioner or an officer authorized in writing by him and the Director such reports as may be prescribed.

7 . The Land Commissioner or an officer **Power of entry** author&d in writing by him or the Director and inspection. may-(

a) for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder are being complied with, enter and inspect any pasture land at all reasonable hours of the day and night ; and

(b) inspect and take copies of any records required to be kept by any lessee under this Act or the regulations made thereunder.

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8. Where the Minister is of opinion that any land declared to be reserved as pasture land is not suitable as such pasture land, he may, with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Lands, revoke the Order made under section 2.

9. Any person who, within the limits of any pasture land-(

a) without lawful authority fells any trees ; or

(b) without lawful authority grazes any cattle : or

(c) wilfully causes any damage to such

land or loss to any lessees thereon ;
or

(d) commits trespass ; or

(e) tampers with natural water courses
thereon : or

(f) obstructs the entry of authorized
persons ; or

(g) introduces any infected animals,
shall be guilty of an offence and shall be
liable on conviction by a Magistrate to a
fine not less than two hundred and fifty
rupees and not exceeding one thousand
rupees or to a term of imprisonment not
exceeding one year or to both such fine and
imprisonment.

10. (1) The Minister may make
regulations in respect of matters required by
this Act to be prescribed.

(2) In particular regulations may be
made in respect of all or any of the
following matters :-

a) the terms and conditions of lease
agreements made under this Act ;

(b) the standards of productivity to be
maintained by lessees ;

(c) the manner in which records are to be
maintained by lessees.

(3) Every regulation made by the
Minister shall be published in the Gazette
and shall come into operation on the date of
publication or on such later date as may be
specified in the regulation.

(4) Every regulation made by the
Minister shall as soon as convenient after its
publication in the Gazette be brought before
Parliament for approval.

(5) Any regulation which is not so
approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as
from the date of disapproval but without
prejudice to anything previously done
thereunder.

(6) The date on which any regulation is
deemed to be so rescinded shall be
published in the Gazette.

11. In this Act, unless the context Interpretation.
otherwise requires-“

Director of Animal Production and
Health ” includes a Deputy Director
and an Assistant Director.

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