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महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधि व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) (Amendment, Re-enactment of Rules and Notification of Apex and other Grievance Redressal Committees and Validation) Act, 2023 (Mah. Act No. XXXIII of 2023), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SATISH WAGHOLE.

Secretary (Legislation) to Government, Law and Judiciary Department.

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXIII OF 2023.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor in the "Maharashtra Government Gazette", on the 7th August 2023).

An Act further to amend the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971.

Mah. XXVIII of 1971. WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971, and to re-enact the Government Rules and Notification issued thereunder relating to the Apex and other Grievance Redressal Committees, with retrospective effect and to make validating provisions therefor, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Short title. Clearance and Redevelopment) (Amendment, Re-enactment of Rules and Notification of Apex and other Grievance Redressal Committees and Validation) Act, 2023.

Amendment Mah. XXVIII of 1971.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance Mah. of section 2 of and Redevelopment) Act, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal XXVIII Act"),—

of 1971.

- (i) after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted and shall be deemed to have been inserted with effect from the 8th March 2017, namely:-
 - "(a-1) "Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" means the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee constituted under sub-section (1) of section 34A;";
- (ii) for clause (c-c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:--
 - "(c-c) "Grievance Redressal Committee" means the Grievance Redressal Committee constituted under sub-section (2) of section 34B;".

Amendment of Mah. 1971.

3. In section 3C of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words, of section 3C "Grievance Redressal Committee", at both the places where they occur, the words "Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 8th March 2017.

Amendment of section 3D of Mah. XXVIII of

1971.

- **4.** In section 3D of the principal Act, in clause (b),—
 - (i) in sub-clause (ii)(C), in sub-section (4), for the words "Grievance Redressal Committee", at both the places where they occur, the words "Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 8th March 2017;
 - (ii) in sub-clause (ii)(D), in sub-section (5), for the words "Grievance Redressal Committee", wherever they occur, the words "Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 8th March 2017;
 - (iii) in sub-clause (ii)(H), in sub-section (10), in the proviso, for the words "Grievance Redressal Committee", at both the places where they occur, the words "Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 8th March 2017;
 - (iv) in sub-clause (iii), in section 13, in sub-section (3), in the third proviso, for the words "Grievance Redressal Committee", at both the places where they occur, the words "Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted with effect from the 8th March 2017.
- **5.** After section 34 of the principal Act,—
- (1) the following section shall be inserted and shall be deemed to have been inserted with effect from the 8th March 2017, namely:—
 - **"34A.** (1) The State Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute, the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee consisting of the Chairperson and such number of members as the Government may deem fit, for the purposes of exercising the powers and performing the functions as may be assigned to it under this Act.

Insertion of new sections 34A and 34B in Mah. XXVIII of 1971.

Constitution of Apex Grievance Redressal Committee.

- (2) The Apex Grievance Redressal Committee shall exercise the powers and perform the functions, as follows, namely:—
 - (i) to hear and dispose off appeals against orders of the Chief Executive Officer or any Officer to whom the powers are delegated by the Chief Executive Officer, as provided under this Act:
 - (ii) any issues or matters referred to it by the State Government.
- (3) The qualifications of the Chairperson and the members of the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee, the procedure to be followed for transacting its business and quorum for its meetings, shall be such as may be prescribed.";
- (2) after section 34A as so inserted, the following section shall be inserted and shall be deemed to have been inserted with effect from the 8th March 2017, namely:—
 - **"34B.** (1) The State Government shall, by notification in the Constitution Official Gazette, constitute Grievance Redressal Committees of Grievance consisting of Chairperson and such number of members as the Government may deem fit, for such areas as may be specified in the notification for the purposes of exercising the powers and performing the functions as may be assigned to it under this Act.

- (2) The qualifications of the Chairperson and the members of the Grievance Redressal Committee, the procedure to be followed for transacting its business and quorum for its meetings, shall be such as may be prescribed.".
- 6. In section 35 of the principal Act,—
- (1) for sub-section (1A), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:

Amendment of section 35 of Mah. XXVIII of 1971.

- "(1A) Any person,—
- (a) aggrieved by any notice, order or direction issued or given by the Appellate Authority under sub-section (1), may file an appeal within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such notice, order or direction, before the Grievance Redressal Committee;
- (b) aggrieved by any notice, direction, circular, decision, order, permission or approval issued or given by the Chief Executive Officer of Slum Rehabilitation Authority or any Officer to whom the powers are delegated by the Chief Executive Officer, may file an appeal within thirty days of receipt of such notice, direction, circular, decision, order, permission or approval, before the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee.";
- (2) in sub-section (5), for the words the "Grievance Redressal Committee" the words "Grievance Redressal Committee and the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted.
- 7. In section 42 of the principal Act, for the words "Grievance Redressal Amendment Committee", the words "Grievance Redressal Committee and Apex Grievance Redressal Committee" shall be substituted.

of Mah. XXVIII of Re-enactment of the Maharashtra (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Redressal Committee) Rules, 2014 retrospective effect.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Maharashtra Slum Areas Mah. (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971 or any judgement, of 1971. Slum Areas decree or order of any court, tribunal or authority, the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) (Grievance Redressal Committee) Rules, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules"), relating to (Grievance the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee and Grievance Redressal Committees, shall be deemed to have been duly and validly re-enacted by the State Government with retrospective effect, from the 23rd February 2017 with and shall be deemed to be operative at all material times, as if they have been made in accordance with law by the State Government under the relevant provisions of the said Act, as amended by this Act.

Re-enactment Government Notification, dated 8th March 2017 constitution of Apex and Grievance Redressal with retrospective

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Maharashtra Slum Areas Mah. (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971 or any judgement, decree or order of any court, tribunal or authority, the Government Notification, Housing Department, No. Zopasu. 1008/C.R. 143(1)/Slum-1, dated relating to the 8th March 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Notification"), relating to constitution of the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee and Grievance other Redressal Committees, shall be deemed to have been duly and validly re-enacted by the State Government with retrospective effect, from the 8th Committee March 2017 and shall be deemed to be operative at all material times, as if it has been issued in accordance with law by the State Government under the effect. relevant provisions of the said Act, as amended by this Act.

Abatement of legal proceedings.

No orders, decisions, notices, circulars, resolutions, directions made or issued by the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee and Grievance Redressal Committees or any proceedings thereof, in pursuance of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, Mah. 1971 or the Rules or the Notification issued thereunder relating to Apex XXVIII Grievance Redressal Committee and Grievance Redressal Committees shall be called question or challenged before any court, tribunal or authority on the ground that the constitution of the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee or Grievance Redressal Committees and powers and functions thereof were not provided in the said Act and the said Committees were not having jurisdiction or were not legally competent to do so under the said Act, and all pending proceedings raising such contentions shall abate to that extent.

Validation and savings.

11. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Maharashtra Slum Mah. Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971 or any XXVIII judgement, decree or order of any court, tribunal or authority to the contrary, all acts, proceedings or things done or taken, including the orders passed by the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee and Grievance Redressal Committees, during the period commencing from 8th March 2017 and ending on the date of commencement of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) (Amendment, Re-enactment of Rules and Mah. Notification of Apex and other Grievance Redressal Committees and XXXIII Validation) Act, 2023 (hereinafter, in this section, referred to as "the Amendment Act"), under the said Act, the Rules and the Notification, shall

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be deemed to be and shall be deemed always to have been, duly and validly taken or done in accordance with the law as if the provisions of the said Act, as amended by the Amendment Act, had been continuously in force at all material times and accordingly, all actions taken or proceedings or things done by any officer or authority in connection with any Slum Rehabilitation Scheme, in pursuance of the orders passed by the said Committees, shall for all the purposes, be deemed to be and shall be deemed always to have been done or taken in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, as amended by the Amendment Act.

12. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Power to principal Act, as amended by this Act, the State Government may, as occasion remove arises, by an order published in the Official Gazette, do anything, not inconsistent with the provisions of the principal Act, which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulty:

difficulties.

Provided that, no such order shall be made after expiry of the period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under sub-section (1) shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature.