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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधी 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 Forest Produce (Regulation of Trade) (Amendment) Act, 2014 (Mah. Act No. XXXII of 2014), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

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

SANGITRAO PATIL,
I/c. Principal Secretary to Government,
Law and Judiciary Department.

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXII OF 2014.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor, in the "Maharashtra Government Gazette", on the 5th July 2014).

An Act further to amend the Maharashtra Forest Produce (Regulation of Trade) Act, 1969.

Mah. LVII of 1969. WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Forest Produce (Regulation of Trade) Act, 1969, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; it is hereby enacted in the Sixty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Forest Produce (Regulation of Trade) (Amendment) Act, 2014.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.

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- Amendment of section 2 of Mah. LVII of 1969. **2.** In section 2 of the Maharashtra Forest Produce (Regulation of Trade) Act, 1969 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—
- “(h-1) “Village Forest Management Committee” means the Joint Forest Management Committee or any such Committee by whatever name called constituted under section 49 of the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act to manage and protect the reserved forests or protected forests or any part thereof where the rights of the Government to or over any land which has been constituted as a reserved forest or called a protected forest are assigned, by order of the State Government issued in this behalf, under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, in its application to the State of Maharashtra and the rules made thereunder, as a village forest to any village community or the Village *Panchayat* ;”.
- Amendment of section 3 of Mah. LVII of 1969. **3.** To section 3 of the principal Act, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—
- “Provided that, the areas earmarked or assigned to the Village Forest Management Committees shall, from the date of the commencement of the Maharashtra Forest Produce (Regulation of Trade) (Amendment) Act, 2014, be excluded from such units.”.
- Amendment of section 5 of Mah. LVII of 1969. **4.** In section 5 of the principal Act, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :—
- “(2a) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the Village Forest Management Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and the rules made thereunder, be entitled to transport and store the forest produce collected from the area earmarked or assigned to it.”.
- Amendment of section 6 of Mah. LVII of 1969. **5.** In section 6 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—
- “Provided further that, one member shall be the representative of the Village Forest Management Committee, as recommended by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forest.”.
- Amendment of section 7 of Mah. LVII of 1969. **6.** In section 7 of the principal Act, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—
- “Provided also that, for the forest produce collected from the area earmarked or assigned to the Village Forest Management Committee, the price shall be fixed by the Village Forest Management Committee and the provisions of this section shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, for fixation of price.”.
- Amendment of section 8 of Mah. LVII of 1969. **7.** To section 8 of the principal Act, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—
- “Provided that, for the forest produce collected from the area earmarked or assigned to the Village Forest Management Committee, the place of such depot shall be fixed by such Committee and the hours of business shall be prominently displayed on a notice board kept for the purpose at every such depot.”.

Mah. LVII of 1969.

III of 1959.

XVI of 1927.

Mah. XXXII of 2014.

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8. In section 9 of the principal Act,—

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1969.

(a) in sub-section (1), after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—

“Provided further that, the Village Forest Management Committee shall purchase the forest produce collected from the area earmarked or assigned to it, at the price fixed by such Committee and the Committee shall not be competent to purchase the forest produce from the area other than the areas earmarked or assigned to it.”;

(b) in the marginal note, after the words “ or agent ” the words “ or Village Forest Management Committee ” shall be inserted.

9. To section 10 of the principal Act, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—

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“Provided that, it shall not be necessary for the Village Forest Management Committee to get itself registered.”.

10. To section 12 of the principal Act, the following proviso shall be added, namely :—

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of Mah.
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1969.

“Provided that, subject to the terms and conditions as may be imposed by the State Government for assigning the village forest, any forest produce purchased or collected by the Village Forest Management Committee shall be sold or otherwise disposed of in such manner as it deems fit .”.