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PART III.—Acts of the West Bengal Legislature

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

No. 1180L.—11th April, 1966.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been passed by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:—

West Bengal Act XI of 1966

THE WEST BENGAL LAND REFORMS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1966.

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

[Assent of the Governor was first published in the Calcutta Gazette, Extraordinary, of the 11th April, 1966.]

An Act to amend the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

West
Ben.
Act X
of 1956.

It is hereby enacted in the Seventeenth Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

Short
title.

1. This Act may be called the West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 1966.

Amend-
ment of
section 2
of West
Ben.
Act X
of 1956.

2. In section 2 of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), after clause (9), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(9A) “prescribed authority” means an authority appointed by the State Government, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, for all or any of the purposes of this Act;”.

The West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 1966.
(Sections 3—5.)

Amend-
ment of
section 4.

3. For sub-section (2A) of section 4 of the said Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2A) No raiyat shall—

(a) quarry sand, or permit any person to quarry sand, from his holding, or

(b) dig or use, or permit any person to dig or use, earth or clay of his holding for the manufacture of bricks or tiles,

for any purpose, other than his own use, except with the previous permission in writing of the State Government and in accordance with such terms and conditions and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.”

Amend-
ment of
section
19A.

4. Section 19A of the said Act shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section, and after the said sub-section (1) as so renumbered, the following sub-sections shall be added, namely:—

“(2) If, after the commencement of the West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 1966, any person owning any land terminates or causes to be terminated the cultivation of the land by a *bargadar* in contravention of the provisions of this Act, he shall be guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.

(3) An offence under sub-section (2) shall be cognizable and bailable.”

Amend-
ment of
section 53.

5. In section 53 of the said Act, for the words and figures “sections 6, 22, 39 and 40”, the words, figures and brackets “sub-section (2A) of section 4, section 6, section 22, section 39 and section 40” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

K. K. CHAKRABARTI,

Jt. Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.