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The Cardamom Act, 1965

(ACT NO. 42 OF 1965)

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LIST OF AMENDING ACTS

1. The Cardamom (Amendment) Act, 1977 (26 of 1977).
2. The Spices Board Act, 1986 (10 of 1986).

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

Cl., cls.	*for*	Clause, clauses.
Ins.	,,	Inserted.
Notifn.	,,	Notification.
S., ss.	,,	Section, sections.
Sch.	,,	Schedule.
Subs.	,,	Substituted.
w.e.f.	,,	with effect from.

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THE CARDAMOM ACT, 1965

ACT NO. 42 OF 1965

[9*th December,* 1965.]

An Act to provide for the development under the control of the Union of the cardamom industry.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(*1*) This Act may be called the Cardamom Act, 1965.

(*2*) It extends to the whole of India:

Provided that it shall not apply to the State of Jammu and Kashmir* except to the extent to which the provisions of this Act relate to the control of export of cardamom from India and import thereof into India.

(*3*) It shall come into force on such date[1] as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint:

Provided that different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act.

2. Declaration as to expediency of control by the Union.—It is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that the Union should take under its control the cardamom industry.

3. [*Definitions*.] *Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act* (10 *of* 1986), *s.* 42 (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

[C*HAPTER* II.—*THE CARDAMOM BOARD*] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

4. [*Establishment and constitution of the Board*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

5. [*Acts or proceedings of Board or its Committees not to be in validated*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

6. [*Salary and allowances of Chairman*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

7. [*Executive officers of the Board and other staff*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

8. [*Committees of the Board*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

9. [*Functions of the Board*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

10. [*Dissolution of the Board*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

[*CHAPTER* III.—R*EGISTRATION OF OWNERS OF CARDOMOM ESTATES*] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

11. [*Registration of owners of cardamom estates*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

12. [*Power of State Government to make rules*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

13. [*Returns to be made by registered owners*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

[*CHAPTER* IV.—*FINANCE, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT*] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

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1. 5th April, 1966, *vide* notification No. G.S.R. 543, dated the 5th April, 1966, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(*i*) except Chapter III.

11th April, 1966, *vide* notification No. G.S.R. 380, dated 5th March, 1966, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(*i*) in respect of ss. 14 and 15.

12th July, 1966, *vide* notification No. S.O. 2166(E), dated 12th July, 1966, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, sec. 3(*ii*) in respect of Chapter III.

*. *Vide* notification No. S.O. 3912(E), dated 30th October, 2019, this Act is made applicable to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh.

14. [*Imposition of a cess on cardamom exported*.] *Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act* (10 *of* 1986), *s.* 42 (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

15. [*Payment of proceeds of cess to the Board*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

16. [*Grants and loans by the Central Government*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

17. [*Constitution of the Fund*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

18. [*Borrowing powers of the Board*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

19. [*Accounts and audit.*] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

[C*HAPTER* V.—CONTROL BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

20. [*Power to control price and distribution of cardamom*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

21. [*Power to prohibit or control imports and exports of cardamom*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

22. [*Directions by Government*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

[*CHAPTER* VI.—MISCELLANEOUS] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

23. [*Penalty for making false returns*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

24. [*Penalty for obstructing an officer or member of the Board in the discharge of his duties and for failure to produce books and records*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

25. [*Penalty for contravention of order relating to control of price, etc*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

26. [*Other penalties*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

27. [*Offences by companies*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

28. [*Jurisdiction of court*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

29. [*Previous sanction of Central Government*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

30. [*Protection of action taken in good faith*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

31. [*Power to delegate*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

32. [*Suspension of operation of Act*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

33. [*Power of Central Government to make rules*.] *Rep. by s.* 42, ibid. (*w.e.f.* 26-2-1987).

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The annual production of cardamom, a plantation crop grown mainly in the hilly regions of Kerala, Mysore and Madras, is at present of the order of 3,000 tonnes of which about 65 to 70 per cent, is exported, earning around Rs.3 crores of foreign exchange for the country. In the World trade in this commodity, India has a near monopoly. It is thus a plantation commodity with a preponderant export angle. A substantial increase in foreign exchange earnings through Cardamom exports can he brought about by undertaking suitable measures of assistance to planters for development of their plantation and by proper arrangements for the marketing and export of this commodity.

Export prices of cardamom have been widely fluctuating over the years. This uncertainty of prices has resulted in planters of cardamom, most of whom are small growers with inadequate financial resources of their own, being unable to maintain and develop their plantations on sound lines. Leading Associations of Cardamom planters have been representing that to help the cardamom growers in realizing fair returns for their produce and the industry to develop on sound and progressive lines, a statutory Board should be set up for undertaking measures of assistance for development and activities relating to proper marketing of the commodity.

In order to maintain steady export prices, secure better returns for the producers and increase the foreign exchange earnings from Cardamom exports, certain interim measures were taken. These interim measures gave some relief to the cardamom growers and helped to arrest the downward trend of prices and increase export prices of cardamom. Need, however, still exists for long-term measures for looking after the marketing aspects of cardamom with a view particularly to increase its export potential and for assistance to the growers for development purposes. The Cardamom Development and Marketing Advisory Committee, which was set up in February, 1963, also recommended the early constitution of a statutory Board for Cardamom for looking after the development and marketing aspects of the industry. After careful consideration, Government of India has come to the conclusion that a statutory Board to be known as the Cardamom Board should be set up. The Board is proposal to be constituted, among others, with the representatives of the growers of cardamom, exporters of cardamom and Governments of the cardamom producing states. It is Proposed to vest the Board with adequate powers to undertake suitable measures for development of the Cardamom Industry, such as the promotion of co-operatives of the small growers, grant of loans to planters for improved methods of cultivation, processing, replanting and extensions, undertaking marketing activities with a view to increase the export potential of the commodity, operating price support measures, supplying machinery and equipment on hire-purchase basis to planters. assisting planters in the procurement of fertilizers, pesticides and other allied objectives, The object of the bill is to take powers for setting up a statutory Board for Cardamom mainly with a view to enable it to undertake the activities mentioned above.

NEW DELHI; MANUBHAI SHAH.

The 7*th May*, 1965.