

ASSAM ACT IV OF 1974

(Received the assent of the Governor on the 23rd January, 1974)

THE ASSAM GANJA AND BHANG PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1973

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An

Act

to amend the Assam Ganja and Bhang Prohibition Act, 1958

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient to amend further the Assam Ganja and Bhang Prohibition Act, 1958 (Assam Act XXI of 1959), hereinafter called the Principal Act, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted in the Twenty-fourth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Assam Ganja and Bhang Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 1973.

(2) It shall have like extent as the Principal Act.

(3) It shall come into force on the First day of April, 1973.

Amendment of section 2 of Assam Act, XXI of 1959.

2. The following shall be substituted for subsection (2) of section 2 of the principal Act, namely:—

2.(2) "State Prohibition Council" means the body of a non-official residents of the State as may be constituted by the State Government by notification in the official Gazette.

Insert a new sub-section after sub-section (2) of Section 2.

(2)(i) "Prohibition Officer" means a person appointed under Sections 18 (3) of the Act.

Amendment
of section 18
of Assam Act
XXI of 1959

3. The following shall be substituted for section 18 of the Principal Act, namely :—

18(1) The State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, constitute for the State and for such period as it may deem fit a State Prohibition Council consisting of two or more non-official residents of the State as may be prescribed by the State Government. The State Government may, by like notification, dissolve or reconstitute any such Council.

18(2) The State Prohibition Council may, by notification in the official Gazette, constitute for any district or part thereof and for such period as it may deem fit, "Prohibition Committees" consisting of two or more non-official residents of the district. The State Prohibition Council may, by like notification, dissolve or reconstitute any such Committee.

(3) For the purposes of sections 11 and 12 of the Act, the State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint any member of a Prohibition Committee by virtue of office or otherwise to be a Prohibition officer and the relation of officers so appointed to the State Prohibition Council shall be such as may be prescribed.

(4) The duties to be performed by the State Prohibition Council and the Prohibition Committees and the relation between the Council and the Committees and

the relation of such Committees to the Council shall be such as may be prescribed.

Amendment
of section 23
of Assam Act,
XXI of 1959.

4. In sub-section (2) (a) of section 23 of the Principal Act, for the word "Commissioner", the words, "State Prohibition Council" shall be substituted.