

The Record of Jute Growers (Border Areas) Act, 1974

(ACT NO. LXXVI OF 1974)

An Act to provide for the preparation of records of growers of jute and lands on which jute is grown by them within the border area.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the preparation of records of growers of jute and lands on which jute is grown by them within the border area for the purpose of ensuring more effective check on smuggling and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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| Short title and commencement | <p>1. (1) This Act may be called the Record of Jute Growers (Border Areas) Act, 1974.</p> <p>(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 21st day of August, 1974.</p> |
| Definitions | <p>2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-</p> <p>(a) “border area” means the area of land lying within ten miles adjacent to the frontier of Bangladesh;</p> <p>(b) “dealer” means any person who purchases, or negotiates for the purchase of, or stores, or sells, or undertakes the grading or baling or spinning or manufacturing of, jute or jute manufactures and includes all kinds of dealers in jute and jute manufactures commonly known as faria, bepari, paikar, arathdar, broker, commission agent, kutchha baler, pucca baler, manufacturer, export agent, and exporter, but does not include a grower of jute storing or selling his own produce;</p> <p>(c) “Director” means the Director, Directorate of Jute, Government of Bangladesh and includes any person who, for the time being, performs the</p> |

(d) “grow” with its grammatical variations, when used in relation to jute, includes “sow” with its grammatical variations, irrespective of whether the jute is harvested or not;

(e) “grower's card” means a card issued to a grower of jute under sub-section (2) of section 4;

¹[(f) “grower of jute” means any person who, either himself or by members of his family or by hired labourers or by any arrangement to share the produce, grows jute in any year on any land in his possession and includes, in relation to any land, any person who, as adhiar, bargadar, bhagdar or otherwise, receives any share of jute grown in such land;]

(g) “jute” means the plant known botanically as belonging to the genus corchorus, and includes all the species of that genus, whether known commonly as pat, costa, nalia or by any other name, and also means the plant known botanically as hibiscus cannabinus and known commonly as mesta, and includes any jute fibre which has not been subjected to any process of spinning or weaving;

(h) “land” includes any land on which jute is grown in any year but does not include any land on which, with the permission in writing of the Government or any person authorised by the Government in this behalf, jute is grown in any year for bona fide experimental or demonstrational purposes.

**Preparation
of record,
etc.**

3. (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that there shall be prepared, in respect of such year as may be specified in the notification, a record of all growers of jute in the border area or in such part thereof as may be specified in the notification, in which shall be entered the lands on which such growers of jute have grown, or intend to grow, jute in that year:

Provided that, for the purpose of such record, the border area may be divided into separate zones and a separate record may be prepared for each such zone.

(2) Upon the issue of a notification under sub-section (1), the Director shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, within such period and in such manner and form as the Government may direct, the record referred to in sub-section (1).

Liability of growers of jute to submit names and other particulars

4. (1) For the purpose of preparation of a record under section 3, every grower of jute referred to in sub-section (1) of section 3 shall, within such period and at such place as may be specified by the Director or any officer authorised by him in this behalf, declare or submit either personally, or in such other manner as the Director or such officer, considering the circumstances of the grower, may permit, to the person authorised to prepare the record his name and other particulars including those of the lands on which he has grown, or intends to grow, jute.

(2) Immediately upon the declaration or submission of the name and other particulars of the grower of jute, the person preparing the record shall enter in the record the name and particulars and shall issue to the grower of jute a grower's card in which shall be entered the name and the particulars declared or submitted by the grower of jute.

Prohibition to sell jute, etc.

5. (1) No grower of jute referred to in sub-section (1) of section 3 shall, unless authorised in writing in this behalf by the Director, sell or otherwise dispose of jute grown by him except to such dealer as the Director may specify in this behalf.

(2) The Director may require every grower of jute referred to in sub-section (1) of section 3 to sell the entire quantity of jute produced by him after retaining not more than two maunds for his own consumption, to such dealer and in such manner and at such price on garsat basis and within such period as may be specified by the Director and to maintain an account of sale in the grower's card.

(3) The dealer to whom a grower of jute is required to sell jute in pursuance of a direction under sub-section (2) shall purchase jute in accordance with such direction: