



## THE COTTON CLOTH ACT, 1918



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# THE COTTON CLOTH ACT, 1918

<sup>1</sup>ACT No. XXIII of 1918

[26th September, 1918]

## **An Act to take powers to provide for the cheap supply of cotton cloth to the poorer classes of the community.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to take powers for the purpose of encouraging or maintaining the supply, at reasonable rates, to the poorer classes of the community, of cotton cloth manufactured in this country ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title.** This Act may be called the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918.

**2. Definitions.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "Controller" means a Controller appointed under this Act ;

(b) "cotton cloth" means cotton cloth manufactured in this country ; and

(c) "standard cloth" means any kind of cotton cloth which a Controller may, from time to time, declare to be standard cloth.

**3. Power to appoint Controllers.** The <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification<sup>3</sup> in the <sup>4</sup>[official Gazette], appoint one or more persons as <sup>5</sup>[it] may think fit to be Controllers for the purposes of this Act, and shall specify in any such notification the area in which any Controller so appointed shall exercise his powers.

**4. Powers of Controller.**—(1) Whenever it appears to a Controller that such a course is necessary or expedient for the purpose of encouraging or maintaining the supply of standard cloth, at reasonable rates to the poorer classes of the community, he may (subject to this Act and the rules made thereunder and to the control of the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government]) make general or special orders regulating or giving directions within the area in which he is empowered, with respect to the manufacture, transport, distribution and sale or purchase of, or other dealings in, cotton cloth.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, orders may be made by a Controller—

(a) declaring and defining the classes of standard cloth ;

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. V, p. 58; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. V, p. 77; and Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1918, Pt. VI, pp. 754,953, 1000 and 1147.

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by A O., 1937, for "G. G. in C".

<sup>3</sup>For a notification issued by the G. G. in C. under this section, see Gazette of India, 1918, Pt. I, p. 1558

<sup>4</sup>Subs. by A. O., 1937, for "Gazette of India".

<sup>5</sup>Subs. *ibid.*, for "he".