



THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORD ACT, 1917



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¹ACT NO. V OF 1917

[28th February, 1917]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law providing for the destruction or other disposal of certain documents in the possession or custody of Courts and Revenue and other public officers.

Whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law providing for the destruction or other disposal of certain documents in the possession or custody of Courts and Revenue and other public officers ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Short title. This Act may be called the Destruction of Records Act, 1917.

2. [Definitions] : *Rep. by the A.O., 1937.*

3. Power to certain authorities to make rules for disposal of documents.— (1) The authorities hereinafter specified may, from time to time, make rules² for the disposal, by destruction or otherwise, of such documents as are, in the opinion of the authority making the rules, not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation.

(2) The authorities shall be—

(a) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of a High Court or of the Courts of Civil or Criminal jurisdiction subordinate thereto,— the High Court ;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1917, Pt. V, p. 2 ; and for Proceedings in Council, see Ibid, 1917, Pt. VI, pp. 17 and 292.

²For the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal (Destruction of Record Rules, 1960 see Gazette of Pakistan, 1960, Pt. I, pp. 330-331.