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An Act to facilitate military manoeuvres and firing exercises.

[16 September 1963]

Short title

1. This Act is the Military Manoeuvres Act 1905.

Notice of manoeuvres

2.—(1) Whenever the number of troops to be engaged in military manoeuvres exceeds 500, notice in writing shall be given to the secretary to the Armed Forces Council at least one month before the date on which it is proposed to execute such manoeuvres, specifying —

- (a) the date of the commencement of the manoeuvres, the period not exceeding 3 months during which and

approximately the limits within which the manoeuvres are to be executed; and

- (b) a date not earlier than one month from the conclusion of the manoeuvres within which claims for compensation arising from the putting in force of the provisions of this Act shall be sent to the secretary to the Armed Forces Council.

Publication of notice

(2) The secretary to the Armed Forces Council shall cause copies of such notice to be posted in every village and at other convenient places within the limits mentioned in the notice at least 14 days before the day named for the commencement of the manoeuvres.

When no notice necessary

(3) Whenever the number of troops to be engaged in the manoeuvres does not exceed 500 no such notice as mentioned in subsection (1) shall be necessary; and if no such notice is given, the manoeuvres shall not extend beyond a period of 48 hours.

Powers of persons engaged in manoeuvres

3.—(1) When any military manoeuvres are being executed under this Act, such persons as are engaged in the manoeuvres may within the limits specified in the notice, if any, as aforesaid and during the specified period —

- (a) pass over and encamp, construct military works not of a permanent character and execute military manoeuvres on any land; and
- (b) supply themselves with water from any sources of water, public or private, and for that purpose dam up any running water,

provided that such damming under paragraph (b) does not interfere with any trade or industry and that nothing in this Act shall authorise the taking of water from any source of supply belonging to a private owner or public authority except subject to the supply shown to be required by those entitled to use the water supply.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall authorise entry on or interference with any dwelling house, place of worship, school, factory, store or premises used for the carrying on of any business or manufacture or any ground attached to any place of worship or school or any premises enclosed within the curtilage of or attached to any dwelling house.

Compensation for damage

4.—(1) Full compensation shall be paid for any injury or damage to persons or property or interference with rights or privileges arising from putting in force any of the provisions of this Act, whether or not occasioned by the acts or defaults of the forces engaged in the manoeuvres, including therein all expenses reasonably incurred in the protection of persons, property, rights and privileges, and any damage by reason of excessive weight or extraordinary traffic caused to any highway for the repair of which any public body or any individual is responsible.

(2) The compensation shall be paid to all persons who send in their claims to the secretary to the Armed Forces Council within the period named in the notice or, if there is no such notice, to the secretary within one month from the conclusion of the manoeuvres.

Assessment of compensation

5.—(1) If the amount of compensation is not settled by agreement between the Armed Forces Council and the claimant, the difference between them shall be referred to arbitration, and the sending in of a claim for compensation shall be treated as a submission to arbitration under the Arbitration Act.

(2) The reference shall be to 2 arbitrators having power to appoint an umpire under the Arbitration Act.

Offences

6.—(1) If within a manoeuvring ground and during the continuance of any military manoeuvres under this Act, any person —

- (a) wilfully and unlawfully interferes with the execution of the manoeuvres;