

THE KERALA AGRICULTURAL WORKERS'  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly)

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*further to amend the Kerala Agricultural Workers' Act, 1974.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Agricultural Workers' Act, 1974 (18 of 1974) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Agricultural Workers' (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 16th day of January, 2020.

2. *Amendment of section 9.*—In section 9 of the Kerala Agricultural Workers' Act, 1974 (18 of 1974) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

(1) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) Every land owner holding more than twenty Ares but less than forty Ares in extent of agricultural land shall pay contribution to the Fund at the rate of fifty paise per Are, per annum for the entire land held by him, and those holding more than forty Ares of agricultural land shall contribute one rupee per Are, per annum for the entire land held by him in such manner as may be prescribed.”;

(2) in sub-section (2), for the words “five rupees” the words “twenty rupees” shall be substituted;

(3) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) The Government shall contribute to the Fund every year, by way of grant, an amount equal to that of twenty five per cent of the contribution paid by the registered agricultural workers in every financial year, limited to a maximum of rupees five per capita.”.

3. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Kerala Agricultural Workers’ (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (133 of 2021) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

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