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Tamil Nadu Bills

BILL INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Under Rule 130 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules, the following Bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu on 18th August 2011 is published together with Statement of Objects and Reasons for general information:—

L.A. Bill No. 14 of 2011

A Bill to repeal the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers- Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2006.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers-
Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Repeal Act, 2011.

Short title and
commence-
ment.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

Tamil Nadu
Act 29 of
2006.

2. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers - Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2006 is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. The sum at the credit of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers - Farmers Social Security and Welfare Fund as on the date of commencement of this Act shall be transferred to such other Fund or account as may be specified by the Government.

Transfer of
accumulation
in Tamil Nadu
Agricultural
Labourers-
Farmers
Social
Security and
Welfare
Fund.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The quantum of assistance due to the beneficiaries has been prescribed in the Schedule to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers - Farmers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2006 (Tamil Nadu Act 29 of 2006) itself. As such, whenever the quantum of assistance is to be changed, an amendment is required, which makes the process complicated and cumbersome. Further, as per section 7 of the said Tamil Nadu Act 29 of 2006, the Agricultural Labourers- Farmers Welfare Board shall be responsible for administering the scheme and shall exercise the powers and discharge the functions, as may be conferred on it by the scheme. But, the welfare scheme for agricultural labourers and farmers are implemented only by the officials of the Revenue Department. Therefore, the role of the Board for implementation of the welfare scheme is very limited. Moreover, the constitution of the Board and its non official members under the above said Act is an additional expenditure to the Government. In 2005, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme was implemented without the constitution of a Welfare Board. Further, it has been proposed that the Farmers Security Scheme will be revamped to suit the present condition and implemented for providing financial assistances to agricultural labourers, small and marginal farmers and their families in order to provide them with a social security scheme that will protect them from risk and uncertainty.

2. The Government have, therefore, decided to repeal the said Tamil Nadu Act 29 of 2006.

3. The Bill seeks to give effect to the above decision.

P. THANGAMANI,
Minister for Revenue.

A.M.P. JAMALUDEEN,
Secretary.