

[1949:T.N.Act XXX VI]

Indian Treasure –trove
(Tamil Nadu Amendment)

**¹[TAMIL NADU] ACT No. XXXVI of 1949 ².
(THE INDIAN TREASURE-TROVE (TAMIL NADU AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1949.)**

(Received the assent of the Governor on the 29th December 1949;
First published in the Fort St. George Gazette on the 3rd January 1950.)

An Act further to amend the Indian Treasure-trove Act, 1878, in its application to the ³State of Tamil Nadu.

Central
Act VI of
1878

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Indian Treasure-Trove Act, 1878, in its application to the ³[State of Tamil Nadu], for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows;-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Treasure-trove (¹[Tamil Nadu] Amendment) Act, 1949.

Short
title and
extent

(2) It extends to the whole of the ⁴[State of Tamil Nadu].

Central Act
VI of 1878

2. Section 4 of the Indian Treasure-trove Act, 1878 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of section 4, and after that sub-section, the following sub-section shall be added, namely;-

Amendment
of section 4,
Central Act
VI of 1878

“(2) The owner of the place in which the treasure is found, if he is not the finder, and the occupier of such place, if he is neither the finder nor the owner, shall also give notice in writing to the Collector specifying the particulars referred to in clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (1), before the expiry of two months from the date on which the owner or the occupier, as the case may be, becomes aware of the finding of the treasure.”

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1. These words were substituted for the word “Madras” by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969.
 2. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Fort St. George Gazette, dated the 26th June 1949, Part IV-A page 344.
 3. This expression was substituted for the expression “province of Madras” by paragraph 3(2) of the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1970.
 4. This expression was substituted for the expression “State of Madras” by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969.

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section 5, Central
Act VI of 1878

3. In section 5 of the said Act, for the words, figure and brackets “On receiving a notice under section 4, the Collector shall after making such enquiry (if any) as he thinks fit, take the following steps (namely:-“ , the following shall be substituted, namely;-

“ The Collector shall on receipt of a notice under section 4, and may, on receipt of information in any other manner that treasure has been found in any place, take the following steps, after making such enquiry (if any) as he thinks fit to make;-

Addition of
new section
22 of Central
Act VI of
1978.

4. After section 21 of the said Act, the following section shall be added, namely

Penalty on
owner or
occupier who
fails to give
notice under
section 4.

“ 22. If the owner or occupier of the place in which any treasure is found, being aware of the finding thereof, fails to give notice as required by section 4, sub-section (2), he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.”