

THE ¹(GOVERNMENT) GRANTS ACT, 1895²
ACT NO. 15 of 1895²

(10th October, 1895)

An act to explain the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, so far as it relates from the ¹(Government) and to remove certain doubts as to the powers of the ⁴(Government) in relation to such grants.

IV of 1882.

Whereas doubts have arisen as to the extent and operation of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, and as to the power of the ¹(Government) to impose limitations and restrictions upon grants and other transfer of land made by it or under its authority, and it is expedient to remove such doubts;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Title and extent.**-(1) This Act may be called the ¹(Government) Grants Act, 1895.
2. It extends to ³(the whole of India except ⁴(the territories which, immediately before the 1st November, 1956, were comprised in part B States) * * * * ⁵

IV of 1882.

2. **Transfer of Property Act, 1882, not to apply Government Grants.**- Nothing in the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, contained shall apply or be deemed ever to have applied to any grant or other transfer of land or of any interest therein heretofore made or hereafter to be made ⁶(by or on behalf of the ¹(Government) to or in favour of, any person whomsoever; but every such grant and transfer shall be construed and take effect as it the said Act had not been passed.
3. **Government Grants to take effect according to their tenor.**- All provisions, restrictions, conditions and limitations ever contained in any such grant of transfer as aforesaid shall be valid tenor, any rule of law, statute or enactment of the Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding.

¹Substituted for "Crown" by Adaptation of laws order, 1950, First Schedule.

²For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1895, Pt.V, p.169, and for Proceedings in Council, see ibid, Pt.VI, pp.328 and 355.

This Act has been partially extended to Berar by the Berar Laws Act, 1941 (4 of 1941).

³Substituted for "the whole of British India" by Indian Independence (Adaptation of Central Acts and Ordinance) Order, 1948, and Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

⁴Substituted for "Part B States" by Adaptation of Laws (No. 2) Order, 1956. This Act has been extended to Pepsu Territories by Punjab Act 30 of 1958.

⁵The word "and" at the end of sub-section (1) and whole of sub-section (3) rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1914 (10 of 1914), s.3 and Sch.II.

⁶Substituted by Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws Order, 1937, for "by or on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen Empress. Her heirs or successors, or by or, on behalf or Secretary of State for India, in Council".