

THE COAL BEARING AREAS (ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION ACT, 1971

An Act further to amend the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, and to validate certain acquisitions of land or rights in or over land under the said Act.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1.Short title.

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8.Validation of certain acquisitions.

8. Validation of certain acquisitions. (1) Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any court to the contrary,-

(a) no acquisition of land or of rights in or over land made or purporting to have been made under the principal Act before the commencement of

this Act, and no action taken or thing done (including any order made, agreement entered into or notification published) in connection with such acquisition shall be deemed to be invalid or ever to have become invalid merely on the ground-

(i) that one or more competent authorities have performed the functions of competent authority under the principal Act in respect of the land covered by the same notification under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the principal Act ;

(ii) that One or more reports have been made under sub-

section (2) of section 8 of the principal Act, whether in respect of the entire land covered by the same notification under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the principal Act or rights in or over such land, or

122.in respect of different parcels of such land or of rights in or over such land;

(iii) that one or more declarations have been made under section 9 of the principal Act in respect of different parcels of the land covered by the same notification under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the principal Act or in respect of rights in or over such land,

(b) any acquisition in pursuance of any notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the principal Act before the commencement of this Act may be made after such commencement and no such acquisition and no action taken or thing done (including any order made, agreement entered into or notification published) whether before or after

such commencement, in connection with such acquisition shall be deemed to be invalid merely on the grounds referred to in clause (a) or any of them.