

Indian Forest (Haryana Second Amendment) Act, 1973
Haryana Act No. 31 of 1973

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An Act to amend the Indian Forest Act, 1927, in its application to the State of Haryana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Haryana in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. Short title. - This act may be called the Indian Forest (Haryana Second Amendment) Act, 1973.

Object & Reasons

Statement of Objects and Reasons. - Due to over all rise in prices, the value of forest produce has increased tremendously as compared to its value in 1927 when the Indian Forest Act, 1927 was enacted. Consequently the punishment provided in the Act for Forest offences does not have deterrent effect over the offenders as it is taken insignificant compared to the illegal gains accruing to them. This leads to the steady increase in the number of forest offences and gradual diminution of the forest produce in the State.

It has, therefore, been considered essential to provide for enhanced punishment for forest offences through this Bill so as to restrict the number of forest offences and for the better preservation of forest produce.

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2. Amendment of Section 26 of Central Act 16 of 1927. - In sub-section (1) of section 26 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words "which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees", the words "which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 33 of Central Act 16 of 1927. - In sub-section (1) of section 33 of the principal Act, for the words "which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees", the words "which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees" shall be substituted.