

Legal Representatives' Suits Act, 1855

(Act No. 12 of 1855)

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1. Short title given by the Indian Short Titles Act, 1897 (14 of 1897).

This Act has been declared to be in force in the whole of India, except Part B States and the Scheduled Districts, by the Laws Local Extent Act, 1874 (15 of 1874), s. 3.

The Act has been extended to and brought into force in Dadra and Nagar Haveli by Reg. 6 of 1963, s. 2 and the First Schedule (w. e. f. 1-7-1965) and to the Union Territory of Pondicherry by Act 26 of 1968, s. 3, and the Schedule.

The Act came into force in the State of Sikkim on 1-9-1984 vide Notification No. S. O. 653(E), dated 24-8-1984.

It has also been declared in force in the Khondmals District by the Khondmals Laws Regulation, 1936 (4 of 1936), s. 3 and the Schedule.; in the Angul District by the Angul Laws Regulation, 1936 (5 of 1936), s. 3 and Schedule; and in the Sonthal Parganas by the Sonthal Parganas Settlement Regulation, 1872 (3 of 1872), s. 3.

It has been declared, by notification under s. 3(a) of the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874 (14 of 1874), to be in force in the following Scheduled Districts, namely: -

West Jalpaiguri	See	1881, Pt. I, Gazette ofp. 74. India,
The Districts'ofDitto Hazaribagh, Lohardaga (now the Ranchi District, see Calcutta Gazette, 1899, Pt. I, p. 44), and Manbhum, and Pargana Dhalbhum and the Kolhan in the District of Singhbhum.		1881,Pt. I, p. 504.
The Scheduled portionDitto of The Mirzapur District .		1879,Pt. I, p. 383.
Jaunsar Bawar .	Ditto	1879,Pt. I,

		p. 382.
The District of Lahaul	Ditto	1886, Pt. I, p. 301.
The Scheduled Districts of the Madhya Pradesh .	Ditto	1879, Pt. I, p. 771.
The Scheduled Districts in Ganjam and Vizagapatam	Ditto	1898, Pt. I, p. 870.
Assam (except the North Lushai Hills)	Ditto	1897, Pt. I, p. 299.
The Porahat Estate in the Singbhum District	Ditto	1897, Pt. I, p. 1059.
It has been extended, by notification under s. 5 of the last-mentioned Act, to the following Scheduled Districts, namely:-		
Kumaon and Garhwal .	See	1876, Pt. I, Gazette of India, ofp. 606.
The Tarai of the Province of Agra	Ditto	1876, Pt. I, p. 505.

It has been extended to the New Provinces and Merged States, see Act 59 of 1949, and to the States of Tripura, Manipur and Vindhya Pradesh, see Act 30 of 1950.

[An Act to enable Executors, Administrators or Representatives to sue and be sued for certain wrongs.]

Preamble. - Whereas it is expedient to enable executors, administrators or representatives in certain cases to sue and be sued in respect of certain wrongs which, according to the present law, do not survive to or against such executors, administrators or representatives; It is enacted as follows: -

1. Executors may sue and be sued in certain cases for wrongs committed in lifetime of deceased. - An action may be maintained by the

executors, administrators or representatives of any person deceased, for any wrong committed in the time of such person, which has occasioned pecuniary loss to his estate, for which wrong an action might have been maintained by such person, so as such wrong shall have been committed within one year before his death [***]; and the damages, when recovered, shall be part of the personal estate of such person;

and further, an action may be maintained against the executors or administrators or heirs or representatives of any person deceased for any wrong committed by him in his lifetime for which he would have been subject to an action, so as such wrong shall have been committed within one year before such person's death [***] and the damages to be recovered in

such action shall, if recovered against an executor or administrator bound to administer according to the English law, be payable in like order of administration as the simple contract debts of such person.

2. Death of either party not to abate suit. Proviso. - No action commenced under the provisions of this Act shall abate by reason of the death of either party, but the same may be continued by or against the executors, administrators or representatives of the party deceased: Provided that, in any case in which any such action shall be continued against the executors, administrators or representatives of a deceased party, such executors, administrators or representatives may set up a want of assets as a defence to the action, either wholly or in part, in the same manner as if the action had been originally commenced against them.