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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
AGRARIAN RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE AND
FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL
THERE TO.

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Agrarian Research and Training Institute Act, No. 5 of 1972, and shall come into operation on such date as may be appointed by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette*.

Short title
and date of
operation.

PART I

CONSTITUTION, OBJECTS, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AGRARIAN RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE

2. (1) There shall be established an Institute which shall be called the Agrarian Research and Training Institute (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute"), and which shall consist of the persons who are for the time being members of the Institute under section 6.

Establishment
of the
Agrarian
Research and
Training
Institute.

(2) The Institute shall by the name assigned to it by sub-section (1) be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The members of the Board of Governors shall be the members of the Institute.

3. (1) The general objects of the Institute shall be—

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Institute.

(a) to foster, assist, encourage and co-operate in agrarian research ;

(b) to co-ordinate agrarian research undertaken by Government departments, local authorities, public Corporations and other institutions ;

- (c) to carry out investigations and research relating to institutional factors affecting the development of agriculture ;
- (d) to undertake investigations, research and studies relating to economic use of land for agricultural purposes ;
- (e) to carry out socio-economic research relating to agricultural and rural development ;
- (f) to provide or implement training facilities and programmes relating to agrarian research, either alone or in association with other institutions in Ceylon or abroad and to award diplomas, degrees, prizes and distinctions in connection therewith ;
- (g) to sponsor and hold conferences and seminars, and publish journals and magazines in connection with agrarian research and training ;
- (h) to carry out such research relating to problems of agrarian structure in co-operation with Asian countries in order to serve their regional needs and provide a centre for the collection and dissemination of information on agrarian problems ; and
- (i) to relate such research to problems connected with agrarian development and modernization with special reference to Ceylon and other Asian countries in general.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Institute to advise the Minister on any or all of the matters referred to in sub-section (1) and on any other matter that may be referred to the Institute for advice by the Minister.

4. The Institute shall have such powers, rights and functions as may reasonably be necessary to carry out its objects and duties and in particular may—

- (a) acquire in any manner whatsoever and hold, take or give on lease or hire, mortgage, pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of, any movable or immovable property ;
- (b) acquire, establish, install and operate field training centres and pilot projects relating to agrarian research ;

- (c) import plant, machinery and equipment required for the purpose of the Institute and receive equipment, funds, personnel and any other assistance for the efficient conduct of the Institute ;
- (d) conduct, assist, co-ordinate and encourage research into all aspects of agrarian development ;
- (e) levy fees or charges for any services rendered by the Institute ;
- (f) appoint, employ, remunerate and exercise disciplinary control over its officers and servants ;
- (g) establish and maintain provident funds and provide welfare and recreational facilities for its employees ;
- (h) make rules in respect of the administration of the affairs of the Institute ;
- (i) delegate to any member, the Director of the Institute, or any employee such functions as the Board of Governors may consider necessary for the efficient transaction of its business ;
- (j) make rules in relation to its officers and servants including the appointment, promotion, remuneration, disciplinary control, conduct and the grant of leave ;
- (k) enter any land or premises for the purpose of carrying out investigations and recording data, inspection of books and documents and taking copies or extracts therefrom, relating to agricultural development ; and
- (l) do all other things which in the opinion of the Board of Governors are necessary or conducive or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the Institute.

5. In the exercise of its powers and the carrying out of its objects, the Institute shall comply with the general policy of the Government in relation to agriculture and lands and with any general or special direction issued by the Minister in relation to such policy.

Institute to
exercise its
powers
under the
directions of
the Minister.

6. (1) The Institute shall have a Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), consisting of—

(a) a Chairman, who shall be the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) the following members appointed by the Minister, namely—

(i) a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture,

(ii) a representative of the Ministry of Planning and Employment,

(iii) a representative of the Ministry of Irrigation, Power and Highways,

(iv) a representative of the Ministry of Plantation Industry,

(v) a representative of the Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade,

(vi) a representative of the Ministry of Education,

(vii) a representative of the Ministry of Labour,

(viii) a representative of the Central Bank of Ceylon,

(ix) a representative of the University of Ceylon; and

(c) the following *ex officio* members, namely—

(i) the Director of Agriculture,

(ii) the Director of the Institute,

(iii) the Land Commissioner,

(iv) the Commissioner of Agrarian Services,

(v) the Director of Irrigation,

(vi) the Commissioner of Co-operative Development,

(vii) the Director of Rural Development,

(viii) the Country Representative of the Food and Agricultural Organization,

(ix) the Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Ceylon, and

(x) the Chief Advisor and Project Manager of the United Nations Special Fund, Agrarian Research and Training Institute Project in Ceylon.

(2) A person shall be disqualified for being appointed, or for continuing, as a member of the Board—

- (a) if he is a Member of Parliament ; or
- (b) if he, directly or indirectly, holds or enjoys any right or benefit under any contract made by or on behalf of the Institute ; or
- (c) if he has any such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially the discharge by him of his functions as a member of the Board.

(3) (a) Where a member of the Board appointed under paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) dies or resigns or is removed from office, the Minister may, having regard to the provisions of that paragraph of that sub-section, appoint another person to be a member in place of the member who dies, resigns or is removed from office.

(b) Any member of the Board appointed under paragraph (a) of this sub-section, shall, unless he earlier resigns or vacates his office by death or removal, hold office for the unexpired part of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

(4) Where a member of the Board appointed under paragraph (c) of sub-section (1) is, by reason of illness or other infirmity or absence from Ceylon, temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Minister may, having regard to the provisions of that paragraph, appoint any person to act in his place.

7. (1) Every member appointed under paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of section 6 shall, unless he vacates office earlier by death, resignation or removal, hold office for a period of three years.

Term of office
of members of
the Board.

(2) Every *ex officio* member of the Board shall hold office as long as he holds the post by virtue of which he was appointed a member of that Board.

