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SECTION 4 - ABOLITION OF BONDED LABOUR SYSTEM

- (1) On the commencement of this Act, the bonded labour system shall stand abolished and every bonded labourer shall, on such commencement, stand freed and discharged from any obligation to render any bonded labour.

- (2) After the commencement of this Act, no person shall—
 - (a) make any advance under, or in pursuance of, the bonded labour system, or
 - (b) compel any person to render any bonded labour or other form of forced labour.

SECTION 5 - AGREEMENT, CUSTOM, ETC., TO BE VOID.

On the commencement of this Act, any custom or tradition or any contract, agreement or other instrument (whether entered into or executed before or after the commencement of this Act), by virtue of which any person, or any member of the family or dependant of such person, is required to do any work or render any service as a bonded labourer, shall be void and inoperative.

PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF BONDED LABOUR

- Bonded labour is a form of forced labour, where individuals are forced to work as security against a debt.
- Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 (amended 1985), India
Bonded labour in India is defined as a system of forced labour caused by a debt or by social custom or obligation, under which a debtor loses freedom of movement, and/or freedom to look for alternative employment, and /or is subjected to a reduction in wages and/or to product prices less than the minimum or market rates.

REHABILITATION OF BONDED LABOUR

- Bonded labour is prohibited in India by law vide Articles 21 and 23 of the Constitution. A specific law to prohibit the practice was legislated only in 1976 known as the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act.
- The Scheme provides for creation of a Bonded Labour Rehabilitation Fund at District level by each State with a permanent corpus of at least Rs. 10 lakh at the disposal of the District Magistrate for extending immediate help to the released bonded labourers.

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