THE PONDICHERRY OCCUPANTS OF KUDIYIRUPPU

(CONFERMENT OF OWNERSHIP) ACT, 1973.

(NO.8 of 1974)

GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY

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THE PONDICHERRY OCCUPANTS OF KUDIYIRUPPU (CONFERMENT OF OWNERSHIP) ACT, 1973. (NO.8 of 1974)

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AN ACT

to provide for the conferment of ownership rights on occupants of kudiyiruppu in certain regions in the union territory of pondicherry.

Be it enacted by the legislative Assembly of pondicherry in the Twenty fourth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title extent and commencement

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Pondicherry Occupants of kudiyiruppu (Conferment of ownership) Act, 1973.
- (2) It extends to the regions known as Pondicherry, Karaikal and yanam in the Union territory of Pondicherry.
- (3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint.

Act not to apply in certain cases.

2. Nothing in this Act shall apply to the land belonging to or vested in the Government of the Union territory of pondicherry, the Government of India, the Government of any state in India, a local authority or a corporation owned or controlled by any of the said Governments or authority.

Definitions

- 3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, -
- (1) "agricultural labourer" means a person whose principal means of livelihood is the income he gets as wages for his mannual labour on agricultural land;
 - (2) "Agricultural land" means any land used for any of the following purposes, namely:-
 - (a) horticulture;
 - (b) the raising of crops, grass or garden produce;
 - (c) grazing;
 - (d) the raising of manure crops;
 - (e) dairy farming
 - (f) poultry farming
 - (g) livestock breeding
 - (h) growing of trees and
- (i) includes any land used for any purpose subservient to the above purposes, any forest land, pasture land, plantation, orchard and tope, but
 - (ii) does not include house site or land used exclusively for non agricultural purposes;
- (3) "agriculturist" means a person who cultivates agricultural land by the contribution of his own manual labour of any member of his family;
- (4) "authorised officer" means my Gazetted officer authorised by the Government by notification in the official Gazette to exercise the powers conferred on and discharge the duties imposed upon, the authorised officer under this Act, for such area as may be specified in the notification;
- (5) "court" means the court of subordinate Judge having jurisdiction and if there are more than one such court, the court of the principal subordinate Judge;
- (6) "Government" means the Administrator of the union territory of Pondicherry appointed under article 239 of the constitution;

(7) "kudiyiruppu" means the site of any dwelling house or hut occupied, either as tenant or as licensee, by any agriculturist or agricultural labourer and includes such other area adjacent to the dwelling house or hut as may be necessary for the convenient enjoyment of such dwelling house or hut.

Explanation - I. It shall be presumed that any person occupying the kudiyiruppu is an agricultural labourer or an agriculturist, until the contrary is proved.

- ¹ Explanation II. For the purpose of determining whether any area adjacent to the dwelling house or hut is necessary for the convenient enjoyment of such dwelling house or hut, the area which the agriculturist or agricultural labourer had been enjoying immediately before the 27th day of March 1972, and such other factors as may be prescribed shall be taken into account.¹
- (8) "person interested" in relation on to any kudiyiruppu or superstructure thereon includes any person claiming, or entitled to claim, an interest in the amount payable on account of the vesting of that kudiyiruppu or superstructure in the occupant of the kudiyiruppu;
 - (9) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- ² (9-A) "rural area" means any area declared by the Government by notification in the official Gazette, to be a rural area having regard its population, development and such other relevant factors as the circumstances of the case may require; ²
 - (10) "schedule" means the schedule appended to this Act;
- (11) "tenant" means any person who has paid or has agreed to pay rent or other consideration for his being allowed by another to enjoy the land of the latter under an agreement express or implied and includes his heirs and legal representatives;
 - 2 (11-A) "urban area" means any area other than a rural area; 2
- ¹ (12) "vested kudiyiruppu or superstructure" means the kudiyiruppu or the superstructure which has vested absolutely in the occupant of the kudiyiruppu ² under the provisions of this Act. ¹

Occupant of kudiyiruppu to become owner.

4. ¹ (1) Subject to the provisions of section 4A any agriculturist or any agricultural labourer, who was occupying any kudiyiruppu on the 27th day of March 1972, either as tenant or as licensee, shall, with effect from the commencement of this Act, deemed to have become the owner there of and such kudiyiruppu shall vest in him free from all encumbrances.

Provided that such agriculturist or agricultural labourer does not already own, within any area to which this Act extends, a dwelling house or hut erected on a site, or a house site which is eighty four square metres or more in extent.

Provided further that the extent of the kudiyiruppu which shall so vest in any agriculturist or agricultural labourer shall be such (which in no case shall exceed three ares in rural areas and two

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ares in urban areas) as may be determined by the authorised officer after giving a reasonable opportunity to the occupant of the kudiyiruppu and the person interested, of being heard in the matter. ¹

- (2) Where in case of an occupant of kudiyiruppu referred to in sub section (1), the super-structure belongs to any person other than such occupant, such superstructure shall also, with effect from the date of commencement of this Act, vest in such occupant absolutely free all encumbrances.
- ¹ 4A. (1) (a) Where an application by the owner of any land, the authorised officer is satisfied that the kudiyiruppu referred to in sub section (1) of section 4 (hereinafter referred to as the original kudiyiruppu) is so located as to cause inconvenience for the convenient enjoyment of the land as a whole by such owner, the authorised officer, may, by order permit the shifting of the kudiyiruppu to another part of such land or to an alternative site possessed by such owner, within such distance and within such period as may be prescribed.
 - (b) The alternative site shall satisfy the following conditions, namely :-
- (i) it shall be fit for erection of a dwelling house or hut, if there is not already and dwelling house or hut on the site.
- (ii) its extent shall not be less than the extent of the original kudiyiruppu, subject to a maximum of three ares in rural areas and two ares in urban areas, and
 - (iii) such other conditions as may be prescribed.
- (2) The authorised officer, while granting permission under sub section (1), shall also direct the payment, by the owner to the agriculturist or agriculture labourer occupying the original kudiyiruppu, within such period as may be prescribed, of such costs as may be considered by the authorised officer to be reasonable for shifting of the residence to the alternative site including the cost for erecting a superstructure on the said site and the authorised officer shall, before granting permission under sub section (1), satisfy himself that the conditions specified in clause (b) of sub section (1) are complied with;

Provided that before granting such permission, the authorised officer / shall give an opportunity of being heard to the agriculturist or agricultural labourer concerned.

- (3) If such owner fails to provide the alternative site as permitted by the authorised officer within the prescribed period or if such owner fails to comply with any direction given under subsection (2) in regard to payment of costs, the agriculturist or agricultural labourer shall continue to be the owner of the original kudiyiruppu under subsection (1) of section 4.
- (4) If such owner provides an alternative site in pursuance of the permission granted under sub section (1), the agriculturist or agricultural labourer concerned shall be given an opportunity to occupy the alternative site within such period as may be prescribed and he shall be deemed to have become the owner of such kudiyiruppu from the date on which he so occupies the same and such alternative kudiyiruppu shall with the super structure thereon, if any, with effect from such date be deemed to have vested in him absolutely free from all encumbrances and the site of the original kudiyiruppu shall revert to the owner.

- (5) The amount payable under clause (a) of sub section (2) of section 8 shall be determined for the kudiyiruppu deemed to have vested under sub section (4) and in case payment has already been made for the original kudiyiruppu, the difference, if any, between the amount already paid for the original kudiyiruppu and that payable for the kudiyiruppu deemed to have vested shall be paid to, or collected from the owner, as the case may be.
- (6) (a) Where any agriculturist or agricultural labourer fails or refuses to shift to the alternative site provided by the owner in pursuance of a permission granted under sub section (1) within such period as may be prescribed, such agriculturist or agricultural labourer shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Act but shall continue to be occupants of kudiyiruppu (protection from Eviction) Act, 1970.
- (b) The amount, if any, paid by the owner to such agriculturist or agricultural labourer under sub section (2) shall, on his failure to shift the original kudiyiruppu to the alternative site, be recovered from him as if it were an arrear of land revenue and shall be refunded to the owner within such period and in such manner as may be prescribed. ¹

Decision by Authorised officer.

- ² 5. (1) If any dispute arises as to whether -
 - (a) any person is an agriculturist or an agricultural labourer; or
 - (b) any land is an agricultural land; or
 - (c) any site is a kudiyiruppu; or
- (d) any area adjacent to a dwelling house or hut is necessary for the convenient enjoyment of such dwelling house or hut; or
- (e) any agriculturist or agricultural labourer was occupying any kudiyiruppu on the 27th day of March, 1972; or
- (f) any agriculturist or agricultural labourer is having any house or house site or hut of his own, such dispute shall be decided by the authorised officer. ²
- (2) In deciding the dispute under sub section (1), the authorised officer shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed.

Appeal

6. (1) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the authorised officer ² [under section 4A or section 5,] ² may within such period as may be prescribed, appeal to the collector, or such other officer as may be authorised by the Government in this behalf.

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(2) In deciding the appeal under sub - section (1), the collector or the officer referred to in sub - section (1), shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed.

Right to receive amount

7. Every person having any interest in any vested kudiyiruppu or superstructure shall be entitled to receive and be paid the amount as provided hereunder.

Amount

- 8. (1) The amount payable in respect of any vested kudiyiruppu or superstructure shall be as specified in the schedule.
- (2) (a) The authorised officer shall, after holding an inquiry in the prescribed manner determine by order the amount payable under sub section (1) and publish the said order in the official Gazette.
- (b) A copy of the said order shall be communicated to the person who immediately before the date of commencement of this Act owned the kudiyiruppu or superstructure and to every person interested therein.
- (3) Where the owner of the kudiyiruppu and the owner of the superstructure on such kudiyiruppu are different, the authorised officer shall apportion the amount between the owner of the kudiyiruppu and the owner of the superstructure.

Appeal

9. Any person who does not agree to the amount as determined by the authorised officer under sub - section (2) of section 8 may prefer an appeal to the court within such period as may be prescribed.

Apportionment of amount

- 10. (1) Where several persons claim to be interested in the amount determined under subsection (2) of section 8, the authorised officer shall determine --
 - (a) the persons who, in his opinion, are entitled to receive such amount; and
 - (b) the amount payable to such of the persons referred to in clause (a).

(2) If any dispute arises as to the apportionment of the amount or any part thereof or as to the persons to whom the same or any part there of is payable, the authorised officer may refer such dispute to the decision of the court and the court shall in deciding any such dispute, follow as far as may be the provisions of part III of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. [Central Act 1 of 1894]

Payment of amount

- 11. ¹[(1) After the amount has been determined, the Government shall pay it to the persons entitled there to.]¹
- (2) If the persons entitled to the amount do not consent to receive it or if the authorised officer is satisfied that the kudiyiruppu or superstructure in respect whereof the amount is to be awarded belonged to any person who had no power to alienate the same, or if there is any dispute as to the title to receive the amount, or as to the apportionment of it, the authorised officer shall deposit the amount in the court and the court shall deal with the amount so deposited in the manner laid down in section 32 and section 33 of the land Acquisition Act, 1894. [Central Act 1 of 1894]

Second appeal to High court in certain cases

Subject to the provisions of the code of civil procedure 1908 [Central Act 5 of 1908] applicable to appeals from original decrees, and not withstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment for the time being in force, a second appeal shall only lie to the High court from any decision of the court under this Act if the amount as determined by the authorised officer exceeds such amount as may be prescribed.

Power of Authorised officer to call for information

- 13. (1) The authorised officer may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, by order require any person to furnish such information in his possession relating to any vested kudiyiruppu or superstructure.
- (2) The authorised officer shall, while holding an inquiry under this Act, have all the powers of a civil court, while trying a suit under the code of civil procedure, 1908, [Central Act 5 of 1908] in respect of the following matters, namely:-

- (a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person examining him on oath;
- (b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;
- (c) receiving of evidence on affidavits;
- (d) requisitioning any public record from any court or office;
- (e) issuing commissions for the examination of witness.

Made of payment of amount

- 14. (1) The amount as finally determined under this Act shall within such period as may be prescribed, be paid either in cash or in bonds or partly in cash and partly in bonds as the Government may prescribe.
- (2) (a) The bonds shall be issued on such terms and carry such rate of interest as may be prescribed.
- (b) The interest shall be paid in the case of any kudiyiruppu or superstructure with effect from the date of vesting ¹ under the provisions of this Act.
- 15. ² omitted.

Issue of title deed

16. ¹ The authorised officer shall issue a title deed in such form and imposing such conditions as may be prescribed to every occupant of kudiyiruppu in whom the kudiyiruppu and the superstructure, if any, has vested under the provisions of this Act.

Prohibition of transfer of kudiyiruppu or superstructure

17. ¹ (1) The rights of a person in whom the kudiyiruppu or superstructure has vested under the provisions of this Act are heritable but not alienable:

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Provided that such person or his heir or legal representative may surrender at any time, the kudiyiruppu with or without superstructure, as the case may be, free from all encumbrances to the Government.

- (2) Any transfer made in contravention of sub section (1) shall be void and the kudiyiruppu with or without superstructure, as the case may be, so transferred shall vest in the Government free from all encumbrances from the date of such transfer and no claim from the transferee shall lie as against Government in respect of such kudiyiruppu with superstructure, if any.
- (3) where any kudiyiruppu with or without any superstructure, as the case may be us surrendered under the proviso to sub section (1), any amount which the original occupant or heir or legal representative or such person has already paid to the Government before the date of publication of the Pondicherry Occupants of kudiyiruppu (conferment of ownership) (Amendment) Act, 1982 shall be refunded within such period and in such manner as may be prescribed to the person entitle to receive it.
- (4) The kudiyiruppu with or without superstructure, as the case may be, surrendered to or vesting in the Government under the proviso to sub section (1) or under sub section (2) may be allotted to any agriculturist or agricultural labourer by the Government and on such allotment, the kudiyiruppu with or without superstructure, as the case may be, shall vest in such agriculturist or agricultural labourer and the provisions of this Act shall apply to such vesting.
- (5) In the event of the death of any person in whom the kudiyiruppu, with superstructure, if any had vested under the provisions of this Act, the person to whom the title of the deceased may be transferred as heir or otherwise shall give notice of such transfer to such officer and in such form as may be prescribed, within three months from the date of death of the deceased.
- (6) The person to whom the title passes shall, if so required be bound to produce before the officer prescribed under sub section (5) any document evidencing such succession.¹

Transitional provision in regard to certain liabilities

- 18. (1) All claims and liabilities in respect of the kudiyiruppu or the superstructure enforceable immediately before ¹ or the date of vesting of the kudiyiruppu or the superstructure, as the case may be ¹ of this Act against any person interested shall on or after that date, be set off against the amount payable to the person interested under this Act to the same extent to which such claims and liabilities were enforceable against such person, immediately before such date.
- (2) (a) A court shall on or after ¹ or the date of vesting of the kudiyiruppu or the superstructure, as the case may be ¹ order or continue execution in respect of any decree or order passed against the person interested in conformity with the provisions of sub section (1) only as against the amount payable to such person.

(b) No court shall, in enforcing any claim or liability against the person interested in respect of any kudiyiruppu or superstructure, allow interest at a rate exceeding six percent per annum simple interest for any period after the date of the commencement of this Act.

Power to acquire land used for common purposes

19. (1) Where the Government is satisfied that any land is used by the occupants of kudiyiruppu immediately before the date of this Act for a common purpose, it may acquire the land by publishing in the official Gazette a notification to the effect that it has decided to acquire the land in pursuance of this section.

Provided that, before publishing a notification, the Government may call upon the owner or any other person, who in the opinion of the Government, may be interested in such land to show cause why it should not be acquired; and after considering the cause, if any shown by the owner or any other person interested in the land, the Government may pass such orders as it deems fit.

- (2) When a notification under sub section (1) is published in the official Gazette, the land to which the said notification relates shall, on and from the date on which the said notification is so published. vest absolutely in the Government free from all encumbrances.
- (3) The Government shall make available the land acquired under this section to be used by the occupants of kudiyiruppu for the same common purpose for which it was used immediately before the date referred to in sub section (2).
- (4) Every person having any interest in any land acquired under this section shall be entitled to receive and be paid an amount as specified in the schedule.
- (5) Save as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions contained in section 9 to 14 (both inclusive) 18, 20 to 22 (both inclusive) shall apply to the land acquired under this section as they apply to the vested kudiyiruppu or superstructure.

Explanation:- For purpose of this section, common purpose includes the use of land for road, pathway, threshing - floor and cattle stand.

Service of notices and orders

- 20. (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Act and subject to the provision of this section and of any rule made in this behalf, every notice issued or order made under this Act shall --
- (a) In the case of any notice or order of a general nature or affecting a class of persons, be published in the official gazette;
- (b) In the case of any notice or order affecting any company or other body corporate or any firm, be served in the manner provided for the service of summons in rule 2 of XXIX or rule 3 of order XXX, as the case may be, in the First schedule to the code of civil procedure, 1908; [Central Act 5 of 1908] and

- (c) In the case of any notice or order affecting an individual person (not being a company or other body corporate or firm), be served on such person; or
 - (i) by delivering or tendering it to that person; or
- (ii) if it cannot be so delivered or tendered, by delivering or tendering it to the head of the office in which such person is employed, or to any adult male servant of such person or to any adult male member of the family of such person, or by affixing a copy thereof on the outer door or on some conspicuous part of the premises in which that person is known to have last resided or carried on business or personally worked for gains; or
- (iii) failing service by any of the means aforesaid, by post or by affixing a copy of the said notice or order on some conspicuous part of the kudiyiruppu or superstructure to which it relates.
- (2) Where the notice or order cannot be served without undue delay, due to any dispute in the ownership of the kudiyiruppu or the superstructure or due to the person to whom the notice or order is intended being not readily traceable the notice or order may be served by publishing it in the official Gazette, and where possible by affixing a copy thereof on some conspicuous part of the kudiyiruppu or superstructure to which it relates.

Power of entrey

21. It shall be lawful for any person authorised by the authorised officer in this behalf to enter into or upon any kudiyiruppu or superstructure with or without assistants for purposes of giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

Penalties

22. Any person who obstructs any officer or person authorised by the authorised officer to enter into or upon any kudiyiruppu or superstructure or molests such officer or person after such entry, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Offences by companies

23. (1) If a person committing an offence under this Act is a company, every person who, at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Provided that nothing contained in this sub - section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Not with standing any thing contained in sub - section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with

the consent or convienance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation: For the purpose of this section,

- (a) "company" means a body corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals:
 - (b) "director" in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

Prosecution and trial of offence.

- 24. (1) No prosecution for any offence punishable under this Act shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the authorised officer.
- (2) No court inferior to that of a salaried magistrate of the first class shall try any offence punishable under this Act.

Bar of jurisdiction of civil court

25. Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, no civil court shall jurisdiction in respect of any matter which the Government or the authorised officer is empowered by or under this Act to determine and no injunction shall be granted by any court or other authority in respect of any action taken or to be taken in pursuance of any power conferred by or under this Act.

Authorised officer, etc. to be public servants

26. The authorised officer and any person authorised by him under this Act shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian penal code. [Central Act 45 of 1860]

Protection of action taken in good faith

- 27. (1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government or any person exercising any power or discharging any functions or performing any duties under this Act for anything which is in good faith done or intented to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.
- (2) No suit or order, legal proceeding shall lie against the Government for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.

Act to override other laws

28. The provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder shall have effect not withstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force or any custom, usage or contract or decree or order of a court or other authority.

Power to make rules

- 29. (1) The Government may make rules for carrying out all or any of the provisions of this Act.
- (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generally of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters namely:-
- ¹ (a) The distance from the existing kudiyiruppu and the period within which in alternative site may be provided under sub section (1) of section 4A, the other conditions that such site shall satisfy and the period within which costs determined by the authorised officer under sub section (2) of that section shall be paid, the period within which the agriculturist or agricultural labourer shall shift to the alternative site and the period within which and the manner in which refund shall be made under sub section (6) of that section; ¹
- (aa) the procedure to be followed by the authorised officer in deciding a dispute under subsection (1) of section 5.1
- (b) the period within which an appeal may be preferred under sub section (1) of section 6 to the collector or such other officer as may be authorised by the Government in this behalf and the procedure to be followed by such collector or other officer in deciding such appeal.
 - (c) the manner in which an inquiry may be held by the authorised officer under section 8;
 - (d) the period within which an appeal may be preferred to the court under section 9;
- (e) the maximum amount in respect of which a second appeal may lie to the High court under section 12;
- (f) the period within which, and the terms and the rate of interest at which, amount is payable under section 14 to the persons interested;
 - ² (g) and (h) shall be omitted ²
 - (i) the form of title deed to be issued under section 16 and the conditions governing it;
- ³ (j) the period within which and the manner in which the amount shall be refunded under sub section (3) of section 17 and the form in which and the officer to whom a notice is to be given under sub section (5) of that section; ³
 - (k) the fee payable in respect of any appeal, application or statement under this Act;

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- (1) any other matter which has to be, or may be prescribed.
- (3) Every rule made under this Act shall, as soon as may be after they are made, be laid before the legislative Assembly of Pondicherry, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the sessions in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the legislative Assembly makes any modification in the rule or decides that any such rule should not be made, that rule shall thereafter have effect, only in such modified form or be of no effect as the case may be, so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

THE SCHEDULE (SEE SECTION 8 (1) AND 19 (4))

1. The amount payable in respect of the kudiyiruppu or the land shall be one hundred times the survey assessment on the kudiyiruppu or the land, as the case may be:

Provided that where the kudiyiruppu or the land forms part of a survey field and is not separately assessed to revenue, the amount payable for such kudiyiruppu or land shall be deemed to be one hundred times such proportion of the survey assessment as the part bears to the entire survey field;

Provided further that where the survey field in which the kudiyiruppu or land exists is unassessed, the amount shall be determined with reference to the highest rate of survey assessment of the village and where no such rate exists the highest rate of survey assessment of the village situated nearest to the kudiyiruppu, or land as the case may be.

Explanation:- For the purposes of this paragraph, "survey assessment" means the land tax leived in accordance with the Deliberation of the Counseil General dated the 24th December 1933 enforced by the Arrete dated the 22nd August 1934 and includes fifty percent surcharge leived pursuant to the Deliberation dated the 20th September 1950 enforced by the Arrete dated 4th December, 1950.

2. The amount payable in respect to the super-structure shall be the market value of such superstructure.

Explanation: For the purpose of this schedule -

- (i) "kudiyiruppu" means the kudiyiruppu vested in the occupant of kudiyiruppu ² under the provisions of this Act.
 - (ii) "land" means the land acquired under section 19, and
- (iii) "superstructure" means the superstructure on the kudiyiruppu vested in the occupant of kudiyiruppu ¹ under the provisions of this Act.