

LAND REFORMS

Declaration of surplus

DEFINITIONS

(Section 3)

(CERTAIN IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS)

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Definitions

Ceiling on holding land

- Section 7 –
 - ✓ On and from the *date of commencement of the Act*, no *person* shall be entitled to hold *land* in excess of the ceiling area.
 - ✓ *Date of commencement of the Act* –
 - 6.4.1960 – *Principal Act 1961 (Act 58/61)*
 - 15.2.1970 – *Amended Act 1970 (Act 17/70)*

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Definitions

Entitlement of a person to hold lands:

- ✓ **'Person'** includes Indl., company, family, firm, society, private trust.

[section 3(34)]

- ✓ **'to hold land'** means –
 - to own land as owner or
 - to possess or enjoy land as possessory mortgagee or
 - as tenant

[section 3(19)]

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Definitions

'land' means –

- ✓ agricultural land,
- ✓ that is to say, land which is used or capable of being used for agricultural purposes,
- ✓ subservient thereto and
- ✓ includes forest land, pasture land, plantation and tope,

but

does not include house-site or land used exclusively for non-agricultural purposes.

[sec. 3(22)]

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d) 'Ceiling area' of a 'person'

Act	Ceiling area of a person / fly of 5 members *	Fly of more than 5 members	Overall ceiling area
58/61	30.000	30.000 + 5.000 addl. for every member of family in excess of 5	60.000
17/70	15.000	15.000 + 5.000 addl. for every member of a family in excess of 5	30.000

* members alive on 2.10.1970 should be taken into account for calculating the ceiling area of a family.

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[Section 3 (40)]

‘Standard acre’

- i. Standard acre is being converted based on classification of land and rate of Land Revenue Assessment.
- ii. The purpose of conversion is to maintain uniformity in calculating holdings and ceiling;

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Conversion of ordinary acre into standard acre

Wet land

Rate of Assessment		Ordinary acres
Above Rs. 15/-	1 standard acre equal to	0.8 acre
Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-		1 acre
Rs.8/- to Rs.10/-		1.2 acres
Rs.6/- to Rs.8/-		1.6 acres
Rs.4/- to Rs.6/-		1.75 acres
Below Rs.4/-		2 acres

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Conversion of ordinary acre into standard acre

Dry land

Rate of Assessment		Ordinary acres
Rs.2/- and above	1 standard acre equal to	2.5 acres
Rs.1.25 to Rs.2/-		3 acres
Below Rs.1.25		4 acres