

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS ACT, 1956

(48 of 1956)

[11th September, 1956)

An act to provide for the declaration of certain highways to be national highways and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :

(1) Short title, extent and commencement -- (1) This Act may be called the National Highways Act, 1956.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

(2) Declaration of certain highways to be National Highways --

(1) Each of the highways specified in the schedule is hereby declared to be a National Highway.

(2) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare any other highway to be a National Highway and on the publication of such notification such highway shall be deemed to be specified in the Schedule.

(3) The Central Government may, by like notification, omit anyhow from the schedule and on the publication of such notification, the highway so omitted shall cease to be a National Highway.

COMMENTS

Highways enumerated in the schedule of the Act have been declared to be National Highways. The Central Government has been empowered to declare any other highway to be a National Highway and to omit any highway from the schedule.

(3) **Definitions** -- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) “competent authority” means any person or authority authorised by the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette, to perform the functions of the competent authority for such area as may be specified in the notification.

(b) “land” includes benefits to arise out of land and things attached to the earth on permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.

3A. Power to acquire land ,etc. : (1) Where the Central Government is satisfied that for a public purpose any land is required for the building, maintenance, management or operation of a national highway or part thereof, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare its intention to acquire such land.

(2) Every notification under sub-section (1) shall give a brief description on the land.

(3) The competent authority shall cause the substance of the notification to be published in the local news papers, one of which will be in a vernacular language.

3B. Power to enter for survey, etc. : On the issue of a notification under sub-section (1) of section 3A, it shall be lawful for any person, authorised by the Central Government in this behalf, to :

- (a) make any inspection, survey, measurement, valuation or enquiry;
- (b) take levels;
- (c) dig or bore into sub-soil;
- (d) set out boundaries and intended lines of work;
- (e) mark such levels, boundaries and lines placing marks and cutting trenches, or;
- (f) do such other acts or things as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf by that Government;

3C. Hearing of objections : (1) Any person interested in the land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of the notification under sub-section. (1) of section 3A, object to the use of the land for the purpose or purposes mentioned in that sub-section.

(2) Every objection under sub-section (1) shall be made to the competent authority in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Explanations : For the purposes of the sub-section “legal practitioner” has the same meaning as in clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (25 of 1961).

(3) Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section(2) shall be final.

3D. Declaration of acquisition : (1) Where no objection under sub-section (1) of section 3C has been made to the competent authority within the period specified therein or where the competent authority has disallowed the objection under sub-section (2) of that section, the competent authority shall, as soon as may be, submit a report accordingly to the Central Government and on receipt of such report, the Central Government shall declare, by notification in the Official Gazette, that the land should be acquired for the purpose or purposes mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 3A.

(2) On the publication of the declaration under sub-section (1), the land shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances.

(3) Where in respect of any land, a notification has been published under sub-section (1) of section 3A for its acquisition but no declaration under sub-section (1) has been published within a period of one year from the date of publication of that notification, the said notification shall cease to have any effect :

Provided that in computing the said period of one year, the period or periods during which any action or proceedings to be taken in pursuance of the notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A is stayed by an order of a Court shall be excluded.

(4) A declaration made by the Central Government under sub-section (1) shall not be called in question in any Court or by any other authority.

3E. Power to take possession : (1) Where any land has vested in

the Central Government under sub-section (2) of section 3D, and the amount determined by the competent authority under section 3G with respect to such land has been deposited under sub-section (1) of section 3H, with the competent authority by the Central Government, the competent authority may by notice in writing direct the owner as well as any other person who may be in possession of such land to surrender or deliver possession thereof to the competent authority or any person duly authorised by in this behalf within sixty days of the service of the notice.

(2) If any person refuses or fails to comply with any direction made under sub-section (1), the competent authority shall apply-

- (a) in the case of any land situated in any areas falling within the metropolitan area, to the Commissioner of Police.
- (b) in case of any land situated in any area other than the area referred to in clause (a), to the Collector of a District.

and such Commissioner or Collector, as the case may be, shall enforce the surrender of the land, to the competent authority or to the person duly authorised by it.

3F. Right to enter into the land where land has vested in the Central Government : Where the land has vested in the Central Government under section 3D, it shall be lawful for any person authorised by the Central Government in this behalf, to enter and do other act necessary upon the land for carrying out the building, maintenance, management or operation of a national highway or a part thereof, or any other work connected therewith.

3G. Determination of amount payable as compensation : (1)

Where any land is acquired under this Act, there shall be paid an amount which shall be determined by an order of the competent authority.

(2) Where the right of user or any right in the nature of an easement on, any land is acquired under this Act, there shall be paid an amount to the owner and any other person whose right of enjoyment in that land has been affected in any manner whatsoever by reason of such acquisition an amount calculated at ten per cent of the amount determined under sub-section (1), for that land.

(3) Before proceeding to determine the amount under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the competent authority shall give a public notice published in two local news papers, one of which will be in a vernacular language inviting claims from all persons interested in the land to be acquired.

(4) Such notice shall state the particulars of the land and shall require all persons interested in such land to appear in person or by an agent or by a legal practitioner referred to in sub-section (2) of section 3C, before the competent authority, at a time and place and to state the nature of their respective interest on such land.

(5) If the amount determined by the competent authority under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) is not acceptable to either of the parties, the amount shall, on an application by either of the parties, be determined by the arbitrator to be appointed by the Central Government.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (26 of 1996) shall apply to every arbitration under this Act.

(7) The competent authority or the arbitrator while determining the amount under sub-section (1) or sub-section (5), as the case may be, shall take into consideration :

- (a) the market value of the land on the date of publication of the notification under section 3A ;
- (b) the damage, if any, sustained by the person interested at the time of taking possession of the land; by reason of the severing of such land from other land ;
- (c) the damage, if any, sustained by the person interested at the time of taking possession of the land, by reason of the acquisition injuriously affecting his other immovable property in any manner, or his earnings;
- (d) if, in consequences of the acquisition of the land , the person interested is compelled to change his residence or place of business, the reasonable expenses, if any, incidental to such change.

3H. Deposit and payment of amount : (1) The amount determined under section 3G shall be deposited by the Central Government in such manner as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf by that Government, with the competent authority before taking possession of the land.

(2) As soon as may be after the amount has been deposited under sub-section (1) , the competent authority shall on behalf of the Central Government pay the amount to the person or persons entitled thereto.

(3) Where several persons claim to be interested in the amount deposited under sub-section (1), the competent authority shall

determine the persons who in its opinion are entitled to receive the amount payable to each of them.

(4) If any dispute arises as to the apportionment of the amount or any part thereof or to any person to whom the same or any part thereof is payable, the competent authority shall refer the dispute to the decision of the Principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction within the limits of whose jurisdiction the land is situated.

(5) Where the amount determined under section 3G by the arbitrator is in excess of the amount determined by the competent authority, the arbitrator may award interest at nine percent per annum on such excess amount from the date of taking possession under section 3D till the date of the actual deposit thereof.

(6) Where the amount determined by the arbitrator is in excess of the amount determined by the competent authority, the excess amount together with interest, if any, awarded under sub-section (5) shall be deposited by the Central Government in such manner as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf by that Government, with the competent authority and the provisions of sub section(2) to (4) shall apply to such deposit.

3-I. Competent authority to have certain powers of Civil Court - The competent authority shall have, for the purposes of this Act, all the powers of a Civil Court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), in respect of the following matters namely :

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining his own oath;

- (b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;
- (c) reception of evidence on affidavits;
- (d) requisitioning any public record from any court or office;
- (e) issuing commission for examination of witness.

3 J. Land Acquisition Act 1 of 1894 not to apply - (Nothing in the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 shall apply to an acquisition under this Act)

COMMENTS

If any land is acquired under the provisions of this Act then nothing in the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (1 of 1894) shall apply.

4. National Highways to vest in the union : All National Highways shall vest in the union, and for the purposes of this Act “highways” include -

- (i) all lands appurtenant thereto, whether demarcated or not;
- (ii) all bridges, culverts, tunnels, causeways, carriageways and other structures constructed on or across such highways, and
- (iii) all fences, trees, posts and boundary, furlong and mile stones of such highways or any land appurtenant to such highways.

5. Responsibility for developments and maintenance of national highways : It shall be the responsibility of the Central Government to develop and maintain in proper repair all national highways ; but the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that any function in relation to the development or maintenance of any

national highway shall, subject to such condition, if any, as may be specified in the notification, also be exercisable by the Government of the State within which the national highway is situated or by any officer or authority subordinate to the Central Government or to the State Government.

COMMENTS

The Central Government is responsible for the development and maintenance of all the national highways by notification in the official Gazette it may direct that any function regarding development and maintenance of any national highway shall also be exercisable by the Government of the State within which the national highway is situated.

6. Power to issue directions : The Central Government may give directions to the Government of any State as to the carrying out in the State of any of the provisions of this Act or of any rule, notification or order made thereunder.

7. Fees for services or benefits rendered on national highways :
(1) The Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, levy fees at such rates as may be laid down by rules made in this behalf for services or benefits rendered in relations to the use of ferries, permanent bridges the cost of constructions of its of which is more than Rupees twenty five lakhs and which are opened to traffic on or after the first day of April, 1976 temporary bridges and tunnels on national highways and the use of sections of National Highways.

(2) Such fees when so levied shall be collected in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

(3) Any fee leviable immediately before the commencement of this

Act for services or benefits rendered in relation to the use of ferries, temporary bridges and tunnels on any highway specified in the schedule shall continue to be leviable under this Act unless and until it is altered in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) :

Provided that if the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, it may, by like notification, specify any bridge in relation to the use of which fees shall not be leviable under this sub-section.

COMMENTS

The Central Government is empowered to levy fees for services or benefits rendered in relation to the use of ferries, temporary bridges and tunnels on national highways and the use of sections of National Highways.

8. Omitted :

8A. Power of Central Government to enter into agreements for developments and maintenance of national highways : (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Central Government may enter into an agreement with a person in relation to the development and maintenance of the whole or any part of a national highway.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 7, the person referred to in sub-section (1) is entitled to collect and retain his at such rate, for services or benefits rendered by him as the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specified having regard to the expenditure involving maintenance, management and operation of the whole or part of such national highway, interest on the capital invested, reasonable return, the volume of traffic and the period of such agreement.

(3) A person referred to in sub-section (1) shall have powers to regulate and control the traffic in accordance with the provisions contained in chapter VIII of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) on the national highway forming subject matter of such agreement, for proper management thereof.

8B. Punishment for mischief by injury to national highway :

Whoever commits mischief by doing any act which renders or which he knows to be likely to render any national highway referred to in sub-section (1) of section 8A impassable or less safe for travelling or conveying property, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to five years, or with a fine, or with both.

9. Power to make rules : (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely :

(a) the manner in which, and the conditions subject to which, any function in relation to the development or maintenance of a national highway or any part thereof may be exercised by the State Government or any officer or authority subordinate to the Central Government or the State Government;

(aa) the manner in which the amount shall be deposited with the competent authority under sub-section (1) and (6) of section 3H;

- (b) the rates at which fees for services rendered in relation to the use of ferries, permanent bridges, temporary bridges and tunnels on any national highway and the use of sections of any national highway may be levied, and the manner in which such fees shall be collected, under section 7.
- (c) the periodical inspection of national highways and the submission of inspection reports to the Central Government;
- (d) the reports on works carried out on national highways;
- (e) any other matter for which provision should be made under this Act.

(3) Every rule made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the 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.

10. Laying of notifications, rules, etc., before Parliament : All notifications or agreements issued or entered into under this Act shall be laid before both houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are issued or entered into.

THE SCHEDULE
(See Section 2)
NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Serial No.	National Highway No.	Description of National Highways
1	2	3
1	1	The Highway connecting Delhi, Ambala, Jallundur and Amritsar and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan
2	1A	The Highway connecting Jallundur, Madhopur, Jammu, Banihal, Srinagar, Baramula and Uri.
2AA	Extension of NH No. 1B	The Highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 1B near Kishtwar and connecting Chhatree, Symthan Maidan and terminating at Symthan pass in Jammu and Kashmir.
2AAA	1C	The Highway starting form its Junction with National Highway No 1A near Domel and terminating at Katra in Jammu and Kashmir.
3	2	The Highway connecting Delhi, Mathura, Agra, Kanpur, Allahbad, Banaras, Mohania, Barhi Palsit, Baidyabati, Bara, Calcutta.
	2A	Sakandra - Bhognipur
4	3	The highway connecting Agra, Gwalior, Shivpuri, Indore, Dhulia, Nasik, Thana and Bombay.
5	4	The Highway starting from its junction near Thana with the highway specified in serial No. 4 and connecting Poona, Belgaum, Hubli-Bangalore, Ranipet and Madras.
5A	4A	The highway connecting Belgaum, Anmod, Panda and Panaji.
5B	4B	The high way starting from its junction with Panvel-Uran State highway near Nhava-Sheva Port Complex and proceeding further with one arm terminating of Kalamboli on National Highway No. 4 and another arm crossing National highway No. 17 near Palaspe and proceeding further to terminate on National Hihhway No.4.
6	5	The Highway starting from its junction near Baharagora with the highway specified in serial No. 7 and connecting Cuttack, Bhubaneswer, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Madras.

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6A	5A	The Highway starting from its junction near Haridaspur with National Highway No. 5 and terminating at the Paradip Port.
7	6	The highway starting from its junction near Dhulia with the highway specified in serial no. 4 and connecting Nagpur, Raipur, Sambalpur, Baharagora and Calcutta.
7AA	Extension of NH No. 6	The highway starting from its junction near Surat on National highway No. 6 and terminating at Hajira in Gujarat.
8	7	The highway starting from its junction near Banaras with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Mangawan, Rewa, Jabalpur, Lakhnadon, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Kurnool, Bangalore, Krishnagiri, Salem, Dindigul, Madurai and Cape Comorin.
8A	7A	The highway connecting Palayankottai on national highway No. 7 with the Tuticorin port.
9	8	The highway connecting Delhi, Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Ahmedabad, Baroda and Bombay.
10	8A	The highway connecting Ahmedabad, Limbdi, Morvi and Kandla.
10A	Extension of NH NO.8 A	The highway starting from its junction near Kandla on National highway No. 8A connecting Mundra and terminating at Mandvi in Gujarat.
11	8B	The highway starting from its Junction near Bamanbhore with the highway specified in serial No.10 and connecting Rajkot and Porbandar.
11A	8C	The highway connecting Chiloda on national highway No. 8 in Gujarat, Gandhinagar and terminating at Sarkej on National highway No. 8A.
11AA	8D	The highway starting from its Junction near Jetpur on National highway No. 8B and connecting Junagarh, Kushod and terminating at Somnath in Gujarat.
12	8E	Somnath- Bhavnager
	9	The highway connecting Poona, Sholapur, Hyderabad and Vijayawada.
12A	Entension of NH No. 9	The highway starting from its Junction near Vijayawada on national highway No. 5 connecting Vuyyuru, Pammari and terminating at Machilipatnam in Andha-pradesh.
13	10	The highway connecting Delhi and Fazilka and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan.

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13A	11	The Highway connecting Agra, Jaipur and Bikaner.
	11A	Dausa - Manoharpur
13B	12	The highway connecting Jabalpur, Bhopal and Biaora.
13C	12A	Jabalpur - Mandla - Chipli - Simga
	13	The highway connecting Sholapur and Chitradurga.
13CC	Extension of NH No. 13	The highway starting from its junction near Mangalore on National Highway No. 48 and connecting Tirthahalli, Shimoga and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 4 near Chitradurga in Karnataka.
13D	14	Beawar - Sirohi - Radhapur
	21	The highway starting from its junction near Chandigarh with National Highway No. 22 and connecting Ropar, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kulu and Manali.
13DD	21A	The highway starting from its junction near Pinjore on National Highway No. 22 in Haryana connecting Baddi, Nalagarh and terminating its junction with National Highway No. 21 near Swarghat in Himachal Pradesh.
13E	15	The highway connecting Pathankot-Amritsar, Bhatinda, Ganganagar, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer to its junction with National Highway No. 8A near Samakhiali (near Kandla).
	16	Nizamabad - Mancheral - Jagdalpur
13F	17	The Highway connecting Panvel on National Highway No. 4 Mahad, Panaji, Karwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Calicut (Kazhikode), Feroke, Kuttipuram, Pudu Ponnoni, Chowghat Cranganpur to junction with National Highway No. 47 near Edapally.
13G	17A	The Highway starting from its junction near Cortalim with National Highway No. 17 and terminating at the Marmugao Port.
	17B	Ponda - Verna - Vasco
	18	Junction with National Highway No. 7 near Kurnool - Nandyal - Cuddapah junction with National Highway No. 4 Near Chittoor.
	19	Gazipur - Ballia - Patna
14	20	Pathankot - Mandi
	22	The Highway connecting Ambala, Kalka, Simla, Narkanda, Rampur and Chini and proceeding to the border between India and Tibet near Shipki-La.

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14A	23	The highway connecting Chas, Ranchi, Rourkela, Talchar and terminating at National Highway No. 42
15	24	The highway connecting Delhi, Bareilly and Lucknow.
16	25	The highway connecting Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi and Shivpuri.
16A	25A	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 25 at Km 19 and terminating at Bakshi ka Talab in National Highway No. 24 in Uttar Pradesh.
17	26	The highway connecting Jhansi and Lakhnadon.
18	27	The highway connecting Allahabad with the highway specified in serial No. 8 near Mangawan.
19	28	The highway starting from its junction near Barauni with the highway specified in serial No. 23 and connecting Muzaffarpur, Pipra, Gorakhpur and Lucknow.
20	28A	The highway starting from its junction near Pipra with the highway specified in serial No. 19 and connecting Sagauli and Raxaul and proceeding to the border between India and Nepal.
21	29	The highway connecting Gorakhpur, Ghazipur and Banaras.
22	30	The highway starting from its junction near Mohania with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Patna and Bakhtiyarpur.
22A	30A	The highway starting from its junction near Phathuha on National Highway No. 30 and connecting Chandi Harnaut National Highway No. 31, Saksohara and terminating in its junction on National Highway No. 31 near Barh in Bihar.
23	31	The highway starting from its junction near Barhi with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Bakhtiyarpur, Mokameh, Purnea, Dalkhola, Siliguri, Sivok and Cooch-Bihar, North Salmara and proceeding generally via Nalbari, Charali and Amingaon to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 28 near Pandu.
24	31A	The highway connecting Sivok and Gangtok.
24A	32	The highway starting from its junction near Govindpur with National Highway No. 2 and connecting Dhanbad with Jamshedpur.
24AA	31B	The highway starting from near North Salmara to its junction with National Highway No. 37 near Goalpara.

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24AAA	31C	The highway starting from near Galgalia, connecting Baghdogra, Chalsa, Nagrakata, Goyerkata.
25	33	The highway starting from its junction near Barhi with the highway specified in serial No. 3 and connecting Ranchi and Tatanagar and proceeding to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 7 near Baharagora.
26	34	The highway starting from its junction near Dalkhola with the highway specified in serial No. 23 and connecting Berhampur, Barasat and Calcutta.
27	35	The highway connecting Barasat and Bangaon and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan.
27A	36	The highway connecting Nowgong, Dabaka, and Dimapur (Manipur road)
28	37	The highway starting from its junction near Goalpara with the highway specified in serial No. 23 and connecting Gauhati, Jorabat, Kamargaon, Makum and Saikhoa Ghat.
	37A	Kuarital-junction with National Highway No. 52 near Tezpur.
29	38	The highway connecting Makum, Ledo and Lekhapani.
30	39	The highway connecting Kamargaon, Imphal and Pael and proceeding to the border between India and Burma.
31	40	The highway connecting Jorabat and Shillong and proceeding to the border between India and Pakistan near Dawki.
31A	Extension of NIH No. 40	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 44 near Jowai connecting Amlarem and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 40 near Dawki in Meghalaya.
32	42	The highway starting from its junction near Sambalpur with the highway specified in serial No. 7 and proceeding <i>via</i> Angul to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 6 near Cuttack.
33	43	The highway connecting Rajpur and Vizianagaram and proceeding to its junction with the highway specified in serial No. 6 near Vizianagaram.
33A	44	The highway connecting Shillong, Passi, Baderpur and Agartala.
33AA	44A	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 54 near Aizawl in Mizoram and connecting Sairang, Lengpui, Mamit and terminating at Manu in Tripura.

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34	45	The highway connecting Madras, Tiruchirappalli and Dindigul.
34AA	Extension of NH No. 45A	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 45 A near Pondy in Pondicherry and connecting Cuddalore-Chidambaram and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 67 near Nagapattinam in Tamilnadu.
34AAA	45B	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 45 near Trichy and connecting Viralimalai, Tovarankuruchchi, Melur, Madurai (National Highway No. 7), Aruppakottai and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 A near Tuticorin in Tamilnadu.
35	46	The highway connecting Krishnagiri and Ranipet.
36	47	The highway connecting Salem, Coimbatore, Trichur, Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Cape comorin.
	47A	Junction with National Highway No. 47 Wellington Island.
36A	41	The highway between its junction (Near Kolaghat) with National Highway No. 6 and the point where it touches Haldia port.
37A	48	The highway connecting Bangalore, Hassan and Manglore.
38	49	The highway connecting Madurai and Dhanushkodi.
39	50	The highway connecting Nasik with the highway specified in serial No. 5 near Poona.
40	51	The highway starting from its junction at Baihata Chariali on National Highway No. 37, in Assam, connecting Tura and terminating at Dalu in Meghalaya.
41	52	The highway starting from its junction at Baihata Chariali on National Highway No. 31, in Assam connecting Tezpur, Banderdewa, North Lakhimpur, Passighat, Tezu, Sitapani and terminating near Saikhowaghat on National Highway No. 37.
42	52A	The highway starting from its junction at Banderdewa on National Highway No. 52 A in Assam and terminating at Hanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.
42A	Extension of NH 52A	The highway starting from its junction near Itanagar on National Highway No. 52A in Arunachal Pradesh and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 52 near Gohpur in Assam.
43	53	The highway starting from its junction near Badarpur on National Highway No. 44, in Assam connecting Silchar, Jirighat and terminating near Imphal on National Highway No. 39.

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44	54	The highway starting from its junction at Silchar in Assam on National Highway No. 53 connecting Aizawl and terminating at Taipang in Mizoram.
44A	54A	The highway starting from its junction at Theriat in Mizoram on National Highway No. 54 and terminating at Lunglai in Mizoram.
44AA	Extension of NH No. 54	The highway starting from its junction near Daboka on National Highway No. 36 and connecting Lumding, Langdin, Haflong and terminating at its junction with National Highway NO. 54 near Silchar in Asam.
44B	54B	The highway starting from its junction at "Venas Saddle" in Mizoram on National Highway No. 54 and terminating at Saiha in Mizoram.
44D	55	The highway starting from Siliguri on National Highway No. 31 passing through Kurseong and terminating at Darjeeling.
45	56	The highway starting from Lucknow and connecting Jagdishpur, Sultanpur and Jaunpur and terminating near Varanasi.
	56A	Chenhat (NH 28)-KM 16(NH56).
45AA	56B	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 56 near Km 16 and terminating at Km 19 of National Highway No. 25 in Uttar Pradesh.
	NEI	Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway (under construction).
	57	Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Fobesganj-Purnea.
	58	Ghaziabad-Meerut-Haridwar-Badrinath-Mannapass.
	59	Ahmedabad-Godhre-Dhar-Indore.
	59A	Indore-Betul.
	60	Balasure-Kharagpur-Asansol.
47	61	The highway starting from its junction near Kohima on National Highway No. 39 in Nagaland and connecting Workha-Moko-Kchung-Amguri and terminating at its junctions with National Highway No. 37 near Jhanji in Assam.
48	52B	The highway starting from its junctions on National Highway 52 near Kuljan and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 37 in Assam.
49	62	The highway starting from its junction on National Highway 37 near Damra in Assam and terminating at Baghmara in Meghalaya.

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49A	Extension of NH No.62		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 62 near Baghmara and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 51 near Dalu in Meghalaya.
50	63		The highway starting from its junction on National Highway No. 17 near Ankola Hospet and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 near Gooti in Andhra Pradesh.
51	64		The highway starting from its junction on National Highway No. 22 near Chandigarh and connecting Rajpura-Patiala-Changrur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 15 near Bhatinda in Punjab.
51A	Extension of NH No. 64		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway near Bhatinda in Punjab and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 10 near Dabwali in Haryana.
52	65		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway NO. 1 near Ambala in Haryana and connecting Kaihal-Hisar and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 1 near Fatehpur in Rajasthan.
52A	Extension of NH No. 65		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway no. 11 near Fatehpur and connecting Nagpur, Jodhpur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 14 near Pali in Rajasthan.
53	66		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 45 A in Pondicherry and connecting Tindivanam-Gingee-Thiruvannamalai and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 near Krishnagiri in Tamilnadu.
54	67		The highway starting from Nagapattinam and connecting Trichy and terminating at its junction on National Highway No. 7 near Karur in Tamilnadu.
54A	Extension of NH No. 67		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway no. 7 near Karur and connecting Palladam and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 47 near Coimbatore in Tamilnadu.
55	68		The highway starting from its junction on National Highway No. 45 near Ulundrupet and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 near Salem in Tamilnadu.
56	69		The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 6 near Nagpur in Maharashtra and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 12 near Obaidullaganj in Madhya Pradesh.

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57	70	The highway starting from its junction near Jalandhar on National Highway No. 1 in Punjab and connecting Hoshiarpur, Hamirpur, Tonidevi, Ahwadevi, Dharampur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 21 near Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.
58	71	The highway starting from its junction near Jalandhar on National Highway No. 1 in Punjab and connecting Moga, Barnala, Sangrur, Narwana, Rohtak, Jhajjar and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 8 near Bawal in Haryana.
59	71A	The highway starting from its junction near Rohtak on National Highway No. 10 and connecting Gohana and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 1 near Panipat in Haryana.
59A	24A	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 24 near Bakshi-ka-Talab and terminating near Chenhat on National Highway No. 28 in Uttar Pradesh.
60	72	The highway starting from its junction near Ambala on National Highway No. 1 and connecting Nahan, Paonta Sahib, Dehradun and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 58 near Rishikesh (Haridwar) in Uttar Pradesh.
61	73	The highway starting from its junction near Roorkee on National Highway No. 58 in Uttar Pradesh and connecting Saharanpur, Yamunanagar, Saha and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 22 near Panchkula in Haryana.
62	74	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 58 near Haridwar and connecting Najibabad, Nagina, Afzalgarh, Kashipur, Kichha, Jehanabad, Pilibhit and terminating at its junction with National Highway no. 24 near Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh.
63	75	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 3 near Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh and connecting Janshi (Uttar Pradesh) Khajuraho, Chhatarpur, Panna, Satna and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 near Rewa in Madhya Pradesh.

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64	76	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 14 near Pindwara in Rajasthan and connecting Udaipur, Mangarwar, Chittaurgarh, Kota (National Highway No. 12), Shivpuri (National Highway NO. 3), Jhansi (National Highway No. 25), Mahoba, Banda, Karwi, Mau and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 27 near Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.
65	77	The highway starting from its junction near Hajipur on National Highway No. 19 and connecting Mujaffarpur (National Highway No. 28), Sitamarhi and Sonbarsa in Bihar.
66	78	The highway starting from its junction near Katni on National Highway No. 7 in Madhya Pradesh connecting Shahdol, Nagar, Ambikapur-Jashpurnagar and terminating at its junction with National highway No. 23 near Gumla in Bihar.
67	79	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 8 near Ajmer in Rajasthan and connecting Nasirabad, Bhilwara, Chittaurgarh, Nayagaon, Nimach, Ratlam and terminating at its junction with National highway No. 59 near Ghatbilod (Indore) in Madhya Pradesh.
68	80	The highway starting from its junction near Mokama on National Highway No. 31 in Bihar and connecting Munger, Bhagalpur, Sahebganj, Rajmahal and terminating at its junction with National highway No. 34 near Farakka in West Bengal.
68A	81	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 31 near Kora in Bihar and connecting Katihar and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 34 near Maldah in West Bengal.
68B	82	The highway starting from its junction near Gaya on National Highway No. 83 and connecting Rajgir, Biharsarif and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 31 near Mokama in Bihar.
68C	83	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 30 near Patna and connecting Punpun, Gaya, Bodhgaya and terminating at its junction with National Highway no. 2 near Dobhi in Bihar.
68D	84	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 30 near Arrah and connecting Bhojpur and terminating on National Highway No. 19 near Buxar in Bihar.

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68E	85	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 19 near Chhapra and connecting Siwan and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 28 near Gopalganj in Bihar.
68F	86	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 2 near Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh and connecting Chhatarpur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 26 near Sagar in Madhya Pradesh.
68G	87	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 24 near Rampur and connecting Bilaspur, Pantnagar, Haldwani and terminating at Nainital in Uttar Pradesh.
68H	88	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 22 near Simla and connecting Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Nadaun, Ranital, Kangra and terminating near Bhawan on National Highway No. 20 in Himachal Pradesh.
68I	89	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 8 near Ajmer and connecting Nagaur, and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 11 near Bikaner in Rajasthan.
	90	Baran-Aklera.
	91	Ghaziabad-Aligarh-Eta-Kannauj-Kanpur.
	92	Bhongaon-Etawah-Gwalior.
	93	Agra-Aligarh-Babrara-Chandausi-Moradabad.
	94	Rishikesh-Ampata-Tehri-Dharasu-Kuthnaur-Yamnotri.
	95	Kharar (Chandigarh)-Ludhiana-Jagaron-Ferozepur.
	96	Faizabad-Sultanpur-Pratapgarh-Allahabad.
	97	Ghazipur-Zamania-Saiyedraja.
	98	Patna-Aurangabad-Rajhara.
	99	Dobhi-Chatra-Chandwa.
	100	Chatra-Hazaribagh-Bogoda.
	101	Chhapra-Baniapur-Maharajganj-Barauli.
	102	Chhapra-Rewaghat-Muzaffarpur.
	103	Hazipur-Musahrigharari.
	104	The highway starting from its junction near Chakia on National Highway No. 28 connecting Narhar-Pakribridge-Madhuban-Shivhar-Sitamarhi-Harlakhi-Umagaon-Jayanagar-Lakoush-Laukahi and terminating at its junction near Narahia on national Highway No. 57 in the state of Bihar.
	105	Darbhanga-Aunsi-Jaynagar.
	106	Birpur-Madhepura-Bihpur.

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	107	Maheshkhunt-Sonbar Saraj-Simri Bakhtiarpur-Bariahi-Saharsa-Madhepura-Purnea.
69	150	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 54 near Aizawl in Mizoram and connecting Ipaimukh, Churachandpur, Imphal, Ukhrul, Jessami and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 39 near Kohima in Nagaland.
	151	Karimganj-Bangladesh Border.
69A	Extension of NH No. 60	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 6 near Kharagpur and connecting Bishnupur, Bankura and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 2 near Asansol in West Bengal.
69B	152	The highway starting from its junction near Patacharkuchi on National Highway No. 31C, connecting Haju and terminating at Indo-Bhutan Border.
	153	Ledo-Lekhapani-Indo/Myanmar Border.
	154	Dhaleswar-Bhairabi-Kanpui.
70	200	The highway starting from its junction with National highway No. 6 near Raipur in Madhya Pradesh and connecting Bilaspur, Sarangarh, Rajgarh, Kanaktura, Jharsuguda, Kochinda, Pravasuni, Deogarh, Talcher and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 5 near Chandikhol in Orissa.
71	201	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 43 near Boriguma and connecting Bhawanipatna, Bolangir, Barapali and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 6 near Bargarh in Orissa.
72	202	The highway starting from its junction near Hyderabad on National Highway No. 7 in Andhra Pradesh and connecting Warangal, Venkatapuram and terminating at its junction near Bhopalpatnam on National Highway No. 16 in Madhya Pradesh.
73	203	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 5 near Bhubneswar and terminating at Puri in Orissa.
74	204	The highway starting from Ratnagiri and connecting Hathkamba (National Highway No. 17), (Poli NH No. 17) Sakharpa, Malkapur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 4 near Kolhapur in Maharashtra.

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75	205	The highway starting from its junction near Ananthapur on National Highway No. 7 in Andhra Pradesh and connecting Kadiri, Tirupati, Renigunta, Tiruttani and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 5 near Chennai in Tamilnadu.
76	206	The highway starting from its junction near Tumkur on National Highway No. 4 and connecting Shimoga and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 17 near Honnavar in Karnataka.
77	207	The highway starting from its junction near Hosur on National highway No. 7 in Tamil Nadu connecting Sarjapur, Devanhalli (on National highway No. 7), Doda Ballapur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 4 near Nelamangela in Karnataka.
78	208	The highway starting from its junction near Kollam on National Highway No. 47 in Kerala and connectig Punalur, Tenkasi, Rajapalaiyam, Srivilliputtur and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 near Tirumangalam in Tamil Nadu.
79	209	The highway starting from its junction near Dindigul on National highway No. 7 in Tamil Nadu and connecting Pollachi, Coimbatore, Annur, Satyamanglam, Chamrjnagar, Kollegal and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 7 near Bangalore in Karnataka.
80	210	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 45 near Trichy and connecting Pudukottai, Devakottai and terminating at its junction with National Highway No 49 near Ramanathpuram in Tamil Nadu.
81	211	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 9 near Solapur and connecting Osmanabad, Aurangabad and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 3 near Dhule in Maharashtra.
82	212	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 17 near Kozhikode in Kerala connecting Mysore, and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 209 near Kollegal in Karnataka.
83	213	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 47 near Palghat and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 17 near Kozhikode in Kerala.

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84	214	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 5 near Kathipudi and connecting Kakinada and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 9 near Pamarru in Andhra Pradesh.
85	215	The highway starting from its junction with National Highway No. 5 near Panikoli and connecting Keonjhor, and terminating at its junction with National Highway No. 23 near Rajamunda in Orissa.
	216	Rajgarh-Sarangarh-Saraipalli.
	217	Raipur-Gopalpur.
	218	Bijapur-Hubli.
	219	Madnapalli-Kuppam-Krishnagiri.
	220	Kollam (Quilom)-Teni.



**THE ASSAM LAND (REQUISITION
AND ACQUISITION) ACT 1964
(ASSAM ACT XV OF 1964)
As amended up to 1985**

INTRODUCTION

Land Acquisition Act, 1894 has been the basic law on acquisition of land needed for public purposes. This Central Act which came into force from 1st day of March, 1894 continues to this day the main piece of legislation for land acquisition and determination of compensation in the entire country.

However, to meet the requirements of speedy acquisition the following three state legislations were enacted :

1. The Assam Land (Requisition & Acquisition) Act, 1948,
2. The Assam Acquisition of land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion Act, 1955
3. The Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control for Prevention of Erosion (Validation) Act, 1959.

The above three Acts were applied in emergent cases of land acquisition in the state in the post Independence period. Hon'ble Guwahati High Court, however opined that the Assam Acquisition of land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion Act, 1955 was violative of the Article 31 (2) of the Constitution and void under the Article 13 of the Constitution of India. Hon'ble High Court was also of the opinion that the Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Validation) Act, 1959 had no powers to declare that the land taken possession of prior to the Act, 1955 Act. The Act of 1955 also suffered from the inherent defect as no procedure for payment of compensation was provided in the Act,

In the back ground of the above situation , the Assam Land (Requisition & Acquisition)Act, 1964 was brought in to being, principally to validate all action taken under the Act, 1955 and also to consolidate the law of requisition and speedy acquisition of premises and land for public purposes mainly centering round requisition and acquisition on account of flood control and associated activities. With the enactment of the Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, 1964 the Land Requisition and Acquisition. Acts 1955 1955 and 1959 were all repealed, The Land (Requisition & Acquisition) Act, 1964 was only once amended in 1985.

In the present publication the Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, 1964 is presented up-to date with the 1985 amendment together with the Assam Land (Requisition & Acquisition) Rules 1964. It is hoped that the officials connected with land acquisition whether in Revenue Flood Control or other Government departments would find the presentation handy .This volume will also be found useful for all the Revenue Courts and practitioners of Law.

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