

## ASSAM ACT XVI OF 1954

THE PRESS AND REGISTRATION OF BOOKS (EXTENSION  
TO LUSHAI HILLS) ACT, 1954

(Passed by the Assembly)

(Received the assent of the Governor of Assam on the 2nd May 1954)

[Published in the *Assam Gazette*, dated 12th May 1954]*An  
Act**to extend the provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 to Lushai  
Hills District*

**Preamble.**—WHEREAS the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (Act No. XXV of 1867), is not in force in Lushai Hills District.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to bring the said Act into force in the said District ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Press and Registration of Books (Extension to Lushai Hills) Act, 1954.

(2) It extends to the Lushai Hills District.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Application of Act No. XXV of 1867 to the Lushai Hills District.**—

All the provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 as amended from time to time and the rules made thereunder, subject to any amendments to which they are for the time being subject in the rest of Assam, shall apply to the Lushai Hills District.

## ASSAM ACT XVII OF 1954

THE ASSAM PROHIBITION OF SMOKING  
IN PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT, 1954.

(Passed by the Assembly)

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Act**to prohibit smoking in passenger vehicles.*

WHEREAS it is expedient in the public interest to prohibit smoking in passenger vehicles ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Assam Prohibition of Smoking in Passenger Vehicles, Act 1954.

(2) It extends to the whole of Assam.

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

**2. Definition.**—In this Act "passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle having seating capacity for more than six persons, excluding the driver, which

carries passengers for hire or reward at separate fares paid by or for individual passengers, either for the whole or for a stage of a journey.

**3. Penalty for smoking in passenger vehicles.**—Whoever smokes in a passenger vehicle while such vehicle is carrying passengers shall be punishable with fine which for a first offence may extend to twenty rupees and for a second or subsequent offence to one hundred rupees.

**4. Power to arrest without warrant.**—(1) The conductor of a passenger vehicle in whose presence a person commits an offence punishable under section 3, may request such person to desist from smoking, and if such person fails to comply with the request he may stop the vehicle and call for a police officer not below the rank of an Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police; and such police officer may arrest such person without warrant, if, when asked by the police officer to give his name and address, such person—

(i) refuses to give his name and address, or

(ii) gives a name or address which the police officer suspects to be false and such person refuses to accompany the police officer to a police station on being required to do so by the police officer.

(2) No suit, prosecution or proceeding shall lie against a conductor of a passenger vehicle or a police officer for, anything done or any arrest made, in good faith under sub-section (1).

**5. Warning to be painted or affixed.**—(1) The proprietor of every passenger vehicle shall cause to be painted or affixed in one or more conspicuous positions in such vehicle a warning that any person smoking while such vehicle is carrying passengers is liable under the law to arrest without warrant and to fine.

(2) If the proprietor of a passenger vehicle fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1), within thirty days of the commencement of this Act, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty rupees.