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THE UTTAR PRADESH PROHIBITION OF BONDED LABOUR  
ACT, 1975

(U. P. ACT NO. 44 OF 1975)

[†Authoritative English Text of the Uttar Pradesh Bandhit Shram Prati-  
shad Adhiniyam, 1975.]

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to prohibit bonded labour in any form in Uttar Pradesh.

IT IS HEREBY enacted in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Bonded Labour Act, 1975. Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of Uttar Pradesh.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on July 22, 1975.

2. In this Act 'bonded labour' means all work or service which is extracted from any person or his dependents under menace of any penalty, or, in repayment of principal or interest or both of any loan or advance or in discharge of any other contract or like obligation. Definition.

3. No person shall compel any person to render any bonded labour, or other similar form of forced labour, whether on the basis of any custom, tradition or agreement rendered void by virtue of section 5 of the Uttar Pradesh Landless Agricultural Labourers Debt Relief Act, 1975, or on the basis of any other debt whatsoever. Abolition and prohibition of bonded labour.

U. P. Act  
no. 12 of  
1975.

4. Any custom or tradition or any contract or other instrument (whether entered into or executed before or after the commencement of this Act) whereunder or by virtue of which any debtor or any of his dependents or any member of his family is required to work as labourer or otherwise for the creditor, shall be void. Custom contract, etc. to be void.

5. Any person contravening the provisions of this Act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend up to Rs.1,000 or with both. Penalty.

6. Any police officer may arrest without warrant any person who is reasonably suspected of having committed or of committing a contravention of the provisions of this Act. Power to arrest without warrant.

U. P. Ordinance no.  
21 of 1975.

7. (1) The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Bonded Labour Ordinance, 1975 is hereby repealed. Repeal and savings

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act. #

(†For Statement of Objects and Reasons, please see *Uttar Pradesh Gazette Extraordinary*, dated July 30, 1975.)

(Passed in Hindi by the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly on July 29, 1975 and by Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council on July 31, 1975.)

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