

**Twelfth Kerala Legislative Assembly**  
**Bill No. 118**

**THE KERALA HEADLOAD WORKERS (SECOND AMENDMENT)**  
**BILL, 2007**

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*further to amend the Kerala Headload Workers Act, 1978.*

*Preamble.— WHEREAS,* it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Headload Workers Act, 1978 (20 of 1980), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

*BE,* it enacted in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.—* (1) This Act may be called the Kerala Headload Workers (Second Amendment) Act, 2007.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 37.—* In the Kerala Headload Workers Act, 1978 (20 of 1980) in section 37, for the word “Government” the word “Board” shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

As per section 37 of the Kerala Head Load Workers Act, 1978, where an employer makes default in the payment of any contribution to the fund, the Government can recover damages from him. The Government have now decided to entrust to the Kerala Head Load Workers Welfare, this power to recover damages from an employer.

The Bill is intended to achieve the above object.

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## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill, if enacted and brought into operation would not involve any expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

P. K. GURUDASAN

EXTRACT OF THE KERALA HEADLOAD WORKERS ACT, 1978  
(ACT 20 OF 1980)

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37. Power to Recover Damages.—Where an employer makes default in the payment of any contribution to the fund, the Government may recover from him such damages, not exceeding twenty five per cent of the amount of arrears, as they think fit.

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