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*to give effect to certain financial proposals of the Government of Kerala for the Financial Year 2015-2016.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient to give effect to certain financial proposals of the Government of Kerala for the Financial Year 2014-2015;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Kerala Finance (No. 2) Act, 2015.

2. *Amendment of Act 28 of 2008.*—In the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008 (28 of 2008), after section 3, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“3A. *Power to regularise the conversion or reclamation of paddy land made before the commencement of the Act.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other Act, rule or order for the time being in force or in any judgement, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority, where before the commencement of this Act any owner, occupier or the person in custody of any paddy land had undertaken conversion or reclamation of the said paddy land otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Government may regularise such conversion or reclamation by recovering a fee equal to 25 per cent of, the fair value of the said land notified under section 28A of the Kerala Stamp Act, 1959 (17 of 1959) or the fair value of adjacent land of similar nature, if the fair value of said land is not notified.”.

**DECLARATION UNDER THE KERALA PROVISIONAL  
COLLECTION OF REVENUES ACT, 1985**

(10 OF 1985)

It is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that all the provisions of this Bill shall have effect from the 1st day of April, 2015, under the Kerala Provisional Collection of Revenues Act, 1985 (10 of 1985).

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill seeks to amend the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2008 to give effect to the financial proposals of Government of Kerala for the Financial Year 2015-2016 as announced in paragraph 339 of the Budget Speech, 2015-2016.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

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

K. M. MANI

EXTRACT FROM THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE  
KERALA CONSERVATION OF PADDY LAND  
AND WETLAND ACT, 2008  
(28 OF 2008)

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3. *Prohibition on conversion or reclamation of paddy land.*—(1) On and from the date of commencement of this Act, the owner, occupier or the person in custody of any paddy land shall not undertake any activity for the conversion or reclamation of such paddy land except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall apply to the cultivation of any intermediary crops that are cultivated without changing the ecological nature of that paddy land or the strengthening of the outer bunds for protecting the cultivation.

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