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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (Legislative Department)

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The Following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 7th April, 2026 and is hereby published for general information:—

THE JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) ACT, 2026

NO. 8 OF 2026

[7th April, 2026.]

An Act to amend certain enactments for descriminalising and rationalising offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the *Jan Vishwas* (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

Short title and
commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for amendments relating to different enactments mentioned in the Schedule.

Amendment of
certain
enactments.

Revision of fines
and penalties.

2. The enactments mentioned in column (4) of the Schedule are hereby amended to the extent and in the manner mentioned in column (5) thereof.

3. The fines and penalties provided under various provisions in the enactments mentioned in the Schedule shall be increased by ten per cent. of the minimum amount of fine or penalty, as the case may be, prescribed therefor, after the expiry of every three years from the date of commencement of this Act:

Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this section, if any enactment mentioned in the Schedule provides the manner of revision of fines and penalties therein, only the said provision shall be applicable for increase of fines and penalties for provisions of such enactment.

Savings.

4. The amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment shall not affect any other enactment in which the amended or repealed enactment has been applied, incorporated or referred to;

and this Act shall not affect the validity, invalidity, effect or consequences of anything already done or suffered, or any right, title, obligation or liability already acquired, accrued or incurred or any remedy or proceeding in respect thereof, or any release or discharge of, or from any debt, penalty, obligation, liability, claim or demand, or any indemnity already granted, or the proof of any past act or thing;

nor shall this Act affect any principle or rule of law, or established jurisdiction, form or course of pleading, practice or procedure, or existing usage, custom, privilege, restriction, exemption, office or appointment, despite the fact that the same respectively may have been in any manner affirmed, or recognised or derived by, in or from any enactment hereby amended or repealed;

nor shall the amendment or repeal by this Act of any enactment revive or restore any jurisdiction, office, custom, liability, right, title, privilege, restriction, exemption, usage, practice, procedure or other matter or thing not now existing or in force.

Power to remove
difficulties.

5. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of different enactments mentioned in the Schedule as amended by this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the enactments as amended by this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under sub-section (1) shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before each House of Parliament.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
29.	1961	52	The Apprentices Act, 1961	(A) In section 2,— (i) after clause (aaa), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— ‘(aaaa) “advisory” means a written notice issued directing the employer or establishment or any other person to comply with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder within a specified period, without imposing any penalty in such format as may be prescribed;’; (ii) after clause (q), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— ‘(qa) “warning” means a written notice issued cautioning the employer or establishment or any other person that continued or repeated non-compliance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder in such manner and format as may be prescribed;’. (B) For section 30, the following section shall be substituted, namely:— “30. Offences and penalties for contravention of provisions of the Act or rules made thereunder.—(1) If any employer or any other person— (a) contravenes the provisions of this Act and rules relating to the number of apprentices which he is required to engage; or (b) required to furnish any information or return— (i) refuses or neglects to furnish such information or return; or (ii) furnishes or causes to be furnished any information or return which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true; or (iii) refuses to answer or gives a false answer to any question necessary for obtaining any information required to be furnished by him; or (c) refuses or wilfully neglects to afford the Central or the State Apprenticeship Adviser or such other person, not below the rank of an Assistant Apprenticeship Adviser, as may be authorised by the Central or the State Apprenticeship Adviser in writing in this behalf any reasonable facility for making any entry, inspection, examination or inquiry authorised by or under this Act; or (d) requires an apprentice to work overtime without the approval of the Apprenticeship Adviser; or

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(e) employs an apprentice on any work which is not connected with his training; or

(f) makes payment to an apprentice on the basis of piece-work; or

(g) requires an apprentice to take part in any output bonus or incentive scheme; or

(h) engages as an apprentice a person who is not qualified for being so engaged; or

(i) fails to carry out the terms and conditions of a contract of apprenticeship,

shall be liable for the first contravention with an advisory to be complied within thirty days; for the second contravention, be liable to warning to be complied within fifteen days; and for every subsequent contravention, be liable to penalty of not less than one thousand rupees but which may extend to five thousand rupees.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any establishment or industry which the Central Government may, by order exempt with effect from such date as may be mentioned therein.”.

(C) In section 31, for the words and figures “for which no punishment is provided in section 30, he shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees but may extend to three thousand rupees”, the words and figures “or of any rules made thereunder for which no penalty is provided in section 30, he shall be liable for the first contravention with an advisory to be complied within thirty days; for the second contravention, be liable to warning to be complied within fifteen days; and for every subsequent contravention, be liable to penalty of not less than one thousand rupees but which may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

(D) After section 31, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“31A. Adjudication of penalties.—(1) For the purpose of adjudicating penalties under this Act, the appropriate Government may, by an order published in the Official Gazette, appoint one or more adjudicating officers, not below the rank of Assistant Apprenticeship Adviser, as an adjudicating officer for holding an inquiry and imposing penalties in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that no such penalty shall be imposed without giving the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
				(2) Whoever is aggrieved by an order of the adjudicating officer under sub-section (1) may, within thirty days from the date of receipt of such order, prefer an appeal to the appellate authority who shall be an officer not below the rank of Deputy Apprenticeship Adviser, appointed by the appropriate Government, in such form and manner as may be prescribed. (3) An appeal may be admitted after the expiry of the period of thirty days if the appellant satisfies the appellate authority that he had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within that period. (4) The appellate authority may, after giving the parties to the appeal an opportunity of being heard, pass such order as he may think fit. (5) An appeal under sub-section (2) shall be disposed of within sixty days from the date of filing. (6) If a penalty imposed by the adjudicating officer under sub-section (1) or by an order of the appellate authority under sub-section (4), as the case may be, is not deposited, the amount shall be recovered as an arrear of land revenue.”. (E) In section 37, sub-section (2) shall be omitted.
30.	1962	50	The Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962	(A) In section 15,— (i) in the marginal heading, for the word “Penalty”, the word “Punishments” shall be substituted; (ii) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:— “(1) Whoever wilfully obstructs any person in doing any of the acts authorised by section 4 or section 7 or section 8 or wilfully fills up, destroys, damages or displaces any trench or mark made under section 4 or wilfully does any act prohibited under section 9, shall,— (a) for the first contravention, be liable to penalty which may extend to one lakh rupees; (b) for the second or any subsequent contraventions, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees, or with both.”; (iii) in sub-section (2), for the words “ten years”, the words “three years” shall be substituted; (iv) in sub-section (4), for the words “ten years but may extend to imprisonment for life or death”, the words “five years but may extend to imprisonment for life” shall be substituted.