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Preface

This booklet is made for Law students, Advocates, and people who require handy reference of Law of Central Govt. It was long noticed there was hardly any Law graduate in Country who could tell exact Number of Acts which are made by Central Government and are enforceable on given date.

Index to Central Acts is classified & rearranged Subject wise. It is updated and edited till **1 Nov 2016**

Following Acts are excluded from this Index to Central Act

- 1) State Apportionment Act enacted by Parliament after 1976 & (Not repelled till today)
- 2) Central Apportionment Act from year 2013
- 3) Finance Acts of various years (Not repelled till today)
- 4) Amending Acts. (Not repelled till today)
- 5) Repeal and Amending Acts. (Not repelled till today)

There are certain Amending Acts included in this Index to Central Act. It contains some independent sections which are required to be retained as Independent Act.

There are certain Proceedings under Repelled Act which are going on at various level. Regarding it I wish to clarify that although those Acts are considered repelled still in new act it is mentioned that proceeding which are going on will

continue under Old Act as If this act is not passed but certain section of new act too will be applicable. Such old Act which are Repelled (as per general understanding) are not mentioned in this list to avoid confusion , If any proceeding person come across of repelled act (as per general understanding) he has to read Repelled act as well as new Act.

Eg. Proceeding which are going under Land Acquisition Act 1894 before commencement of The Right To Fair Compensation And Transparency In Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation And Resettlement 2013 will continue under the Land Acquisition Act 1894, Compensation will be paid as per new Act and rules framed under them but remaining all proceeding will continue under Land Acquisition Act 1894 .

Similar provision person is required to check in New Act and Old Act before concluding as case may be.

There are certain Subjects according to Constitution of India Schedule VII which comes in list of State Act included in this Index to Central Act. This all acts are existing before commencement of Constitution of India and required to be repelled by respective state which have not yet repelled.

On 15 Oct 2014 status of various acts on statue book was as follows.

Central Acts	Total Central Act (Enacted) No's	Central Acts in Force/Existing on Statue book on 15 Oct 2014	Central Acts Repelled (No's)
ENACTED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (FROM THE YEAR 1834 TO THE YEAR 1949)	2910	380	2530
ENACTED AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION i.e., 26 TH JANUARY, 1950 UPTO 15 OCTOBER, 2014)	3702	2401	1301
TOTAL	6612	2781	3831

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Central Acts	Total Central Act (Enacted) No's	Central Acts in Force/Existing on Statue book	Central Acts Repelled (No's)
ENACTED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION (FROM THE YEAR 1834 TO THE YEAR 1949)	2910	345	2565
ENACTED AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION i.e., 26 TH JANUARY, 1950 Till date of update mentioned in booklet)	3788	1340	2448
TOTAL	6698	1685	5013

It will be indeed interesting to note the fact that when obsolete laws are repelled and Index is updated, more clarity in Law can be achieved.

Law is gigantic subject, and indeed complex. There are high chances that in spite of due diligence error can take place.

If any one notices any error in the booklet kindly immediately bring it to notice, so necessary changes can be done in next edition.

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In the year 1998 Commission on Review of Administrative Law was established under Chairmanship of P.C. Jain I.A.S. (Retired) Following where other member of Commission:

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| 1. P. C. Jain Retired Secretary to the Government of India | : Chairman |
| 2. Shri. H.D. Shourie , Director Common Cause | : Member |
| 3. Shri S. Ramalah , Retired Legislative Secretary Government of India | : Member |
| 4. Dr. P.S.A. Sundaram , Additional Secretary (AR &T) , | : Member |

Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances report / P.C. Jain Commission report was first report which was taken into consideration.

It mentioned in the year 1998 there were approximately 2500 laws of Central Govt. and Total Laws of Central and all State's is estimated to be around 25 to 30 thousand but exact figure are not available as per report.

In the year September 2014, Law Commission of India presented report on Obsolete Law in India.

Then Law Commission of India's member were as follows.

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| 1. Justice A.P. Shah | : Chairman |
| 2. Justice S. N. Kapoor | : Member |
| 3. Prof. Dr. Mool Chand Sharma | : Member |
| 4. Justice Usha Mehra | : Member |
| 5. Dr. S.S. Chahar | : Member |
| 6. P.K. Malhotra | : Ex – Officio Member |
| 7. Dr. Sanjay Singh – Secretary Law Ministry of India | : EX – Officio Member |

Law Commission of India did analysis of Master Index of India available with Law Ministry of India and decided to rearrange it.

1. Method which Law Commission of India adopted was that of drawing Subject wise category especially inspired by USA approach where it is called the 'Title-method'. This Title- Method has been adopted to bring respective classes of laws under specific assigned title.
2. Apart from USA approach what proved very relevant was a closer look in the subject-classification adopted in the VIIth Schedule of the Constitution of India for allocating different subjects in three lists, Union/State/Concurrent.
3. Law Commission of India also relied on literature available in various journals.
4. All these sources proved to be of great help in devising the methodology which Law Commission of India adopted while preparing its Index.

5. Thus Law Commission demarcated all existing central law in 49 Subjects.

In the year 2014 other Committee was formed to determine all obsolete law passed by Parliament
(Previously Council)

This Committee was headed by

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| 1. Shr. R. Ramanujam , then Secretary (Now Retired) PMO | : Chairman |
| 2. Shr. V.K. Bansal , Former Secretary Legislative Dept , Law Ministry of India | : Member |

This Committee gave report to Prime Minister of India.

It considered all previous reports.

This Committee report on obsolete law added all acts including

- 1) Amending Acts
- 2) State Apportionment Act enacted at time of Presidents rule
- 3) Central Apportionment Act
- 4) Finance Acts
- 5) Repeal and Amending Acts.

I also acknowledge various information and data which I received from

- 1) Legislative dept. Law Ministry of India
- 2) Law Ministry of India
- 3) E - Gazette of India
- 4) Law Ministry of Maharashtra
- 5) E- Gazette of Maharashtra

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1) Administration of Justice (36)

Laws relating to the establishment and jurisdiction of various courts and their Functioning. Further, it also includes all laws related to judges and legal services.

1.1	1850	18	Judicial Officers Protection Act
1.2	1852	8	Sheriffs' Fees Act
1.3	1869	14	Bombay Civil Courts Act
1.4	1870	7	Court-fees Act
1.5	1871	19	Bengal Sessions Courts Act
1.6	1873	3	Madras Civil Courts Act
1.7	1882	15	Presidency Small Cause Courts Act
1.8	1887	9	Provincial Small Cause Courts Act
1.9	1887	12	Bengal, Agra and Assam Civil Courts Act
1.1	1888	12	Repelled by Act 31 of 2016 by Maharashtra Govt (This act was regarding present Mumbai)
1.11	1891	16	Colonial Courts of Admiralty (India) Act
1.12	1892	7	Madras City Civil Court Act
1.13	1919	15	Calcutta High Court (Jurisdictional Limits) Act
1.14	1931	20	Sheriff of Calcutta (Power of Custody) Act
1.15	1936	5	Decrees and Orders Validating Act
1.16	1950	7	High Courts (Seals) Act
1.17	1950	18	Special Criminal Courts (Jurisdiction) Act
1.18	1953	41	Calcutta High Court (Extension of Jurisdiction) Act
1.19	1954	28	High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act
1.2	1955	56	Manipur (Courts) Act
1.21	1956	55	Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act
1.22	1958	41	Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Services) Act
1.23	1966	26	Delhi High Court Act

