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GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

[29th April, 1907]

1. This Act may be cited as the Government Railway Act.

2. The Minister may from time to time make regulations-

(a) for the management and due and profitable working of any Government railway;

(b) for the safety and comfort of persons travelling or employed thereon or otherwise using any such railway or the premises belonging thereto or occupied therewith;

(c) for preventing persons boarding or leaving any trains whilst in motion;

(d) for preventing persons from travelling or attempting to travel on any such railway without paying their fares;

(e) for preventing or regulating the carriage of loaded firearms on any of the trains, carriages or premises of any such railway;

(f) for preventing trespassing on any such railway or any premises belonging thereto or occupied therewith.

3. Regulations made under this Act may prescribe the conditions on which passengers or goods are to be carried on any Government railway.

4. Any person who wilfully does any act or wilfully omits to do any act contrary to the regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a
fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

5.-(1) All regulations shall be published in the Gazette.

(2) A copy of all such regulations shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place at each railway station.

6. The Minister may from time to time by writing under his hand authorise any person or persons employed in the service of any Government railway, while actually performing the duties of and incident to such employment, to have and to exercise all the powers, authorities, protections and privileges as belong to a police officer.

7. No action shall be brought against any person employed under the direction of the Government on the survey or construction of any Government railway in respect of anything lawfully done in connection with the survey or construction on the land of any person, but nothing in this Act shall debar the lawful claim of any person for compensation for any damage actually sustained.

8. Land or other property required for the purposes of a Government railway may be compulsorily acquired under the Land Acquisition (Public Purposes) Act.

9.- (1) No person shall, unless he is authorised by the Government, enter upon any place or building where any work connected with the railway has been carried out or is in the process of being carried out:

Provided that the owner, tenant or occupier of any land shall, until the land has been duly acquired by the Government, have such right of entry on such land for himself and for persons doing business with him as may be necessary for the purposes of his business.
(2) Any person who acts in contravention of this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

(3) The offender may be seized and detained by any police officer or any person employed on the railway or by any person whom the police officer or person may call to his assistance until the offender can be taken before the magistrate to be dealt with according to law.

10. Every person employed under Government in the survey or construction of a railway shall be deemed to be a public authority within the meaning of the Public Authorities Protection Act.