

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES PROTECTION ACT 1947.

[BURMA ACT NO. XLI OF 1947.]

[1st August 1947.]

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the first day of August 1947.

2. No person shall do any act with intent to impair the efficiency or impede the working of, or to cause damage to—

- (a) any buildings, vehicle, machinery, apparatus or other property used, or intended to be used, for the purposes of Government ;
- (b) any railway (as defined in the Railways Act), tramway, road, canal, bridge, culvert, causeway, port, dockyard, lighthouse, aerodrome, or telegraph (as defined in the Burma Telegraph Act) ;
- (c) any rolling-stock of a railway or tramway, any vessel or aircraft ;
- (d) any building or other property used in connection with the production, distribution or supply of any essential commodity, any sewage works, mine or factory.

3. The provisions of section 2 shall apply in relation to any omission on the part of a person to do anything which he is under a duty, either to Government or to any public authority or to any person, to do, as they apply to the doing of any act by a person.

4. If any person approaches, or is in the neighbourhood of, any such building, place or property as is mentioned in section 2, in circumstances which afford reason to believe that he intends to contravene that section, he shall be deemed to have attempted a contravention thereof.

5. No person shall interfere with or damage or without permission remove any stores or equipment or other property whatsoever belonging to or consigned to His Majesty's forces or the forces of a Power in alliance with His Majesty.

6. If any person contravenes any of the provisions of this Act he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years or with fine or with both.

7. Any person who attempts to contravene, or abets, or attempts to abet, or does any act preparatory to, a contravention of, any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have contravened that provision.

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