

THE TRADE DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

[Act No. XII of 1951.]

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Trade Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1951.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the President of the Union may, by notification, appoint in that behalf.

2. In section 8 of the Trade Disputes Act, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, —

(i) for sub-sections (1) and (2) the following *shall be substituted*, namely,—

“(1) There shall be a standing Court of Industrial Arbitration, consisting of such number of persons as the President of the Union may, by notification, think fit to appoint.

(2) The Chairman of the Industrial Court and the Chairman of any division of the Industrial Court shall be such persons being barristers or advocates of not less than five years' standing, as the President of the Union may, by order, given either generally or specially, direct.

(3) For the purpose of dealing with any matter which may be referred to it, the Industrial Court shall be constituted of such of the members, not being less than two, of the Industrial Court as the Chairman of the Industrial Court may direct.”

(ii) the existing sub-section (3) *shall be re-numbered as* sub-section (4).

3. In section 28 of the said Act,—

(i) for clause (a) of sub-section (2) the following *shall be substituted*, namely,—

“(a) the powers and procedure of Courts and Boards, including rules as to the summoning of witnesses, the production of documents relevant to the subject-matter of an inquiry or investigation and the number of members necessary to form a quorum ;”

(ii) after clause (a) of sub-section (2) as substituted, the following *shall be inserted as clauses (a1) and (a2)* ; namely,—

“(a1) the powers of the Industrial Courts, including rules as to the summoning of witnesses, the production of documents relevant to the subject-matter of an inquiry ;

(a2) enabling the Industrial Court to sit in two or more divisions ;”.