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***An Act to amend the law relating to he Regulation of
of Police***

Whereas it is expedient to relax those provisions of act for the regulation of police which restrict the employment of police officers to the presidency, State or place of the police establishments of which they are members;

It is hereby enacted as follows :

1. Title and extent, -

- (1) This Act may be called “ The Police Act 1888”.
- (2) It extends to the whole of India.

2. Constitution of police forces for special purposes, -

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Madras district Police Act, 1859 (Act XXIV of 1859), the Indian Police Act 1861) (5 of 1861), the Bombay District Police Act, 1890 (Bom. Act 4 of 1890) or any Act relating to the Police in any presidency town, the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, create a special police district embracing parts or two or more States, and extend to every part of the said district the powers and jurisdiction of members of a police force belonging to a State specified in the notification.
- (2) Subject to any orders which the Central Government may make in this behalf members of the said police force shall have, within every part of any State which any part is included in the said district, the powers, duties privilege and liabilities which, as police-officers, they have in their own State.
- (3) Any members of the said police force when the Central Government shall generally or specially empower to act under this sub-section may subject to any orders which the Central Government may make in this behalf, exercise within any State any part of which is included in the said district any of the powers of the

officer in charge of a police-station in the State, and when so exercising any such powers, shall, subject to any such order as aforesaid, be deemed to be an officer in charge of a police-station discharging the functions of such an officer within the limits of his station.

- (4) A part of a State included in the said district shall not by reason of that inclusion cease, for the purposes of the enactment relating to police, to be part of the State.

Notes

Railway police is competent to prefer a complaint under the Bombay Police Conveyance Act (AIR 1932 Bom. 26)

3. Employment of police-officers beyond the State to which they belong, -

Notwithstanding anything in any of the Acts mentioned or referred to in the last foregoing section, but subject to any orders which the Central government may make in this behalf, a member of the police force of any state may discharge the functions of a police-officer in any part of any other State and shall, while so discharging such functions, deemed to be a member of the Police Force of that part and be vested with the powers, functions and privileges and be

subject to the liabilities, of a police-officers belonging to the police force.

4. Consent of State Government to exercise of powers and jurisdiction, -

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to enable the police of one State to exercise powers and jurisdiction in any area within another State, not being a railway area, without the consent of the Government of that other State.