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## **SCHEDULE 1 :- SCHEDULE**

### **ANDHRA PRADESH (TELANGANA AREA) SMALL CAUSES COURTS ACT, 1330**

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Whereas it is expedient to make law relating to suits in small causes; it is hereby enacted as follows :-

#### CHAPTER 1

Preliminary

#### **1. Title, commencement and extent :-**

This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Area) Small Causes Courts Act, 1330 F. and shall come into force in the whole of the Telangana area of the State of Andhra Pradesh from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

#### **2. Savings :-**

(1) Where in pursuance of this Act a Court of Small Causes is established, or any Court is invested with the jurisdiction of a Small Causes Court, this Act shall apply to any proceedings before or after decree in the suits previously instituted.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall apply to any special law or to any local law other than the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

#### **3. Definition of Court of Small Causes :-**

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, Court of Small Causes means a Court established under this Act.

#### CHAPTER 2

Establishment and Composition of Court of Small Causes

#### **4. Establishment and Composition of Court of Small Causes :-**

The Government may -

(1) establish a Court of Small Causes at any place in the area to which this Act extends and define the local limits of its jurisdiction.

(2) appoint a Judge for the Court of Small Causes and if necessary, appoint senior civil judge or Judges;

(3) appoint the place or places at which the Court of such Judge or senior civil judge or Judges shall be held:

Provided that no person shall be appointed as Judge unless he is in the opinion of Government qualified for appointment as a District Judge and no person shall be appointed as an senior civil judge unless he is in the opinion of Government qualified either to be appointed as an Additional District Judge or as a senior civil judge;

(4) When a person is appointed as an senior civil judge on the ground that in the opinion of Government, he is qualified for appointment as a District Judge, his pecuniary jurisdiction shall be the same as that of a Judge, Small Causes Court, and where a person is appointed as an senior civil judge on the ground that he is qualified for appointment as a senior civil judge, his pecuniary jurisdiction shall extend to Rs.4000 and in either case at the time of his appointment or as soon as possible thereafter, the extent of pecuniary jurisdiction of the senior civil judge concerned shall be notified in the Official Gazette.

## **5. Powers of Judge and senior civil judge :-**

(1) An Additional Judge of a Court of Small Causes shall discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by the Judge of that Court and in the discharge of those functions, shall exercise the same powers as the Judge.

(2) The Judge of a Court of Small Causes may transfer to himself any case or proceedings pending before an senior civil judge.

(3) When the Judge is absent an senior civil judge may exercise all the powers of the Judge.

(4) Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to authorise an senior civil judge to exercise powers in excess of his pecuniary jurisdiction.

## **CHAPTER 3**

Suits Cognizable by Court of Small Causes

## **6. Suits cognizable by Court of Small Causes :-**

(1) A Court of Small Causes shall take cognizance of money suits arising out of a contract other than a contract of marriage where

the value of the suit does not exceed one thousand rupees. But the Government may, at the instance of the High Court empower such court to try suits the value of which is upto Ten thousand rupees:

Provided that a Court of Small Causes shall not take cognizance of any suit in which any immovable property or a right therein is affected by a decree.

(2) No suit against the Government, shall be cognizable by a Court of Small Causes.

## **7. Return of plaint suits involving questions of :-**

(1) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, when the right of plaintiff and the relief claimed by him in a Court of Small Causes depend upon the proof or disproof of a title to immovable property or any other title which such Court cannot finally determine, the Court may at any stage of the case return the plaint to be presented for the purpose to a Court having jurisdiction to determine the title.

(2) When a court returns a plaint under sub section (1), it shall comply with the provisions of sub rule (2) of Rule 10 of Order 7 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and make such order with respect to costs, as it thinks just and for the purposes of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908 it shall be deemed that the court was not competent to entertain the suit by reason of a defect of jurisdiction.

## **8. Suits cognizable by Court of Small Causes shall not be tried by other Courts :-**

Save as expressly provided by this Act or by any other law for the time being in force, suits cognizable by a court of small causes shall not in places where a court of small causes has been established, be tried by any other court.

### **CHAPTER 4** **Procedure**

## **9. Provisions of Code of Civil Procedure apply :-**

(1) A court of small causes shall, in the trial of suits cognizable by it and in proceedings ancillary thereto, as far as possible, follow the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 except those specified in the schedule annexed hereto;

Provided that where a person files an application to set aside a decree passed exparte or for a review of judgment, he shall, along

with the application, either deposit in the court the amount due under the decree or in pursuance of the judgment or give such security to the satisfaction of the court for the execution of the decree or compliance with the judgment, as the court may direct.

(2) Where a person has become liable as surety under sub section (1), the security may be realised from him in accordance with the provisions of Section 145 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

#### **10. Powers of Chief Ministerial Officer :-**

When the Judge and the senior civil judge (if any) of a Court of Small Causes are absent, the Chief Ministerial Officer of the court may exercise all the powers of the Judge other than the powers of passing judgments and execution of decrees.

#### **11. Appeal from certain orders :-**

Where an order specified in clause (h) of sub section (1) of Section 104 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 is made by a Court of Small Causes, an appeal therefrom shall lie to the High Court.

#### **12. Revisional powers of the High Court :-**

The High Court may call for and inspect any file of a Court of Small Causes, and pass such order thereon as it thinks fit.

#### **13. Finality of decrees and orders of a Court of Small Causes :-**

Subject to the provisions herein contained, every decree or order made under this Act by Court of Small Causes shall be final.

### **CHAPTER 5**

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **14. Court of Small Causes to be subordinate to District Court and High Court :-**

(1) All Courts of Small Causes in the area to which this Act extends shall be subordinate to, and subject to the general supervision of the High Court.

(2) A Court of Small Causes shall -

(a) keep such register, books and accounts as the High Court may from time to time prescribe.

(b) when requisitioned by the District Court the High Court or the Government, send files, returns and statements as directed.

#### **15. Seal :-**

A Court of Small Causes shall use a seal of such form as may be prescribed by Government.

**16. Other work also may be assigned to Judge of Court of Small Causes :-**

(1) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the assigning of the work of a Civil Court to a Judge of a Court of Small Causes or the conferring upon him the powers of a Magistrate of any class or his appointment to any other public office.

(2) When a Judge or senior civil judge is invested with powers under sub section (1), the ministerial staff of the court shall be deemed to have been appointed to aid him in the work.

**17. . :-**

Omitted.

**18. Court invested with jurisdiction of Court of Small Causes to have status of two Courts :-**

Where a Court is invested with the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes, such Court shall, for the purposes of this Act and the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, be deemed to be a Court of Small Causes with respect to the exercise of that jurisdiction and with respect to the suits which are not cognizable by a Court of Small Causes, a different Court.

**19. Modification of provisions of Code of Civil Procedure so applied :-**

Notwithstanding anything contained in Sections 17 and 18 -

(a) when any court invested with the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes in exercise of that jurisdiction sends a decree for execution to itself as a court which does not exercise the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes, or

(b) when a court in suits which are not cognizable by a Court of Small Causes sends a decree for execution to itself as a court exercising the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes, the documents specified in rule 6 of Order 21 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 shall not be required to be sent with the decree unless the court, by order in writing requires them to be sent.

**20. Proceedings in cases where court has ceased to have jurisdiction of Court of Small Causes :-**

Where a Court of Small Causes or a court invested with the

jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes, has for any cause, ceased, to have that jurisdiction, any proceeding in relation to the case instituted whether before or after decree, in the court which would have jurisdiction in respect of that case, if that case had been instituted on the date of institution of the proceedings:

Provided that such court shall try the case in the same manner as the case instituted in that court.

**21. . :-**

Omitted.

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The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 as specified below shall not apply to courts of Small Causes and to the courts invested with the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes.

1. Provisions relating to the suits which are not cognizable by Court of Small Causes.
2. Provisions relating to the execution of decrees in respect of immovable property or provisions relating to execution of a decree in respect of the right of a partner in a partnership property.
3. Provisions relating to framing of issues.
4. Section 9 Rule 1 of Order 2, Rule 2 of Order 10, Rule 1 and 10 of Order 39 and Section 92.
5. Order 15 except that portion of Rule 4 of the said Order which relates to the pronouncement of judgment at once.
6. Rule 5 and Rules 10 to 18 of Order 18.
7. Omitted.
8. Sections 96, 97, 99, 100, 105, 106, and sub section (2) of Section 107 and Orders 41, 42, 43 and 44.
9. Rules 2, 3 and 5 to 7 of Order 47.