

**THE HINDU WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO PROPERTY
(EXTENSION TO AGRICULTURAL LAND) ACT, 1943
(ASSAM ACT)**

ACT NO. XIII OF 1943

[15th December, 1943]

An Act to extend the operation of the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act, 1937, and the Hindu Women's Rights to Property (Amendment) Act, 1938, to agricultural land in the district of Sylhet.

WHEREAS the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act, 1937, and the Hindu Women's Rights to Property (Amendment) Act, 1938, purport to give better rights to women in respect of property in general;

AND WHEREAS transactions have already taken place in the Province on the basis that women had acquired better rights under the said Acts in respect of agricultural land as well as other kinds of property;

AND WHEREAS it has now been established that the said Acts do not operate to give them better rights in respect of agricultural land;

AND WHEREAS in order to validate those transactions as well as to give women in future those better rights and for other purposes, it is expedient to extend the operation of the said Acts to agricultural land with retrospective effect, but with certain savings;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Hindu Women's Rights to Property (Extension to Agricultural Land) Act, 1943.

Short title, extent
and
commencement

(2) It extends to the whole of the district of Sylhet.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

“Property” to
include
agricultural land

2. The term “property” in the Hindu Women’s Rights to Property Act, 1937, and the Hindu Women’s Rights to Property (Amendment) Act, 1938, shall include, and shall be deemed always to have included, agricultural land:

Provided that where any person who, but for this Act, would have been entitled to any property has been in possession or has made a transfer thereof, his possession till the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be as lawful, and the transfer made by him shall be deemed to be as valid, as if this Act had not been passed.
