

SIND ACT No. IX OF 1943¹.

[THE HINDU WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO PROPERTY (SIND EXTENSION TO AGRICULTURAL LAND) ACT, 1943.]

[8th April, 1943]

An Act to extend the provisions of the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act, 1937, to agricultural lands in its application to the Province of Sind.

XVIII of 1937. WHEREAS the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act, 1937, amended by the Hindu Women's Rights to Property (Amendment) Act, 1938, purports to give better rights to women in respect of property in general ;

AND WHEREAS many transactions have already taken place in this 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 (Sind Extension to Agricultural Land) Act, 1943.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the Province of Sind.

Short title and extent.

XVIII of 1937 and XI of 1938. 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, as in force in this Province, 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.

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see S. G. G., 1942, Pt. IV, p. 214 and for proceedings in Assembly see S. L. A. Debates, 1943, Vol. XVII-Book No. 2, pp. 19-27.