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BOMBAY ACT No. XXXVI OF 1959.¹

[THE MAHARASHTRA COURT-FEES ACT.]

[This Act received the assent of the President on the 9th June 1959 ; the assent was first published in the *Bombay Government Gazette*, Part IV, on the 16th June 1959.]

Adapted and modified by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Cocurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

Amended by Mah. 18 of 1960.

"	"	"	18 of 1966.
"	"	"	33 of 1967.
"	"	"	9 of 1970.
"	"	"	28 of 1970.
"	"	"	50 of 1974 (21-9-1974).*
"	"	"	57 of 1974 (12-12-1974).*
"	"	"	10 of 1976 (12-4-1976).*
"	"	"	12 of 1976 (1-7-1976).*
"	"	"	50 of 1976 (1-4-1976)*.
"	"	"	51 of 1976.
"	"	"	59 of 1977 (1-1-1978).*
"	"	"	15 of 1984 (31-7-1984).*
"	"	"	26 of 1986.
"	"	"	34 of 1994 (11-5-1994).*
"	"	"	23 of 1996.
"	"	"	23 of 1997 (21-2-1997).*†
"	"	"	26 of 2000 (3-3-2000).*‡
"	"	"	18 of 2002 (1-10-2001)*†‡
"	"	"	22 of 2004.(28-9-2004).*@
"	"	"	17 of 2008 (1-7-2008) *
"	"	"	9 of 2010 (1-9-2009)*\$
"	"	"	25 of 2011 (8-6-2011) *\$\$
"	"	"	24 of 2012 (22-8-2012) *

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to fees taken in the courts and public offices and fees taken in respect of certain matters in the State of Bombay, other than fees falling under entries 77 and 96 of List I in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to fees taken in the courts and public offices and fees taken in respect of certain matters in the State of Bombay, other than fees falling under entries 77 and 96 of List I in the Seventh Schedule to the

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Bombay Government Gazette*, 1959 Part V, p. 192; for report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, pp. 244-306.

* This indicates the date of Commencement of Act.

† Maharashtra Ordinance No. VIII of 1997 was repealed by Mah. XXIII of 1997, s.3.

‡ Maharashtra Ordinance No. IV of 2000 was repealed by Mah. XXVI of 2000, s.3.

‡‡ Maharashtra Ordinance No. III of 2002 was repealed by Mah. XVIII of 2002, s.9.

@ Maharashtra Ordinance No. XXXI of 2004 was repealed by Mah. XXII of 2004, s.4.

\$ Maharashtra Ordinance No. III of 2010 was repealed by Mah. IX of 2010, s.3.

\$\$ Maharashtra Ordinance No. XVI of 2011 was repealed by Mah. XXV of 2011, s.8.

Constituion of India ; It is hereby enacted in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

CHAPTER I.

PRELIMINARY.

- Short title, extent, commencement and application.
1. (1) This Act may be called ¹[the Maharashtra Court-fees Act.
 (2) It extends to the whole of the ²[State of Maharashtra].
 (3) It shall come into force on such ³date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.
 (4) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to fees or stamps relating to documents presented or to be presented before any officer serving under the Central Government.
 (5) In the absence of any specific provision to the contrary nothing in this Act shall affect any special law now in force relating to fees taken in the courts and public offices.

- Definitions.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 (a) “Chief Controlling Revenue Authority” means such officer as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint in this behalf for the whole or any part of the ²[State of Maharashtra] ;
 (b) “Collector” includes any officer authorised by the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority to perform the functions of a Collector under this Act ;
 (c) “Plaint” includes a written statement pleading a set-off or counter-claim.

CHAPTER II.

FEEs IN THE HIGH COURT AND IN THE COURT OF SMALL CAUSES AT BOMBAY.

- Levy of fees in High Court on its original side.
3. The fees payable for the time being to the clerks and officers (other than the sheriffs and attorneys) of the High Court ;
 or chargeable in that Court under No. 10 of the first, and Nos. 11, 14, 17, 20 and 21 of the Second Schedule to this Act annexed ;
 and the fees for the time being chargeable in the Court of Small Causes at Bombay and its office,
 shall be collected in manner hereinafter appearing.

Levy of fees in Bombay Small Causes Court.

¹ These short title was amended for “Bombay Court-fees Act, 1959” by Mah 24 of 2012, ss. 2, Schedule, entry 77, w.e.f. 1-5-1960.

² These words were substituted for the words “State of Bombay” by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

³ 1st day of August 1959 (*vide* G.N., H.D., No. CFA. 1056-III (a), dated 15th July 1959.)

4. (1) When any difference arises between the Officer whose duty it is to see that any fee is paid under this Chapter and any suitor or attorney, as to the necessity of paying a fee or the amount thereof, the question shall, when the difference arises in the High Court, be referred to the taxing officer, whose decision thereon shall be final, subject to revision, on an application, made within ¹[thirty days] from the date of the decision, by the suitor or attorney or such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the State Government, by the Chief Justice or by such Judge of the High Court as the Chief Justice shall appoint either generally or specially in this behalf. The Chief Justice shall declare who shall be taxing-officer within the meaning of this sub-section.

Procedure in case of difference as to necessity or amount of fee.

(2) When any such difference arises in the Court of Small Causes of Bombay, the question shall be referred to the Clerk of the Court, whose decision thereon shall be final, subject to revision, on an application, made within ¹[thirty days] from the date of the decision, by the party concerned or such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the State Government, by the Chief Judge of the Small Cause Court or by such Judge of that Court as the Chief Judge shall appoint either generally or specially in this behalf.

CHAPTER III.

COMPUTATION OF FEES.

5. (1) No document of any of the kinds specified as chargeable in the first or second Schedule to this Act annexed shall be filed, exhibited or recorded, in any Court of Justice, or shall be received or furnished by any public officer, unless in respect of such document there has been paid a fee of an amount not less than that indicated by either of the said Schedules as the proper fee for such document.

Fees on documents filed, etc., in Courts or in public offices.

(2) When any difference arises between the officer whose duty it is to see that any fee is paid under this Act and any suitor or his pleader, as to the necessity of paying a fee or the amount thereof, the question shall, when the question arises in the High Court, be referred to the taxing officer whose decision thereon shall be final, subject to revision, on an application, made within ¹[thirty days] from the date of the decision, by the suitor or his pleader or such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the State Government, by the Chief Justice or by such Judge of the High Court as the Chief Justice shall appoint either generally or specially in this behalf.

(3) When any such difference arises in the City Civil Court, Bombay, the question shall be referred to the Registrar of the City Civil Court whose decision shall be final, subject to revision, on an application, made within ¹[thirty days] from the date of the decision, by the party concerned or such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the State Government, by the Principal Judge or such other Judge of the said Court as the Principal Judge shall appoint either generally or specially in this behalf.

¹ These words were substituted for the words "sixty days" by Mah. 28 of 1970, s. 2.

(4) When such difference arises in any other Court, the question shall be referred to the final decision of the Judge presiding over such Court.

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Computation of fees payable in certain suits.

6. The amount of fee payable under this Act in the suits next hereinafter mentioned shall be computed as follows :—

for money.

(i) In suits for money (including suits for damages or compensation, or arrears of maintenance, of annuities, or of other sums payable periodically)—according to the amount claimed ;

for maintenance and annuities.

(ii) In suits for maintenance (with or without a prayer for the creation of a charge) and for annuities or other sums payable periodically according to the value of the subject matter of the suit, and such value shall be deemed to be, in the case of a suit for maintenance, the amount claimed to be payable for one year and in any other case, ten times such amount :

Provided that if in a suit for maintenance the plaintiff obtains a decree for maintenance the defendant shall be liable to make good the deficit, if any, between the fee payable on ten times the amount awarded for one year and the fee already paid by the plaintiff ; and the amount of such deficit shall, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue ;

for other moveable property having a market value.

(iii) In suits for moveable property other than money, where the subject matter has a market-value—according to such value at the date of presenting the plaint ;

against recovery of any money due as a tax, etc.

(iv) (a) In suits for declaration to obtain adjudication against recovery of money from the plaintiff, whether the recovery is as land revenue or arrears of land revenue or tax or duty or cess or fee or fine or penalty or under any decree or order of a court or any certificate or award other than under the Arbitration Act, 1940, or in any other manner—one fourth of *ad valorem* fee leviable on the amount sought to be recovered according to the scale prescribed under Article 1 of Schedule I with minimum fee of ²[sixty rupees]:

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Provided that, when in addition any consequential relief other than possession is sought, the amount of fee shall be one half of *ad valorem* fee on the amount sought to be recovered :

Provided further that, when the consequential reliefs also sought include a relief for possession the amount of fee shall be the full *ad valorem* fee on the amount sought to be recovered ;

¹ Sub-section (5) was deleted by Mah. 59 of 1977, s. 8.

² These words were substituted for the words " thirty rupees " by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 2 (a)(1).

(b) In suits for declaration similar to those falling under sub-paragraph (a) in respect of moveable property—one fourth of *ad valorem* fee leviable on the value of the moveable property subject to the minimum fee as under sub-paragraph (a) :

similar claim in respect of moveable property.

Provided that when in addition any consequential relief other than possession is sought, the amount of fee shall be one-half of *ad valorem* fee leviable on the value of such property :

Provided further that when the consequential reliefs also sought include a relief for possession the amount of fee shall be the full *ad valorem* fee leviable on such value ;

(c) In suits for declaration of the status of plaintiff, to which remuneration, honorarium, grant, salary, income, allowance or return is attached, one-fourth of *ad valorem* fee leviable on the emoluments or value of return for one year :

for status with monetary attribute.

Provided that, when in addition any consequential relief other than possession is sought the amount of fee shall be one-half of *ad valorem* fee on such emoluments or value of return :

Provided further that when the consequential reliefs also sought include a relief for possession the amount of fee shall be the full *ad valorem* on such emoluments or value of return ;

(d) In suits for declaration in respect of ownership, or nature of tenancy, title, tenure, right, lease, freedom or exemption from, or non-liability to, attachment with or without sale or other attributes, of immoveable property, such as a declaration that certain land is personal property of the Ruler of any former Indian State or public trust property or property of any class or community—one-fourth of *ad valorem* fee leviable for a suit for possession on the basis of title of the subject-matter, subject to a minimum fee of ¹[one hundred rupees] :

for ownership etc. of immoveable property, etc.

Provided that if the question is of attachment with or without sale the amount of fee shall be the *ad valorem* fee according to the value of the property sought to be protected from attachment with or without sale or the fee of ²[sixty rupees], whichever is less :

Provided further that, where the defendant is or claims under or through a limited owner, the amount of fee shall be ³[one-third] of such *ad valorem* fee, subject to the minimum fee specified above :

Provided also that, in any of the cases falling under this clause except its first proviso, when in addition any consequential relief other than possession is sought the amount of fee shall be one-half of *ad valorem* fee and when the consequential reliefs also sought include a relief for possession the amount of fee shall be the full *ad valorem* fee ;

¹ These words were substituted for the words " forty rupees " by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 2(a) (2)(i).

² These words were substituted for the words " thirty rupees " by *ibid.*, s. 2, (a), (2), (ii).

³ These words were substituted for the words " one-sixth " by Mah. 23 of 1999, s. 2 (A) (ii).

declaration
for ease-
ments etc.

(e) In suits for declaration of easement or right to benefits arising out of immoveable property, with or without an injunction or other consequential relief, the amount of fee shall be as shown in the Table below :—

¹ [TABLE

Area (1)	Fee (2)
(a) The area within the limits of the Municipal Corporation of Brihan Mumbai or the Corporation of the City of the Nagpur or any Municipal Corporation constituted under the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations Act, 1949.	one-fourth of the <i>ad valorem</i> fee leviable for a suit for possession of the servient tenement or the dominant tenement, whichever is less, subject to a minimum fee of one hundred rupees.
(b) Areas within the limits of Municipal Councils constituted under the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, <i>Nagar Panchayats</i> and Industrial Townships Act, 1965.	one-sixth of the <i>ad valorem</i> fee leviable for a suit for possession of the servient tenement or the dominant tenement, whichever is less, subject to a minimum fee of one hundred rupees.
(c) Any other area in the State of Maharashtra.	one hundred rupees.]

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for other
status
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attribute.

(f) In suits for declaration of status to which no direct monetary attribute is attached such as a declaration that the plaintiff is a married husband or wife of the defendant or divorced husband or wife of the defendant or a declaration about legitimacy of children or about citizenship rights or about an adoption ²[one hundred rupees] :

Provided that where injunction or other consequential relief is also sought in such case, the amount of fee shall be ³[one hundred fifty rupees] ;

for charge
on property.

(g) In suits for declaration of a charge in favour of the plaintiff on moveable or immoveable property—one-half of *ad valorem* fee payable on the charge amount :

Provided that where injunction or other consequential relief is also sought in such cases, the amount of fee shall be the full *ad valorem* fee payable on the charge amount ;

¹ This Table was substituted by Mah. 18 of 2002, s.2 (a)(3).

² These words were substituted for the words "sixty rupees", *ibid.* 2, (a)(4)(i).

³ These words were substituted for the words "one hundred rupees" *ibid.*, s. 2 (d)(4)(ii).

(h) In suits for declaration in respect of periodical charge or money return in favour of or against the plaintiff—one half of *ad valorem* fee payable on the charge for 5 years if the charge is annual and on the charge for one year if the period of the charge is less than one year ;

for periodical money returns.

¹[(ha) In suits for declaration that any sale, or contract for sale or termination of contract for sale, of any moveable or immoveable property is void ²[one-half] of *ad valorem* fee leviable on the value of the property ;

for avoidance of sale, contract for sale, etc.

(hb) In suits for declaration that any proceedings for compulsory acquisition of any moveable or immoveable property are void ²[one-half] of *ad valorem* fee leviable on the value of the property;]

for avoidance of acquisition proceedings.

(i) In suits for accounts—according to the amount at which the relief sought is valued in the plaint or memorandum of appeal, subject to the provisions of section 8, and subject to a minimum fee of ³[one hundred rupees] ;

for accounts.

(j) In suits where declaration is sought, with or without injunction or other consequential relief and the subject-matter in dispute is not susceptible of monetary evaluation and which are not otherwise provided for by this Act ⁴[*ad valorem* fee payable, as if the amount or value of the subject matter was ⁵[one thousand rupees ;]]

for other declarations.

In all suits under clauses (a) to (i), the plaintiff shall state the amount at which he values the relief sought, with the reasons for the valuation;

(v) In suits for the possession of land, houses and gardens—according to the value of the subject-matter ; and such value shall be deemed to be, where the subject-matter is a house or garden—according to the market value of the house or garden and where the subject-matter is land, and—

for possession of lands, houses and gardens.

(a) where the land is held on settlement for a period not exceeding thirty years and pays the full assessment to Government—a sum equal to ⁶[forty times] the survey assessment;

(b) where the land is held on a permanent settlement, or on a settlement for any period exceeding thirty years, and pays the full assessment to Government—a sum equal to ⁷[eighty times] the survey assessment ; and

(c) where the whole or any part of the annual survey assessment is remitted— a sum computed under sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b), as the case may be, in addition to ⁷[eighty times] the assessment or, the portion of assessment so remitted ;

¹ Sub-paragraphs (ha) and (hb) were inserted by Mah. 9 of 1970, s. 4(a).

² These words were substituted for the word "one-fourth" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s.2(1)(e) and (f).

³ These words were substituted for the words "forty rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 2(5).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "thirty rupees" by Mah. 9 of 1970, s. 4(b).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words "six hundred rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 2(6).

⁶ These words were substituted for the words "twenty times", *ibid.*, s.2 (6)(b)(1).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words "forty times", *ibid.*, s.2 (6)(b)(2).

to enforce
a right of
pre-emption.

(vi) In suits to enforce a right of pre-emption—according to the value (computed in accordance with paragraph (v) of this section) of the land, house or garden in respect of which the right is claimed ;

for share in
joint
property.

(vii) In suit for partition and separate possession of a share of joint family property or of joint property, or to enforce a right to a share in any property on the ground that it is joint family property or joint property whether or not the plaintiff is in actual or constructive possession of the property of which he claims to be a co-parcener or co-owner—according to the value of the share in respect of which the suit is instituted ;

Explanation.— For the purposes of this paragraph, if the property in which a share is claimed consists of or includes any land assessed to land revenue for the purpose of agriculture, the value of such land shall be deemed to be the value as determined under paragraph (v) of this section ;

for interest
of assignee
of land
revenue.

(viii) In suits for the interest of an assignee of land—revenue, [fifty- times] his net profits as such for the year next before the date of presenting the plaint;

to set aside
an attach-
ment.

(ix) In suits to set aside an attachment of land or of an interest in land or revenue—according to the amount for which the land or interest was attached :

Provided that, where such amount exceeds the value of the land or interest the amount of fee shall be computed as if the suit were for the possession of such land or interest ;

to redeem.

(x) In suits against a mortgagee for the recovery of the property mortgaged, and in suits by a mortgagee to foreclose the mortgage,

to foreclose.

or, when the mortgage is made by conditional sale, to have the sale declared absolute—

according to the principal money expressed to be secured by the instrument of mortgage ;

for specific
performance.

(xi) In suits for specific performance—

(a) of a contract of sale—according to the amount of the consideration,

(b) of a contract of mortgage—according to the amount agreed to be secured,

(c) of a contract of lease—according to the aggregate amount of the fine or premium (if any) and of the rent agreed to be paid during the first year of the term,

(d) of an award—according to the amount or value of the property in dispute ;

between
landlord and
tenant.

(xii) In the following suits between landlord and tenant:—

(a) for the delivery by a tenant of the counterpart of a lease,

(b) to enhance the rent of a tenant having a right of occupancy,

(c) for the delivery by a landlord of a lease,

¹ These words were substituted for the words "thirty times" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 2(6)(c).

(d) for the recovery of immoveable property from a tenant, including a tenant holding over after the determination of a tenancy,

(e) to contest a notice of ejectment,

(f) to recover the occupancy of immoveable property from which a tenant has been illegally ejected by the landlord, and

(g) for abatement of rent—

according to the amount of the rent of the immoveable property to which the suit refers, payable for the year next before the date of presenting the plaint.

7. (1) The amount of fee payable under this Act on a memorandum of appeal against an order relating to compensation under any Act for the time being in force for the acquisition of land for public purposes shall be computed according to the difference between the amount awarded and the amount claimed ¹[or challenged] by the Appellant :

²[Provided that, where the State Government is an acquiring body, it shall not be liable for payment of fee in such appeals.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this sub-section, “ amount ” means the amount in dispute and it shall not include the amount of statutory benefits]

Fee on memorandum of appeal against order or award relating to compensation in certain cases.

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(2) The amount of fee payable under this Act on a memorandum of appeal against an award of a Claims Tribunal preferred under section 110-D of the *Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, shall be computed as follows :—

(i) If such appeal is preferred by the insurer or owner of the motor vehicle—the full *ad-valorem* fee leviable on the amount at which the relief is valued in the memorandum of appeal according to the scale prescribed under Article 1 of Schedule I ;

(ii) If such appeal is preferred by any other person—one half of *ad-valorem* fee leviable on the amount at which the relief is valued in the memorandum of appeal according to the said scale :

Provided that if such person succeeds in the appeal, he shall be liable to make good the deficit, if any, between the full *ad-valorem* fee payable on the relief awarded in the appeal according to the said scale and the fee already paid by him; and the amount of such deficit shall, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

8. If the Court is of opinion that the subject-matter of any suit has been wrongly valued or if an application is made to the Court for the revision of any valuation made, the Court may revise the valuation and determine the correct valuation and may hold such inquiry as it thinks fit for such purpose.

Inquiry as to valuation of suits.

¹ These words were inserted by Mah. 22 of 2004, s.2(a)

² This proviso and Explanation was added, by *ibid*, s.2(a)

* Now see the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Investigation to ascertain proper valuation.

9. (1) For the purpose of an inquiry under section 8 the Court may depute, or issue a commission to, any suitable person to make such local or other investigation as may be necessary and to report thereon to the Court. Such report and any evidence recorded by such person shall be evidence in the enquiry.

(2) The Court may, from time to time, direct such party to the suit as it thinks fit to deposit such sum as the Court thinks reasonable as the costs of the inquiry, and if the costs are not deposited within such time as the Court shall fix, may, notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act, reject the plaint or as the case may be the appeal, if such party is the plaintiff or the appellant and, in any other case, may recover the costs as a public demand :

Provided that, when any plaint or appeal is rejected under this section the court-fee already paid shall not be liable to be refunded.

Power of persons making inquiry under sections 8 and 9.

10. (1) The Court, when making an inquiry under section 8 and any person making an investigation under section 9 shall have respectively for the purposes of such inquiry or investigation, the powers vested in a Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, in respect of the following matters, namely :—

V of 1908.

- (a) enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath or affirmation ;
- (b) compelling the production of documents or material objects ;
- (c) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses ;
- (d) taking or receiving evidence on affidavits.

(2) An inquiry or investigation referred to in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code.

XLV of 1860.

Costs of inquiry as to valuation and refund of excess fee.

11. If in the result of an inquiry under section 8 the Court finds that the subject-matter of the suit has been undervalued, the Court may order the party responsible for the undervaluation to pay all or any part of the costs of the inquiry.

If in the result of such inquiry the Court finds that the subject-matter of the suit has not been undervalued the Court may, in its discretion, order that all or any part of such costs shall be paid by Government or by any party to the suit at whose instance the inquiry has been undertaken, and if any amount exceeding the proper amount of fee has been paid shall refund the excess amount so paid.

Appointment of inspecting officers and recovery in cases reported by them.

12. (1) The State Government may appoint generally, or in any case, or for any specified class of cases, in any local area, one or more officers to be called inspecting officers.

(2) The inspecting officer may, subject to the control of the Court concerned, examine the records of any case which is pending or has been disposed of, with a view to finding out whether proper fees have been paid therein.

(3) If on such examination, the inspecting officer finds that the fee payable under this Act on any document filed, exhibited or recorded in such case has not been paid or has been insufficiently paid, he shall report the fact to the presiding officer of the Court.

(4) Such presiding officer, after satisfying himself of the correctness of such report, shall record a provisional finding that the proper fee has not been paid and determine the amount of the fee payable and such further sum as he thinks reasonable as the costs of the inquiry and the person from whom the fee or the difference thereof, if any, and the costs shall be recoverable.

(5) After recording a finding under sub-section (4), the presiding officer shall issue a notice to the person referred to in that sub-section to show cause why he should not be ordered to pay the fee and the costs determined hereunder, and, if sufficient cause is not shown, the presiding officer shall confirm the finding and make an order requiring such person to pay the proper fee and the costs before a specified date.

(6) If such person fails to pay the fee and the costs in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5), they shall, on the certificate of such presiding officer, be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

13. (1) In a suit for the recovery of possession of immovable property and *mesne profits* or for *mesne profits* or for an account, the difference, if any, between the fee actually paid and the fee which would have been payable had the suit comprised the whole of the profits or amount found due shall, on delivery of judgment, be taxed by the Court and shall be leviable from the plaintiff and if not paid by him within thirty days from the date of the judgment be recoverable according to the law and under the rules for the time being in force for the recovery of arrears of land revenue.

Taxing of court-fees and their recovery in suits for *mesne profits* or account.

(2) The Court shall send a copy of the decree passed in such suit to the Collector.

(3) No decree for *mesne profits* passed in any such suit by the Court shall be executed, until a certificate to the effect that such difference is paid or recovered, signed by the Court which passed the decree or by the Collector who recovered the amount, is produced along with the application for such execution.

Explanation.— For the purpose of this section, “plaintiff” includes any party to a suit to whom any profits or amount are or is found to be due.

14. (1) Every question relating to valuation for the purpose of determining the amount of any fee chargeable under this Chapter on a plaint or memorandum of appeal shall be decided by the Court in which such plaint or memorandum as the case may be, is filed, and such decision shall be final as between the parties to the suit.

Decision of questions as to valuation.

(2) But whenever any such suit comes before a Court of appeal, reference or revision, if such Court considers that the said question has been wrongly decided to the detriment of the revenue, it shall require the party by whom such fee has been paid to pay so much additional fee as would have been payable had the question been rightly decided.

Refund of fee paid on memo-randum of appeal. 15. If an appeal or plaint, which has been rejected by the lower Court on any of the grounds mentioned in the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, is ordered to be received, or if a suit is remanded in appeal, on any of the grounds mentioned in rule 23 of Order XLI in the first Schedule to the same Code for a second decision by the lower Court, the Appellate court shall grant to the appellant a certificate, authorising him to receive back ¹[from the Collector or by way of e-payment, in the manner as prescribed by rules] the full amount of fee paid on the memorandum of appeal : V of 1908.

Provided that if, in the case of remand in appeal, the order of remand shall not cover the whole of the subject-matter of the suit, the certificate so granted shall not authorise the appellant to receive back more than so much fee as would have been originally payable on the part or parts of such subject-matter in respect whereof the suit has been remanded.

Refund of fee on application for review of judgment. 16. Where an application for review of judgment is presented on or after the ²[thirtieth day] from the date of the decree, the Court, unless the delay was caused by the applicant's laches, may, in its discretion, grant him a certificate authorizing him to receive back ³[from the Collector or by way of e-payment, in the manner as prescribed by rules] so much of the fee paid on the application as exceeds the fee which would have been payable had it been presented before such day.

Refund where court reverses or modifies its former decision on ground of mistake. 17. Where an application for a review of judgment is admitted, and where, on the rehearing, the Court reverses or modifies its former decision on the ground of mistake in law or fact, the applicant shall be entitled to a certificate from the Court authorizing him to receive back ⁴[from the Collector or by way of e-payment, in the manner as prescribed by rules] so much of the fee paid on the application as exceeds the fee payable on any other application to such court under the second schedule to this Act, No. 1, clause (c) or clause (f).

But nothing in the former part of this section shall entitle the applicant to such certificate where the reversal or modification is due, wholly or in part, to fresh evidence which might have been produced at the original hearing.

¹ These words were substituted for the words "from the Collector" by Mah. 25 of 2011, s. 2.

² These words were substituted for the words "ninetieth day" by Mah. 50 of 1976, s. 2.

³ These words were substituted for the words "from the Collector" by Mah. 25 of 2011, s. 3.

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "from the Collector" by Mah. 25 of 2011, s. 3.

¹[17A. Where certificate is granted to any person under section 15, 16 or 17, no fee thereunder shall be refunded, unless such person presents it to the Collector or such other authority as may be prescribed by rules, for encashment, within two years from the date of issue of the certificate by the Court.]

Period of limitation for refund of fees under section 15, 16 or 17.

18. Where a suit embraces two or more distinct subjects, the plaint or memorandum of appeal shall be chargeable with the aggregate amount of the fees to which the plaints or memoranda of appeal in suit embracing separately each of such subjects would be liable under this Act.

Multifarious suits.

Nothing in the former part of this section shall be deemed to affect ^v of the power conferred by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Schedule 1908. I, Order II, rule 6.

²19. When the first or only examination of a person who complains of the offence of wrongful confinement, or wrongful restraint, or of any offence other than an offence for which police officers may arrest without a warrant, and who has not already presented a petition on which a fee has been levied under this Act, is reduced to writing under the provisions of the [Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973], the complainant shall pay a fee of [ten rupees] unless the Court thinks fit to remit such payment.

Written examinations of complainants.

³20 ⁵[(1)] Nothing contained in this Act shall render the following documents chargeable with any fee :—

Exemption of certain documents.

(i) Power-of-attorney to institute or defend a suit when executed by a member of any of the Armed Forces of the Union not in civil employment.

(ii) Application for certified copies of documents or for any other purpose in the course of a criminal proceeding presented by or on behalf of the State Government to a criminal court.

(iii) Written statements called for by the Court after the first hearing of a suit

(iv) Probate of a will, letters of administration, and, save as regards debts and securities, a certificate under Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 or any corresponding law in force, where the amount or value of the property in respect of which the probate or letters or certificate shall be granted does not exceed one thousand rupees.

(v) Application or petition to a Collector or other officer making a settlement of land-revenue, or to a Board of Revenue, or a Commissioner of Revenue, relating to matters connected with the assessment of land or the ascertainment of rights thereto or interest therein, if presented, previous to the final confirmation of such settlement.

¹ Section 17A was inserted by Mah. 18 of 1966, s.2.

² These words were substituted for the words " Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s.3(a).

³ These figures and word were substituted for the letter and figures " V of 1898." *ibid.*

⁴ These words were substituted for the words " two rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s.3.

⁵ Section 20 was renumbered as sub-section (1) and sub-dection (2) was added by Mah. 18 of 1960, s.2.

(vi) Application relating to a supply for irrigation of water belonging to Government.

(vii) Application for leave to extend cultivation, or to relinquish land, when presented to an officer of land-revenue by a person holding, under direct engagement with Government, land of which the revenue is settled, but not permanently.

(viii) Application for service of notice of relinquishment of land or of enhancement of rent.

(ix) Written authority to an agent to distrain.

(x) Petition, application, charge or information respecting any offence when presented, made or laid to or before a Police Officer, or to or before the Heads of Villages or the Village Police.

(xi) Petition by a prisoner, or other person in duress or under restraint of any Court or its Officer.

(xii) Complaint of a public servant (as defined in the Indian Penal Code), a Municipal officer, or an officer or servant of a Railway Company. XLV
of
1860.

(xiii) Application for the payment of money due by Government to the applicant.

(xiv) Petition of appeal against any municipal tax.

(xv) Applications for compensation under any law for the time being in force relating to the acquisition of property for public purposes, other than those chargeable under Article 15 of Schedule I.

¹[(2) Nothing contained in this Act shall render an application to the Court under section 543 of the Companies Act, 1956, chargeable with any fee : I of
1956.

Provided that, if the applicant succeeds, the person, director, managing agent, secretary and treasurer, manager, liquidator or officer of the company concerned against whom an order is made by the Court under that section, shall be liable to pay the fee leviable on a plaint in a suit for the same relief as is ordered by the Court; and the amount of such fee shall, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.]

CHAPTER IV.

PROBATES, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND CERTIFICATES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Relief where too high a court-fee has been paid. **21.** Where any person on applying for the probate of a will or letters of administration has estimated the property of the deceased to be of greater value than the same has afterwards proved to be, and has consequently paid too high a court-fee thereon, if within six months after the true value of the property has been ascertained, such person produces the probate or letters to the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority for the local area in which the probate or letters has or have been granted,

¹ Section 20 was renumbered as sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) was added by Mah: 18 of 1960, s. 2.

and delivers to such Authority a particular inventory and valuation of the property of the deceased, verified by affidavit or affirmation, and if such Authority is satisfied that a greater fee was paid on the probate or letters than the law required,

the said Authority may—

(a) cancel the stamp on the probate or letters if such stamp has not been already cancelled;

(b) substitute another stamp for denoting the court-fee which should have been paid thereon; and

(c) make an allowance for the difference between them as in the case of spoiled stamps, or repay the same in money, at his discretion.

22. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of such Authority that an executor or administrator has paid debts due from the deceased to such an amount as, being deducted out of the amount or value of the estate, reduces the same to a sum which, if it had been the whole gross amount or value of the estate, would have occasioned a less court-fee to be paid on the probate or letters of administration granted in respect of such estate than has been actually paid thereon under this Act,

Relief when debts due from a deceased person have been paid out of his estate.

such Authority may return the difference, provided the same be claimed within three years after the date of such probate or letters.

But when, by reason of any legal proceeding, the debts due from the deceased have not been ascertained and paid, or his effects have not been recovered and made available, and in consequence thereof the executor or administrator is prevented from claiming the return of such difference within the said term of three years, the said authority may allow such further time for making the claim as may appear to be reasonable under the circumstances.

23. Whenever a grant of probate or letters of administration has been or is made in respect of the whole of the property belonging to an estate, and the full fee chargeable under this Act has been or is paid thereon, no fee shall be chargeable under the same Act when a like grant is made in respect of the whole or any part of the same property belonging to the same estate.

Relief in case of several grants.

Whenever such a grant has been or is made in respect of any property forming part of an estate, the amount of fees then actually paid under this Act shall be deducted when a like grant is made in respect of property belonging to the same estate, identical with or including the property to which the former grant relates.

24. The probate of the will or the letters of administration of the effects of any person deceased heretofore or hereafter granted shall be deemed valid and available by his executors or administrators for recovering, transferring or assigning any moveable or immoveable property whereof or whereto the deceased was possessed or entitled, either wholly or partially as a trustee, notwithstanding the amount

Probates declared valid as to trust property, though not covered by court-fee.

or value of such property is not included in the amount or value of the estate in respect of which a court-fee was paid on such probate or letters of administration.

Provision for case where too low a court-fee has been paid on probates, etc.

25. Where any person on applying for probate or letters of administration has estimated the estate of the deceased to be of less value than the same has afterwards proved to be, and has in consequence paid too low a court-fee thereon, the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority for the local area in which the probate or letters has or have been granted may, on the value of the estate of the deceased being verified by affidavit or affirmation, cause the probate or letters of administration to be duly stamped on payment of the full court-fee which ought to have been originally paid thereon in respect of such value and of the further penalty, if the probate or letters is or are produced within one year from the date of the grant, of five times, or, if it or they is or are produced after one year from such date, of twenty times, such proper court-fee, without any deduction of the court-fee originally paid on such probate or letters :

Provided that if the application be made within six months after the ascertainment of the true value of the estate and the discovery that too low a court-fee was at first paid on the probate or letters, and if the said Authority is satisfied that such fee was paid in consequence of a mistake or of its not being known at the time that some particular part of the estate belonged to the deceased, and without any intention of fraud or to delay the payment of the proper court-fee, the said Authority may remit the said penalty, and cause the probate or letters to be duly stamped on payment only of the sum wanting to make up the fee which should have been at first paid thereon.

Administrator to give proper security before letters stamped under section 25.

26. In case of letters of administration on which too low a court-fee has been paid at first, the said Authority shall not cause the same to be fully stamped in manner aforesaid until the administrator has given such security to the Court by which the letters of administration have been granted as ought by law to have been given on the granting thereof in case the full value of the estate of the deceased had been then ascertained.

Executors, etc. not paying full court-fee on probates, etc. within six months after discovery of under payment.

27. Where too low a court-fee has been paid on any probate or letters of administration in consequence of any mistake, or of its not being known at the time that some particular part of the estate belonged to the deceased, if any executor or administrator acting under such probate or letters does not, within six months after the discovery of the mistake or of any effects not known at the time to have belonged to the deceased, apply to the said Authority and pay what is wanting to make up the court-fee which ought to have been paid at first on such probate or letters, he shall forfeit the sum of one thousand rupees and also a further sum at the rate of ten rupees per cent. on the amount of the sum wanting to make up the proper court-fee.

28. (1) Where an application for probate or letters of administration is made in any Court other than the High Court, the Court shall cause notice of the application to be given to the Collector.

(2) Where such an application as aforesaid is made to the High Court, the High Court shall cause notice of the application to be given to the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority.

(3) The Collector within the local limits of whose revenue-jurisdiction the property of the deceased or any part thereof is, may at any time inspect or cause to be inspected, and take or cause to be taken copies of, the record of any case in which application for probate or letters of administration has been made; and if, on such inspection or otherwise, he is of opinion that the petitioner has under-estimated the value of the property of the deceased, the Collector shall forward his report, giving therein his reasons for his opinion and his estimate of the true valuation, to the Prothonotary of the High Court or the Court, as the case may be, serving at the same time a copy of his report on the petitioner.

(4) If within thirty days from the date of receipt of the copy of the Collector's report served on him under sub-section (3), the petitioner does not file in court his objections to the Collector's valuation, the Court shall make an order amending the petitioner's valuation, in accordance with the report of the Collector.

(5) If within the aforesaid period the petitioner files in court his objection, the Court shall hold, or cause to be held, an inquiry in accordance with the provisions of sections 9, 10 and 11 as if the application were a suit, and shall record a finding as to the true value, as near as may be, at which the property of the deceased should have been estimated. The Collector shall be deemed to be a party to the inquiry.

(6) The finding of the Court recorded under sub-section (5) shall be final, but shall not bar the entertainment and disposal by the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority of any application under section 25.

(7) The State Government may make rules for the guidance of Collectors in the exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3).

29. (1) No order entitling the petitioner to the grant of probate or letters of administration shall be made upon an application for such grant until the petitioner has filed in the Court a valuation of the property in the form set forth in the third Schedule, and the Court is satisfied that the fee mentioned in No. 10 of the first Schedule has been paid on such valuation.

(2) The grant of probate or letters of administration shall not be delayed by reason of any report made by the Collector under section 28, sub-section (3).

Notice of applications for probate or letters of administration to be given to Revenue Authorities and procedure thereon.

Payment of court-fee in respect of probate and letters of administration.

Recovery of penalties, etc. **30.** (1) Any excess fee found to be payable on an inquiry held under section 28 and any penalty or forfeiture under section 27, may, on the certificate of the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority, be recovered from the executor or administrator as if it were an arrear of land-revenue by any Collector.

(2) The Chief Controlling Revenue Authority may remit the whole or any part of any such penalty or forfeiture as aforesaid or any part of any penalty under section 25 or of any court-fee under section 25 in excess of the full court-fee which ought to have been paid.

Sections 5 and 40 not to apply to probates or letters of administration. **31.** Nothing in section 5 or section 40 shall apply to probates or letters of administration.

CHAPTER V.

PROCESS FEES.

Rules as to costs of processes. **32.** The High Court shall make rules as to the following matters :—

(i) the fees chargeable for serving and executing processes issued by such Court in its appellate jurisdiction, and by the other Civil and Revenue Court established within the local limits of such jurisdiction ;

(ii) the fees chargeable for serving and executing processes issued by the Criminal Courts, established within such limits in the case of offences other than offences for which police officers may arrest without a warrant ; and

(iii) the remuneration of the peons and all other persons employed by leave of a Court in the service or execution of processes.

The High Court may from time to time alter and add to the rules so made.

Confirmation and publication of rules. All such rules, alterations and additions shall, after being confirmed by the State Government, be published in the *Official Gazette*, and shall thereupon have the force of law.

Tables of process-fees. **33.** A table in the English and regional languages, showing the fees chargeable for such service and execution, shall be exposed to view in a conspicuous part of each Court.

Number of peons in District and subordinate Courts. **34.** Subject to rules to be made by the High Court and approved by the State Government, every District Judge, the Principal Judge of the Bombay City Civil Court and every Magistrate of a District shall fix, and may from time to time alter the number of peons necessary to be employed for the service and execution of processes issued out of his Court, and each of the Courts subordinate thereto,

Number of peons in mofussil Small Causes Courts. and for the purposes of this section, every Court of Small Causes established under the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887, shall be deemed to be sub-ordinate to the Court of the District Judge. IX of 1887.

35. Subject to rules to be framed by the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority and approved by the State Government, every officer performing the functions of a Collector of a District shall fix, and may from time to time alter, the number of peons necessary to be employed for the service and execution of processes issued out of his Court or the Courts subordinate to him.

Number of
peons in
Revenue
Courts.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE MODE OF LEVYING FEES.

36. All fees shall be charged and collected under this Act at the rate in force on the date on which the document chargeable to court-fee is or was presented.

Rate of fee in
force on date
of presenta-
tion of
document to
be applicable.

¹37. All fees referred to in section 3 or chargeable under this Act shall be collected by stamps or e-payment.

Collection of
fees by
stamps or
e-payment.

38. The stamps used to denote any fees chargeable under this Act shall be impressed or adhesive or partly impressed or partly adhesive, as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette* from time to time, direct.

Stamps to
be im-
pressed or
adhesive

39. The State Government may, from time to time, make rules for regulating—

Rules for
supply,
number,
renewal and
keeping
accounts of
stamps.

(a) the supply of stamps to be used under this Act,

(b) the number of stamps to be used for denoting any fee chargeable under this Act,

(c) the renewal of damaged or spoiled stamps, ²[* * *]

(d) the keeping accounts of all stamps used under this Act ;

³[(e) the manner of payment of court-fee and refund thereof by e-payment :]

Provided that in the case of stamps used under section 3 in the High Court, such rules shall be made, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of such Court.

All such rules shall be published in the *Official Gazette*, and shall thereupon have the force of law.

40. No document which ought to bear a stamp under this Act shall be of any validity, unless and until it is properly stamped.

Stamping
documents
inadvert-
ently
received.

But, if any such document is through mistake or inadvertence received, filed or used in any Court or office without being properly stamped, the presiding Judge or the head of the office, as the case may be, or, in the case of the High Court, any Judge of such Court, may, if he thinks fit, order that such document be stamped as he may direct; and, on such document being stamped accordingly, the same and every proceeding relative thereto shall be as valid as if it had been properly stamped in the first instance.

¹ Section 37 was substituted by Mah. 25 of 2011, s. 5.

² The words "and" was deleted, *ibid.*, s. 6(1).

³ Clause (e) was added, *ibid.*, s. 6(2).

Amended document. 41. Where any such document is amended in order merely to correct a mistake and to make it conform to the original intention of the parties, it shall not be necessary to impose a fresh stamp.

Cancellation of stamps. 42. No document requiring a stamp under this Act shall be filed or acted upon in any proceeding in any Court or office until the stamp has been cancelled.

Such officer as the Court or the head of office may from time to time appoint shall, on receiving any such document, forthwith effect such cancellation by punching out the figure-head so as to leave the amount designated on the stamp untouched, and the part removed by punching shall be burnt or otherwise destroyed :

¹[Provided that, where court-fee is paid by e-payment, the officer competent to cancel stamp shall verify the genuineness of the payment and after satisfying himself that the court-fee is paid, shall lock the entry in the computer and make an endorsement under his signature on the document that the court-fee is paid and the entry is locked.]

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Repayment of fee in certain circumstances. 43. (1) When any suit in a Court ² [or any proceeding instituted by presenting a petition to a Court under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955,] ^{XXV} of 1955. is settled by agreement of parties before any evidence is recorded, or any appeal or cross objection is settled by agreement of parties before it is called on for effective hearing by the Court, half the amount of the fee paid by the plaintiff, ³ [petitioner,] appellant, or respondent on the plaint, ⁴ [petition,] appeal or cross objection, as the case may be, shall be repaid to him by the Court :

Provided that, no such fee shall be repaid if the amount of fee paid does not exceed ⁵ [twenty-five rupees] or the claim for repayment is not made within one year from the date on which the suit, ⁶ [proceeding,] appeal or cross objection was settled by agreement.

1 This proviso was added by Mah. 25 of 2011, s. 7.

2 These words were inserted by Mah. 33 of 1967, s. 2(a)(i).

3 This word was inserted, *ibid.* s. 2(a)(ii).

4 This word was inserted, *ibid.*, s. 2(a)(iii).

5 These words were substituted for the words " five rupees " by Mah. 13 of 2002, s. 4.

6 This word was inserted by Mah. 33 of 1967, s. 2(a)(iv).

(2) The State Government may, from time to time, by order, provide for repayment to the plaintiffs, ¹[petitioners,] ²[complaints under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881,] appellants or respondents of any part of the fee paid by them on plaints, ³[petitions,] ⁴[complaints under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881,] appeals or cross objections, in suits ⁵[complaints under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881,] ⁶[proceedings] or appeals disposed of under such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order.

Explanation—For the purpose of this section, effective hearing shall exclude the dates when the appeal is merely adjourned without being heard or argued.

44. Whenever the filing or exhibition in a Criminal Court of a document in respect of which the proper fee has not been paid is, in the opinion of the presiding Judge, necessary to prevent a failure of justice, nothing contained in section 5 shall be deemed to prohibit such filing or exhibition.

Admission in criminal cases of documents for which proper fee has not been paid.

45. (1) The State Government may, from time to time make rules for regulating the sale of stamps to be used under this Act, the persons by whom alone such sale is to be conducted, and the duties and remuneration of such persons.

Sale of stamps.

(2) All such rules shall be published in the *Official Gazette* and shall thereupon have the force of law.

(3) Any person appointed to sell stamps who disobeys any rule made under this section, and any person not so appointed who sells or offers for sale any stamp, shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to ⁷[two thousand rupees, but which shall not be less than five hundred rupees], or with both.

46. The State Government may, from time to time, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, reduce or remit, in the whole or in any part of the territories under its administration all or any of the fees mentioned in the first and second schedules to this Act annexed, and may in like manner cancel or vary such order.

Power to reduce or remit fees.

47. Nothing in Chapters II and VI of this Act applies to the fees which any officer of the High Court is allowed to receive in addition to a fixed salary.

Saving of fees to certain offices of High Court.

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¹ This word was inserted, by Mah. 33 of 1967, s. 2(b) (i).

² These words and figures were inserted by Mah. 17 of 2008, s. 2 (i).

³ This word was inserted by Mah. 33 of 1967, s. 2(b) (ii).

⁴ These words and figures were inserted by Mah. 17 of 2008, s. 2(ii).

⁵ These words and figures were inserted, *ibid.*, s. 2(iii).

⁶ This word was inserted, *ibid.*, s. 2(b)(iii).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words "five hundred rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 3.

⁸ Section 47-A was deleted, *ibid.*, s. 6.

Saving as to
stamp
duties.

48. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the stamp duties chargeable under any other law for the time being in force relating to stamp duties.

Repeal and
saving.

49. (1) On the commencement of this Act, the laws specified in column 3 of Schedule IV hereto annexed shall be repealed in the manner and to the extent specified in column 4 thereof :

Provided that, such repeal shall not affect the previous operation of any of the laws so repealed and anything done or any action taken (including any appointment, notification, order, rule, form, application, reference, notice, report or certificate made or issued) under any such law shall, in so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provision of this Act and shall continue to be in force accordingly, unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken under this Act :

Provided further that, all the fees shall be charged and collected under this Act at the rate in force on the date on which the document chargeable to court-fee is or was presented.

(2) (a) All stamps in denominations of *annas* four or multiples thereof shall be deemed to be stamps of the value of twenty-five *naya paise* or, as the case may be, multiples thereof and valid accordingly.

(b) If any person is possessed of a stamp or stamps in any denominations other than denominations of *annas* four or multiples thereof, and such stamps or stamps has or have not been spoiled, the Collector shall repay to such person the value of such stamp or stamps in money calculated in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 14 of the Indian Coinage Act, 1906, upon such person delivering up, within six months from the commencement of this Act, such stamp or stamps to the Collector.

Amendment
of Suits
Valuation
Acts.

50. On the commencement of this Act, the laws specified in column 3 of Schedule V thereto annexed shall be amended in the manner and to the extent specified in column 4 thereof.

³[Reduction
of court-fee
from
amount of
stamps duty
payable on
final order
of partition.]

51. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bombay Stamp Act, 1958, where court-fee is paid in a suit for partition in accordance with the provisions of clause (vii) of section 6 of this Act ¹[the stamp duty] payable on a final order for effecting a partition passed by any Revenue Authority or any Civil Court under article 46 in Schedule 1 to the Bombay Stamp Act, 1958 ²[, shall be reduced by the amount of the Court-fee paid in such suit].

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1 These words were substituted for the words "no stamp duty shall be" by Mah. 34 of 1994, s. 2 (i).

2 These words were added, *ibid.*, s. 2 (ii).

3 The marginal note was substituted, *ibid.*, s. 2 (iii)

52. All rules made by the State Government under this Act shall be laid before each House of the State Legislature as soon as may be after they are made and shall be subject to such modifications as the State Legislature may make during the session in which they are so laid or the session immediately following :—

Rules made by Government to be laid before State Legislature.

SCHEDULE I.

Ad valorem fees.

Number. (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
¹ [1. <i>Plaint or memorandum of appeal (not otherwise provided for in this Act) or, of cross objection presented to any Civil or Revenue Court.</i>	When the amount or value of the subject matter in dispute does not exceed one thousand rupees.	Two hundred rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds one thousand rupees, for every one hundred rupees, or part thereof, in excess of one thousand rupees, upto five thousand rupees.	Twelve rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds five thousand rupees, for every hundred rupees, or part thereof, in excess of five thousand rupees, upto ten thousand rupees.	Fifteen rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds ten thousand rupees, for every five hundred rupees, or part thereof, in excess of ten thousand rupees, upto twenty thousand rupees.	Seventy-five rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds twenty thousand rupees, for every one thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of twenty thousand rupees, upto thirty thousand rupees.	One hundred rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds thirty thousand rupees, for every two thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of thirty thousand rupees, upto fifty thousand rupees.	One hundred rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds fifty thousand rupees.	One hundred and fifty rupees.

¹ Article 1 was substituted by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 7.

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number. (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee. (3)
	rupees, for every five thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of fifty thousand rupees, upto one lakh of rupees.	
	When such amount or value exceeds one lakh of rupees, for every ten thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of one lakh of rupees, upto eleven lakh of rupees.	Two hundred rupees.
	When such amount or value exceeds eleven lakh of rupees, for every one lakh of rupees, or part thereof, in excess of eleven lakh of rupees:	One thousand and two hundred rupees.
	Provided that, the maximum fee leviable on the plaint or memorandum of appeal or of cross objection shall be three lakh of rupees.]	
2. Plaint in a suit for possession under [section 6 of the Specific Relief Act, 1963.]	. . . . .	A fee of one-half the amount prescribed in the scale under Article 1. XLII of 1963.
3. Plaint, application or petition (including memorandum of appeal), to set aside or modify any award ²[ * * * * ].	. . . . .	A fee on the amount or value of the award sought to be set aside or modified, according to the scale prescribed under Article 1.
³ [3A. Application or petition (including Memorandum of Appeal) to set aside or modify arbitral award under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.	. . . . .	A fee of one-half of the <i>ad valorem</i> fee on the amount or value of the award sought to be set aside or modified, according to the scale prescribed under Article-1.] 26 of 1996.

¹ These words and figures were substituted for the words and figures " the Specific Relief Act, 1877, section 9" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 4(b).

² The words and figures "otherwise than under the Arbitration Act, 1940" were deleted by Mah. 9 of 2010, s.2 (a).

³ Article 3A was inserted, *ibid.*, s.2(b).

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
4. Complaint, application or petition (including memorandum of appeal) which is capable of being treated as a suit, to set aside a decree or order having the force of a decree.	The same fee as is leviable on a plaint in a suit to obtain the relief granted in the decree or order, as the case may be.
5. Plaint in a suit, application or petition (including memorandum of appeal), to set aside alienation to which the plaintiff, applicant or appellant, as the case may be, was a party, either directly or through a legal guardian other than <i>de facto</i> or <i>ad hoc</i> guardian, manager or partner or court.	A fee on the extent of the value of alienation to be set aside, according to the scale prescribed under Article 1.
6. Plaint in a suit (including memorandum of appeal) for possession between the guardian and ward, trustee and beneficiary, principal and agent, wife and husband, executor or administrator and beneficiary, receiver and owner of property and between persons having fiduciary relationship.	A fee of one-half of the amount prescribed in the scale under Article 1.
7. Any other complaint, application or petition (including memorandum of appeal), to obtain substantive relief capable of being valued in terms of monetary gain or prevention of monetary loss, including cases wherein application or petition is either treated as a plaint or is described as the mode of obtaining the relief as aforesaid.	A fee on the amount of the monetary gain, or loss to be prevented, according to the scale prescribed under Article 1.
8. Application for review of judgment if presented on or after the ¹ [thirtieth day], from the date of the decree.	The fee leviable on the plaint or memorandum of appeal.
9. Application for review of judgment if presented before the ¹ [thirtieth day] from the date of the decree.	One-half of the fee leviable on the plaint or memorandum of appeal.

¹ These words were substituted for the words "ninetieth day" by Mah. 50 of 1976, s. 3.

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
10. Probate of a will or letters of administration with or without will annexed.	When the amount or value of the property in respect of which the grant of probate or letters is made exceeds one thousand rupees, on the amount or value upto fifty thousand rupees.	Two per cent.
	When the amount or value of the property in respect of which the grant of probate or letters is made exceeds fifty thousand rupees, on the part of the amount or value in excess of fifty thousand rupees upto two lakh rupees.	Four per cent.
	When the amount or value of the property in respect of which the grant of probate or letters is made exceeds two lakh rupees, on the part of the amount or value in excess of two lakh rupees upto three lakh of rupees.	Six per cent.
	When the amount or value of the property in respect of which the grant of probate or letters is made exceeds three lakh rupees, on the part of the amount or value in excess of three lakh of rupees :	Seven and half per cent., subject to the maximum of 75,000 rupees.
	Provided that when, after the grant of a certificate under Part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, or under Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 or any corresponding law for the time being in force, in respect of any property included in an estate, a grant of probate or letters of administration is made in respect of the same estate, the fee payable in respect of the later grant shall be reduced by the amount of the fee paid in respect of the former grant.]	XXXIX of 1925. Reg. VIII of 1827.

¹ Article 10 was substituted by Mah.34 of 1994, s.3.

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
XXXIX of 1925.	11. Certificate under Part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925.	..... The fee leviable in the case of a probate (Article 10) on the amount or value of any debt or security specified in the certificate under section 374 of the Act, and ¹ [two times] this fee on the amount or value of any debt or security to which the certificate is extended under section 376 of the Act. <i>Note.—(1)</i> The amount of a debt is its amount including interest on the day on which the inclusion of the debt in the certificate is applied for, so far as such amount can be ascertained; <i>(2)</i> Whether or not any power with respect to a security specified in a certificate has been conferred under the Act; and where such a power has been so conferred, whether the power is for the receiving of interest or dividend on, or for the negotiation or transfer of the security, or for the both purposes the value of the

¹ These words were substituted for the words "one and a half time" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s.7 (b).

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
		security is its market value on the day on which the inclusion of the security in the certificate is applied for, so far as such value can be ascertained.
12. Certificate under Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 or under any corresponding law in force.	.....	The fee leviable in the case of a probate (Article 10) on the amount or value of the property in respect of which the certificate is granted. Reg. VIII of 1827.
13. Complaint presented with an originating summons under the Rules of the High Court of Bombay (Original Side), ¹ [1980].		The fee leviable on a complaint in a suit or the same relief, subject to a minimum fee of ² [one hundred rupees].
	³ * * * *	
15. Application to the Collector for a reference to the Court under section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, in its application to the ⁴ [Bombay area] or the Vidarbha region ⁵ [of the State of Maharashtra] ⁶ [**] or section 14 of the Land Acquisition Act in its application to the Hyderabad area of that State, as the case may be.	.....	One half of <i>ad-valorem</i> fee on the difference, if any, between the amount awarded by the Collector and the amount claimed by the applicant, according to the scale prescribed under Article 1 of Schedule I, subject to a minimum fee of ⁷ [fifty rupees]. I of 1894. Hyd. IX of 1309 Fasli.

¹ These figures were substituted for the figures " 1957" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 4 (c)(i).

² These words were substituted for the words " sixty rupees" by Mah, 18 of 2002, s.7 (c).

³ Article 14 was deleted by Mah. 18 of 1960, s. 3(b),

⁴ These words were substituted for the words " pre-reorganisation State of Bombay excluding the transferred territories" by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

⁵ These words were substituted for the words " or Kutch area of the State of Bombay", *ibid.*

⁶ The portion from " or section 18" to "Ordinance, 1948" was omitted, *ibid.*

⁷ These words were substituted for the words " thirty rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 7(d).

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
XLIII of 1961.	16. Application or petition made by any assessee to the High Court [under sub-section (2) of section 256 of the Income Tax Act, 1961].	One-half of <i>ad valorem</i> fee leviable on the amount in dispute [(namely, the difference between the amount of tax actually assessed and the amount of tax admitted by the assessee as payable by him),] subject to the minimum fee of ³ [one hundred twenty-five rupees.]
43 of 1961.	¹ 16A. An appeal filed after the 1st June 1999 and pending before the High Court against the order passed in appeal by the Appellate Tribunal, under section 260A(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.	<i>Ad valorem</i> fee leviable on the amount in dispute, that is, the difference between the amount of tax actually assessed and the amount of tax admitted by the assessee as payable by him, subject to maximum fee of Rs. 10,000.
27 of 1957.	16B. An appeal filed after the 1st June 1999 and pending before the High Court against the order passed in appeal by the Appellate Tribunal, under section 27A of the Wealth Tax Act, 1957.	One-half of the <i>ad valorem</i> fee leviable on the amount of dispute that is, the difference between the amount of tax actually assessed and the amount of tax admitted by the assessee as payable by him, subject to the maximum of Rs. 5,000.]

¹ These words, brackets and figures were substituted for the words and figures " under section 66 of the Indian Income Tax Act, 1922 ", by Mah 23 of 1996, s. 4(e)(i).

² This portion was substituted for the brackets and words " (namely, the difference between the amount actually assessed and the amount admitted by the assessee as assessable)", by Mah 13 of 1960, s.3(c).

³ These words were substituted for the words "one hundred rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 7(e).

⁴ Articles 16A and 16B were inserted by Mah. 26 of 2000, s.2(b).

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
17. Application or petition made by any person (other than the Collector or the Commissioner) to the High Court under any provision of the sales tax law for the time being in force in any part of the ¹ State of Maharashtra].	. . . .	One-half of <i>ad valorem</i> fee leviable on the amount in dispute ² [(namely, the difference between the amount of tax actually assessed and the amount of tax admitted by the assessee as payable by him),] subject to the minimum fee of ³ [one hundred fifty rupees.]
⁴ 18. Application or petition containing complaint or charge of an offence under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.	(A) When the amount of cheque does not exceed ten thousand rupees. (B) When the amount of cheque exceeds ten thousand rupees.	Two hundred rupees. Two hundred rupees for every ten thousand rupees or part thereof subject to the maximum of rupees one lakh fifty thousand.]

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1881.

¹ These words were substitute for the words " State of Bombay", by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 4(f)(i).

² This portion was substituted for the words " (namely, the diffrance between the amount actually assessed and the amount admitted by the assesee as assessable)" by Mah. 18 of 1960, s.3(c).

³ These words were substituted for the words"one hundred", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 7(f).

⁴ Article 18 was inserted by Mah. 17 of 2008, s.3.

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

¹[Table of rates of *ad valorem* fees leviable on the institution of suits.

When the amount or value of the subject-matter exceeds. (1)	But does not exceed. (2)	Proper fee. (3)	When the amount or value of the Subject-matter exceeds. (1)	But does not exceed. (2)	Proper fee. (3)
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	1,000	200	3,500	3,600	512
1,000	1,100	212	3,600	3,700	524
1,100	1,200	224	3,700	3,800	536
1,200	1,300	236	3,800	3,900	548
1,300	1,400	248	3,900	4,000	560
1,400	1,500	260	4,000	4,100	572
1,500	1,600	272	4,100	4,200	584
1,600	1,700	284	4,200	4,300	596
1,700	1,800	296	4,300	4,400	608
1,800	1,900	308	4,400	4,500	620
1,900	2,000	320	4,500	4,600	632
2,000	2,100	332	4,600	4,700	644
2,100	2,200	344	4,700	4,800	656
2,200	2,300	356	4,800	4,900	668
2,300	2,400	368	4,900	5,000	680
2,400	2,500	380	5,000	5,100	695
2,500	2,600	392	5,100	5,200	710
2,600	2,700	404	5,200	5,300	725
2,700	2,800	416	5,300	5,400	740
2,800	2,900	428	5,400	5,500	755
2,900	3,000	440	5,500	5,600	770
3,000	3,100	452	5,600	5,700	785
3,100	3,200	464	5,700	5,800	800
3,200	3,300	476	5,800	5,900	815
3,300	3,400	488	5,900	6,000	830
3,400	3,500	500	6,000	6,100	845

¹This Table of rates of *ad-valorem* fees leviable on the institution of suits, etc. was substituted by Mah. 18 of 2002, s.7(g).

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.*

Table of rates of ad valorem fees leviable on the institution of suits.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
6,100	6,200	860	9,300	9,400	1,340
6,200	6,300	875	9,400	9,500	1,355
6,300	6,400	890	9,500	9,600	1,370
6,400	6,500	905	9,600	9,700	1,385
6,500	6,600	920	9,700	9,800	1,400
6,600	6,700	935	9,800	9,900	1,415
6,700	6,800	950	9,900	10,000	1,430
6,800	6,900	965	10,000	10,500	1,505
6,900	7,000	980	10,500	11,000	1,580
7,000	7,100	995	11,000	11,500	1,655
7,100	7,200	1,010	11,500	12,000	1,730
7,200	7,300	1,025	12,000	12,500	1,805
7,300	7,400	1,040	12,500	13,000	1,880
7,400	7,500	1,055	13,000	13,500	1,955
7,500	7,600	1,070	13,500	14,000	2,030
7,600	7,700	1,085	14,000	14,500	2,105
7,700	7,800	1,100	14,500	15,000	2,180
7,800	7,900	1,115	15,000	15,500	2,255
7,900	8,000	1,130	15,500	16,000	2,330
8,000	8,100	1,145	16,000	16,500	2,405
8,100	8,200	1,160	16,500	17,000	2,480
8,200	8,300	1,175	17,000	17,500	2,555
8,300	8,400	1,190	17,500	18,000	2,630
8,400	8,500	1,205	18,000	18,500	2,705
8,500	8,600	1,220	18,500	19,000	2,780
8,600	8,700	1,235	19,000	19,500	2,855
8,700	8,800	1,250	19,500	20,000	2,930
8,800	8,900	1,265	20,000	21,000	3,030
8,900	9,000	1,280	21,000	22,000	3,130
9,000	9,100	1,295	22,000	23,000	3,230
9,100	9,200	1,310	23,000	24,000	3,330
9,200	9,300	1,325	24,000	25,000	3,430

SCHEDULE I.—*contd.**Table of rates of ad valorem fees leviable on the institution of suits, etc.*

(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
25,000	26,000	3,530	46,000	48,000	4,830
26,000	27,000	3,630	48,000	50,000	4,930
27,000	28,000	3,730	50,000	55,000	5,080
28,000	29,000	3,830	55,000	60,000	5,230
29,000	30,000	3,930	60,000	65,000	5,380
30,000	32,000	4,030	65,000	70,000	5,530
32,000	34,000	4,130	70,000	75,000	5,680
34,000	36,000	4,230	75,000	80,000	5,830
36,000	38,000	4,330	80,000	85,000	5,980
38,000	40,000	4,430	85,000	90,000	6,130
40,000	42,000	4,530	90,000	95,000	6,280
42,000	44,000	4,630	95,000	1,00,000	6,430
44,000	46,000	4,730			

and the fees increases at the rate of Rupees 200 for every Rupees 10,000 or part thereof over Rupees one lakh upto Rupees 11,00,000 and over Rupees 11,00,000 at the rate of Rupees 1,200 for every Rupees 1,00,000 or part thereof upto a maximum fee of Rupees 3,00,000 for example :—

Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,00,000	6,430	9,00,000	22,430
2,00,000	8,430	10,00,000	24,430
3,00,000	10,430	11,00,000	26,430
4,00,000	12,430	12,00,000	27,630
5,00,000	14,430	13,00,000	28,830
6,00,000	16,430	14,00,000	30,030
7,00,000	18,430	15,00,000	31,230
8,00,000	20,430		

SCHEDULE II.
Fixed Fees.

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee. (3)
1. Application or petition.	<p>(a) When presented to any officer of the Excise Department or to any Magistrate by any person having dealings with the Government, and when the subject-matter of such application relates exclusively to those dealings ;</p> <p>or when presented to any officer of land-revenue by any person holding temporarily settled land under direct engagement with Government, and when the subject-matter of the application or a petition relates exclusively to such engagement ;</p> <p>or when presented to any Municipal Commissioner under any Act for the time being in force for the conservancy or improvement of any place, if the application or petition relates solely to such conservancy or improvement ;</p> <p>or when presented to any Civil Court other than a principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction ;</p> <p>or to any Court of Small Causes constituted under the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887, or to a Collector or other officer of revenue or to a public officer in relation to any suit or case in which the amount of value of the subject-matter is less than fifty rupees² * * * ;</p> <p>or when presented to any Civil, Criminal or Revenue Court, or to any Board or executive officer for the purpose of obtaining a copy or translation</p>	<p>¹[five rupees]</p>

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1887.

¹ These words were substituted for the words "one rupee" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(a)(1).

² The portion beginning with the words "not being an application" and ending with the words "for the time being in force" was deleted by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5 (1)(a).

SCHEDULE II.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
	of any judgment, decree or order passed by such Court, Board or Officer, or of any other document on record in such Court or office. [* * *]	
26 of 1881.	² {(c) (i) When containing a complaint or charge of any offence other than the offence under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. ³ [* * *]	Five rupees.
	(d) When presented to any competent authority for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of domicile.	⁴ [Ten rupees].
	(e) When presented to a Chief Controlling Revenue or Executive Authority or to a Commissioner of Revenue or to any Chief Officer charged with the executive administration of a division and not otherwise provided for by this Act.	⁵ [Ten rupees].
	(f) When presented to the High Court— (i) ⁶ [. . .] for directions, orders or writs under article 226 of the Constitution for any purpose other than the enforcement of the fundamental rights conferred by Part III thereof .	⁷ [One hundred twenty-five rupees.]
	(ii) for directions, orders or writs, under article 226 for the enforcement of any of the fundamental rights conferred by Part III of the Constitution or for the exercise of its jurisdiction under article 227 thereof .	⁸ [Two hundred and fifty rupees.]
	(iii) in any other case not otherwise provided for by this Act.	⁹ [Twenty rupees].

¹ Clause (b) was deleted by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5 (1)(c).

² Clause (c) was substituted by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(a)(2).

³ Sub-clause (iii) was deleted by Mah. 17 of 2008, s. 4.

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(3).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words "Five rupees", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(4).

⁶ These words and figures " under section 45 of the Specific Relief Act, 1877 or " were deleted by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5 (1)(g).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words "One hundred rupees", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(5) (i).

⁸ These words were substituted for the words "Forty rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(5) (ii).

⁹ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(5) (iii).

SCHEDULE II.—*contd.*

Number (1)	... (2)	Proper fee (3)	
2. Revision application when presented to the High Court under section 25 of the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887 or section 115 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.	....	¹ [Fifty rupees].	IX of 1887. V of 1908.
3. Application to any Civil Court that records may be called for from another Court.	When the Court grants the application and is of opinion that the transmission of such records involves the use of the post.	² [Five rupees] in addition to any fee levied on the application under clause (a), clause (c) or clause (f) of Article 1 of this Schedule.	
4. First Application (other than a petition containing a criminal charge or information) for the summons of a witness or other person to attend either to give evidence or to produce a document, or in respect of the production or filing of an exhibit not being an affidavit made for the immediate purpose of being produced in Court.	....	³ [Five rupees].	
5. Application for leave to sue as a pauper.	....	⁴ [Five rupees].	
6. Application for leave to appeal as a pauper.	(a) When presented a District Court. (b) When presented to a Commissioner or the High Court.	⁵ [Five rupees]. ⁶ [Twenty rupees].	
7. Complaint or memorandum of appeal in a suit to obtain possession under the Mamlatdars Court Act, 1906.	....	⁷ [Twenty-five rupees].	Bom II of 1906.
8. Complaint or memorandum of appeal in a suit to establish or disprove a right of occupancy.	....	⁸ [Ten rupees].	

¹ These words were substituted for the words "Twenty rupees", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(b).

² These words were substituted for the words "Four rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(c).

³ These words were substituted for the words "One rupee", *ibid.*, s. 8(d).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(e).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words "Four rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(f)(1).

⁶ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(f)(2).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(g).

⁸ These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8(h).

SCHEDULE II—*contd.*

Number (1)	(2)	Proper fee (3)
19. Bail-bond or other instrument of obligation given in pursuance of an order made by a Court or Magistrate under of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, or under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. 2 of 1974. V of 1908.	....	² [Ten rupees].
10. All other bail-bonds given under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and recognizance to prosecute and recognizances for personal appearance or otherwise. 2 of 1974.	....	³ [Five rupees].
11. Undertaking under section 49 of the Indian Divorce Act, 1869. IV of 1869.	....	⁴ [Ten rupees].
12. <i>Mukhtarnama or Wakalat-nama.</i>	When presented for the conduct of any one case— (a) to any Civil or Criminal Court other than the High Court, or to any Revenue Court, or to any Collector or Magistrate, or other executive officer ; (b) to the High Court.	⁵ [Ten rupees]. ⁶ [Fifteen rupees].
13. Memorandum of appeal when the appeal is not from decree or an order having the force of a decree, and is presented—	(a) to any Civil other than the High Court or to any Revenue Court, or Executive Officer other than the High Court or Chief Controlling Revenue or Executive Authority; (b) to the Chief Controlling Executive or Revenue Authority; (c) to the High Court	⁷ [Five rupees], ⁸ [Ten rupees], ⁹ [Twenty-five rupees].

¹ These articles were substituted for articles 9 and 10 respectively by Mah. 12 of 1976, s. 2.

² These words were substituted for the words " Five rupees " by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(i).

³ These words were substituted for the words " One rupee ", *ibid.*, s. 8(j).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words " Five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8(k).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words " Three rupees " *ibid.*, s. 8(l)(1).

⁶ These words were substituted for the words " Five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8(l)(2).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words " Two rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8(m)(1).

⁸ These words were substituted for the words " Five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8(m)(2).

⁹ These words were substituted for the words " Ten rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8(m)(3).

SCHEDULE II.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
14. <i>Caveat</i>	¹ [(i) When presented to the High Court. (ii) When presented to the Court other than High Court.]	Fifty rupees. Twenty-five rupees.]
15. Application for permission to cut timber in Government forests, or otherwise relating to such forests.	....	² [Five rupees].
16. Memorandum of appeal presented to— (a) the State Government. .. (b) any Forest Officer, where such appeal is provided for, by or under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or any corresponding law in force.	....	³ [Twenty rupees] ⁴ [Four rupees].
17. Petition in a suit under the Native Converts' Marriage Dissolution Act, 1866.	....	⁵ [One hundred rupees].
18. Application— (a) under section 20 of the Arbitration Act, 1940; (b) for probate or letters of administration or for revocation thereof under the Indian Succession Act, 1925. (c) for a certificate under part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, or Bombay Regulation VIII of 1827 or any corresponding law for the time being in force; (d) for opinion or advice or for discharge from a Trust, or for appointment of new Trustees under section 34, 72, 73 or 74 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882; (e) under rule 58 of Order XXI of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 regarding a claim to attached property. When the amount or value of the estate does not exceed two thousand rupees. When it exceeds two thousand rupees, but does not exceed five thousand rupees. When it exceeds five thousand rupees. When the amount or value of the property exceeds five hundred rupees.	⁶ [Fifty rupees]. ⁷ [Ten rupees]. ⁸ [Thirty rupees]. ⁹ [Fifty rupees].

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V of
1908.

¹ These entries were substituted by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (n).

² These words were substituted for the words " One rupee ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (o).

³ These words were substituted for the words " Ten rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (p)(1).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words " Two rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (p) (2).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words " Seventy-five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (q).

⁶ These words were substituted for the words " Thirty rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (r)(1).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words " Five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (r)(2).

⁸ These words were substituted for the words " Fifteen rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (r) (3) (i).

⁹ These words were substituted for the words " Twenty-five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (r) (3) (ii), (4) and (5).

SCHEDULE II—contd.

Number (1)	(2)	Proper fee (3)
V of 1908.	19. Agreement in writing stating a question for the opinion of the Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.	.... ¹ [Seventy-five rupees].
IV of 1869.	20. Every petition under the Indian Divorce Act, 1869 except petitions under section 44 of that Act and every memorandum of appeal under section 55 of that Act.	.... ² [One hundred rupees].
III of 1936. XLIII of 1954. XXV of 1955.	21. Complaint, application, petition, or memorandum of appeal under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936, the Special Marriage Act, 1954 or the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 : Provided that, where in addition to divorce damages are claimed.	.... ² [One hundred rupees]. A fee as above plus a fee on the amount of damages claimed according to the scale prescribed under Article 1 of Schedule I].
XV of 1872.	22. Petitions under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, sections 45 and 48.	.... ³ [Ten rupees].
	23. Complaint, petition or application (including memorandum of appeal) which is capable of being treated as a suit—	....
	(a) for annulment of marriage ;	.... ⁴ [One hundred rupees].
	(b) for dissolution of marriage ;	.... ⁴ [One hundred rupees].
	(c) in suit for custody of minor ;	.... ⁵ [Seventy-five rupees].
	(d) for restitution of conjugal rights ;	.... ⁴ [One hundred rupees].
	(e) for judicial separation; ..	.... ⁴ [One hundred rupees].
	

¹ These words were substituted for the words " Fifty rupees ", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (s).

² These words were substituted for the words " Seventy-five rupees " *ibid.*, s. 8 (t) and (u).

³ These words were substituted for the words " Five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (v).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words " Seventy-five rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (w) (1) and (2) and (4) and (5).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words " Fifty rupees ", *ibid.*, s. 8 (w) (3).

SCHEDULE II—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)
(f) in or to any Civil Court not otherwise provided for and the subject-matter of which is not capable of being estimated in money value.	. . . .	¹ [<i>Ad valorem</i> fee payable, as if the amount or value of the subject-matter was three hundred rupees.]
24. Copy or translation of a judgment or order not being, or having the force of, a decree.	When such judgment or order is given or made by any Civil Court other than the High Court, or by any Revenue Court; When such judgment or order is given or made by the High Court.	² [Five rupees]. ³ [Ten rupees.]
25. Copy of a decree or order having the force of a decree.	When such decree or order is made by any Civil Court other than the District Court or High Court, or by any Revenue Court; When such decree or order is made by the District Court; When such decree or order is made by the High Court.	³ [Ten rupees]. ⁴ [Twenty rupees]. ⁵ [Twenty-five rupees.]
26. Copy of any document (including power of attorney) liable to stamp-duty under the Bombay Stamp Act, 1958 or the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 or any corresponding law in force, as the case may be, when left by any party to a suit or proceeding in place of the original withdrawn.	(a) When the stamp duty chargeable on the original does not exceed ⁶ [Twenty rupees.] (b) In any other case.	⁷ [Two rupees]. ⁸ [Twenty rupees.]
27. Copy of any revenue or judicial proceeding or order not otherwise provided for by this Act, or copy of any amount, statement, report or the like, taken out of any Civil or Criminal or Revenue Court or office, or from the office of any Chief Officer charged with the executive administration of a division.	For every three hundred and sixty words or fraction of three hundred and sixty words.	⁹ [Five rupees.]

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¹ These words were substituted for the words "Thirty rupees" by Mah. 9 of 1970, s. 5.
² These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (x) (1).
³ These words were substituted for the words "Five rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (x) (2) and (y) (1).
⁴ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (y) (2).
⁵ These words were substituted for the words "Fifteen rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (y) (3).
⁶ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z) (1).
⁷ These words were substituted for the words "One rupee", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z) (2) (i).
⁸ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z) (2) (ii).
⁹ These words were substituted for the words "One rupee", *ibid.*, s. 8. (z-a).

SCHEDULE II—contd.

	Number (1)	.... (2)	Proper fee (3)
Bom. XXXI of 1947.	28. Application made under the Bombay Money-lenders Act, 1946 or under any corresponding law in force.	....	¹ [Ten rupees.]
	29. Application presented to any Registration Officer for search of registration records.	....	² [Five rupees.]
XVI of 1908.	30. Appeal or application to the Registrar under section 72 or, 73, as the case may be, of the ³ [Registration Act, 1908.]	....	⁴ [Five rupees.]
	⁵ 31. (a) Application for a licence under sub-clause (i) of clause (w);	....	⁶ [Five rupees.]
Bom. XXII of 1951.	(b) Application for certificate of registration under clause (xa) of sub-section (1) of section 33 of the Bombay Police Act, 1951.]		
59 of 1988.	32. Application or appeal to the Regional or State Transport Authority or the State Government under ⁶ [Chapter IV of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988].*	....	⁷ [Twenty rupees.]
	33. Election petition questioning the election of a person in respect of the office—		
	(a) of <i>Sarpanch</i> or <i>Upa-Sarpanch</i> or member of a <i>Panchayat</i>;	....	⁸ [Fifty rupees.]
	(b) of councillor or member of ⁹ [a Municipal Council, Zilla Parishad, <i>Panchayat Samiti</i>] or such other Local Authority;	....	¹⁰ [One hundred fifty rupees.]

¹ These words were substituted for the words "Five rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (z-b).

² These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-c).

³ These words and figures were substituted for the words and figures "Indian Registration Act, 1908" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s.30 (a).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (z-d) and (z-e).

⁵ Article 31 was substituted for the original by Mah. 50 of 1974, s.2.

⁶ These words, letters and figures were substituted for the words, letters and figures "Chapter IV of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5(32)(a).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (z-f).

⁸ These words were substituted for the words "Twenty rupees" *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-g) (i).

⁹ These words were substituted for the words "a Municipality, District Local Board" by Mah. 23 of 1996, s.5 (33) (b).

¹⁰ These words were substituted for the words "One hundred rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8, (z-g)(ii).

SCHEDULE II.—*contd.*

Number (1)	(2)	Proper fee (3)	
¹ [(c) of Mayor or Councillor of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay or Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Councillor of the Corporation of the City of Nagpur or a Municipal Corporation established under the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations Act, 1949, or President, Vice-President, Chairman or Deputy Chairman of any local authority referred to in clause (b).]	² [Five hundred rupees.]	Bom. LIX 1949.
34. Application or petition to the Court under sections 391, 439 or 522 of the Companies Act, 1956.	³ [Two hundred rupees.]	I of 1956.
Any other application or petition to the Court for Judicial action or relief under the said Act, not otherwise provided for under this Act.	⁴ [Forty rupees].	
35. Application—			
(a) for order of arrest or attachment before judgment or for temporary injunction;	⁵ [Ten rupees].	
(b) for compensation for arrest or attachment before judgment or in respect of temporary injunction obtained on insufficient grounds;	⁵ [Ten rupees].	
(c) for the appointment of a receiver in a case in which the applicant has no present right of possession of the property in dispute;	⁶ [Twenty rupees].	
(d) for setting aside decree passed <i>ex-parte</i> or for review of order dismissing suit for default.	⁷ [Five rupees].	
36. Appeal or application to the Co-operative Tribunal.	⁸ [Twenty-five rupees].	
37. Application made by a party to the Magistrate under section 145 of the ⁹ [Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973].	¹⁰ [Ten rupees.]	II of 1974.

¹ Clause (c) was substituted by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5 (33) (d).

² These words were substituted for the words "Two hundred rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8(z-g) (iii).

³ These words were substituted for the words "One hundred rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-h) (1).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "Twenty rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-h) (2).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words "Five rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-i) (1) and (2).

⁶ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-i) (3).

⁷ These words were substituted for the words "Two rupees", by Mah. 18 of 2002 s.8 (z-i) (4).

⁸ These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-j).

⁹ These words and figures were substituted for the words and figures "Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898," by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5 (37).

¹⁰ These words were substituted for the words "One rupee", by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (z-k).

SCHEDULE II.—*contd.*

	Number (1)	(2)	Proper fee (3)
Mah. XLI of 1966.	[38. Memorandum of appeal or application for revision or review presented under Chapter XIII of the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966 to—	(a) Appellate Authority	² [Fifty rupees].
		(b) State Government	³ [Fifty rupees].
Mah. 1 of 1972.	[38A. Application, reference complaint, appeal or, as the case may be, revision application filed under the Maharashtra Recognition of Trade Unions and Prevention of Unfair Labour Practices Act, 1971,—	(a) application to the Labour Court under section 25,—	
		(i) by the employer for declaration that the strike is illegal.	Two hundred and fifty rupees.
		(ii) by a recognised union that the lockout is illegal.	Hundred rupees.
		(b) complaint under section 28 to the Labour Court with reference to item 1 of Schedule IV to the Act.	
		(i) by any union	Fifty rupees.
		(ii) by any employee	Twenty rupees.
		(c) complaint to the Industrial Court under section 28 regarding any item in Schedule ⁵ [II, III or IV] to the Act.	
		(i) when by any union	Fifty rupees.
		(ii) by any employee.	Twenty rupees.
		(d) appeal under section 42 and revision under section 44 to the Industrial Court	
(e) application filed under section 50.			
(f) other miscellaneous matters not provided in the Act or any of the above entries.			
14 of 1947.	38B. Application or reference under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947,—		
	(a) under section 2 (k)	....	Two hundred and fifty rupees.
	(b) to the Labour Court under section 2-A in any dispute or difference between workman and his employer connected with or arising out of discharge, dismissal, retrenchment or termination of the workman.	....	Fifty rupees.

¹ Article 38 was substituted by Mah. 23 of 1996, s. 5 (38).

² These words were substituted for the words "Ten rupees", by Mah. 18 of 2002 s.8 (z-l) (i).

³ These words were substituted for the words "Thirty rupees", *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-l) (ii).

⁴ These articles were inserted, *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-m).

⁵ These letters and words were substituted for the letters and words "II or III" by Mah. 22 of 2004, s.3(a).

SCHEDULE II.—*contd.*

Number (1)	. . . (2)	Proper fee (3)	
(c) regarding any strikes and lock-outs to the Labour Court under section 24.	One hundred rupees.	
(d) during the conciliation proceedings under section 33.	Fifty rupees.	
(e) in any other miscellaneous cases other than referred above.	Twenty rupees.	
38C. Application or reference, under the Bombay Industrial Relations Act, 1946—			Bom. XI of 1947.
(a) in arbitration proceeding to the Industrial Court under sections 69, 71 and 73A.	Two hundred and fifty rupees.	
(b) to the Labour Court under section 78 read with section 79.	Fifty rupees.	
(c) appeals filed to the Industrial Court under section 84 or revision applications filed under section 85.	Fifty rupees.	
(d) in any other miscellaneous cases other than those specified above.	Twenty rupees.	
38D. Claim or reference under section 6A of the Bombay Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1953.	Twenty rupees.	Bom. XL of 1953.
38E. Application or reference under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1971.	Twenty rupees.	39 of 1972.
38F ¹ [Complaint and Appeal under the Maharashtra <i>Mathadi, Hamal</i> and other Manual Workers (Regulation at Employment and Welfare) Act, 1969.	Twenty rupees.]	Mah. XXX of 1969.
² [39. Save as otherwise provided in this Act or any other law, memorandum of appeal or application for revision or review presented to the State Government under any Provincial or State Act or under any rules or orders issued thereunder.	³ [Fifty rupees].	
⁴ [40. All adjournment applications in Civil and Criminal Courts.	Ten rupees].	

¹ These words were substituted for the words, "Application or reference" by Mah. 22 of 2004, s. 3 (b)

² Article 39 was inserted by Mah. 51 of 1976, s. 2.

³ These words were substituted for the words "Twenty rupees" by Mah. 18 of 2002, s. 8 (z-n).

⁴ This article was inserted, *ibid.*, s. 8 (z-o).

SCHEDULE III
(See section 29)

Form of valuation (to be used with such modifications, if any, as may be necessary).

IN THE COURT OF

Re—Probate of the Will of (or Administration of
the property and credits of), deceased.

I, solemnly affirm
make Oath

and say that I am the executor (or one of the executors or one of the next of-kin) of

deceased, and that I have truly set forth in Annexure A to this affidavit all the property and credit of which the abovenamed deceased died possessed or was entitled to at the time of his death, and which have come, or are likely to come, to my hands.

2. I further say that I have also truly set forth in Annexure B all the items, I am by law allowed to deduct.

3. I further say that the said assets, exclusive only of such last mentioned items but inclusive of all rents, interest, dividends and increased values since the date of the death of the said deceased, are under the value of

ANNEXURE A

VALUATION OF THE MOVEABLE AND IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY OF DECEASED.

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|--|-----|-----|
| | Rs. | nP. |
| Cash in the house and at the banks, household goods, wearing apparel, books, plate, jewels, etc.
<i>(State estimated value according to best of Executor's or Administrator's belief).</i> | | |
| Property in Government securities transferable at the Public Debt Office.
<i>(State description and value at the price of the day; also the interest separately, calculating it to the time of making the application.)</i> | | |
| Immovable property consisting of
<i>(State description, giving, in the case of houses the assessed value, if any, and the number of years' assessment the market-value is estimated at, and in the case of land, the area, the market-value and all rents that have accrued.)</i> | | |
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SCHEDULE III—contd.

Leasehold property	
<i>(If the deceased held any leases for years determinable, state the number of years' purchase the profit rents are estimated to be worth and the value of such, inserting separately arrears due at the date of death and all rents received or due since that date to the time of making the application.)</i>	
Property in public companies.	
<i>(State the particulars and the value calculated at the price of the day; also the interest separately; calculating it to the time of making the application.)</i>	
Policy of insurance upon life, money out on mortgage and other securities, such as bonds, mortgages, bills, notes and other securities for money	
<i>(State the amount of the whole; also the interest separately, calculating it to the time of making the application.)</i>	
Book-debts	
<i>(other than bad).</i>	
Stock in trade	
<i>(State the estimated value, if any).</i>	
Other property not comprised under the foregoing heads <i>(State the estimated value, if any.)</i>	
Total	_____
Deduct amount shown in Annexure B not subject to duty	_____
Net Total	_____

ANNEXURE B

SCHEDULE OF DEBTS, ETC.

	Rs.	nP.
Amount of debts due and owing from the deceased, payable by law out of the estate		
¹ <i>[(State the particulars of the debts with interest in respect of each debt separately, calculating it to the time of making the application).]</i>		
Amount of funeral expenses		
Amount of mortgage incumbrances		
² <i>[(State the particulars of amount of mortgage incumbrances with interest in respect of each mortgage incumbrance separately, calculating it to the time of making the application).]</i>		
Property held in trust not beneficially or with general power to confer a beneficial interest		
Other property not subject to duty		
Total	_____	_____

¹ This portion was added by Mah. 26 of 1986, s. 2 (a).² This portion was added, *ibid.*, s. 2 (b).

SCHEDULE IV.

(See section 49.)

Laws repealed.

Year. Number.		Law.	Extent of Repeal.
1	2	3	4
1870	VII	The Court-fees Act, 1870, in its application to the pre-Reorganisation State of Bombay, excluding the transferred territories and to the Vidarbha region and the Kutch area of the State of Bombay.	The whole, in so far as it relates to entries 3 and 66 of List II and entry 47 of List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.
1870	VII	The Court-fees Act, 1870, as modified and applied to the Saurashtra area of the State of Bombay by the State of Saurashtra (Application of Central and Bombay Acts) Ordinance, 1948.	The whole, in so far as it relates to entries 3 and 66 of List II and entry 47 of List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.
1324 Fasali.	VI	The Hyderabad Court Fees Act, in its application to the Hyderabad area of the State of Bombay.	The whole, in so far as it relates to entries 3 and 66 of List II and entry 47 of List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.
1932	II	The Bombay Finance Act, 1932.	Section 2A and Part III containing sections 12, 13 and 14.

SCHEDULE V.

(See section 50.)

Laws amended.

Year. Number.		Law.	Extent of amendment.
1	2	3	4
1887	VII	The Suits Valuation Act, 1887, in its application to the pre-Reorganisation State of Bombay, excluding the transferred territories and to the Vidarbha Region and the Kutch area of the State of Bombay.	In section 9, the words and figures " of the Court-fees Act, 1870, and " shall be deleted.
1887	VII	The Suits Valuation Act, 1887, as modified and applied to the Saurashtra area of the State of Bombay by the State of Saurashtra (Application of Central and Bombay Acts) Ordinance, 1948.	In section 9, the words and figures " of the Court-fees Act, 1870, and " shall be deleted.
