

THE COTTON INDUSTRY (STATISTICS) ACT, 1926

¹ACT No. XX OF 1926

[25th March, 1926]

An Act to provide for the regular submission of returns of quantities of cotton goods manufactured and cotton yarn spun in ²[Pakistan].

WHEREAS it is expedient, notwithstanding the repeal of the Cotton Duties Act, 1896 (II of 1896), to provide for the regular submission of returns of the quantities of cotton goods manufactured and cotton yarn spun in ²[Pakistan]; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1926. Pt. V, page 100.

² Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960. (21 of 1960) s.3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for "the Province and the Capital of the Federation" which had been subs. A.O., 1949, for "British India".

1. Short title and extent.—(1) This Act may be called the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Act, 1926.

¹[(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.]

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “cotton goods” or “goods” includes all tissues and other articles (except yarn and thread) woven, knitted or otherwise manufactured wholly or partly from cotton yarn ;
- (b) “cotton yarn” or “yarn” means yarn wholly or partly composed of cotton fibres ;
- (c) “mill” means any building or place where cotton goods are woven, knitted or otherwise manufactured, or where cotton yarn is spun, by machinery moved otherwise than by manual labour, and includes every part of such building or place ;
- (d) “owner”, in relation to any mill, includes the managing agent or other principal officer of the mill ; and
- (e) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

3. Delivery of monthly returns of goods and yarn manufactured by mill-owners.—(1) The owner of every mill shall each month prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, to the prescribed officer a return of all cotton goods manufactured and all cotton yarn spun in the mill during the preceding month by machinery moved otherwise than by manual labour, and shall subscribe a declaration of the truth of the return at the foot thereof.

(2) Save as may be otherwise prescribed, every such return shall state, in respect of each description of goods and of yarn, the quantity manufactured during the period to which the return relates, and shall contain such further information, and be in such form and be subject to such conditions as to verification and otherwise, as may be prescribed.

(3) Every such return shall be delivered to the prescribed officer or posted to his address within seven days after the end of the month to which it relates.

4. Power to inspect mills and take copies of records.—(1) Any officer authorised by the ²[Provincial Government] by order in writing in this behalf shall have free access at all reasonable times during working hours to any mill and may at any time, with or without notice to the owner, examine and take copies of, or extracts from, the records of the mill for the purpose of testing the accuracy of any return made under section 3, or of informing himself as to any particulars regarding which information is required for the purposes of this Act or any rules made thereunder:

¹ Subs. by Ordinance 21 of 1960, s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for the original sub-section (2), as amended by A.O., 1949.

² Subs. by A.O., 1937, for "L.G."