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LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — A

GUYANA

ACT No. 19 of 2024

ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2024

I assent.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali,
President.
27th December, 2024

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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AN ACT to amend the Acquisition of Lands for Public Purposes Act.

A.D.2024

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.
Cap. 62:05

1. This Act, which amends the Acquisition of Lands for Public Purposes Act, may be cited as the Acquisition of Lands for Public Purposes (Amendment) Act 2024.

Amendment of section 7 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 7 (1) of the Principal Act is amended as follows-

(a) by inserting immediately before the word "payment" the word "prompt";

(b) by inserting immediately before the word "compensation" the word "adequate"; and

(c) by inserting after the word "provided" the words ", but without prejudice to the State's right to vacant possession of the land".

Amendment of section 12 of the Principal Act.

3. Section 12(1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "Companies Clauses and Powers Consolidated Ordinance, 1846" the words "Arbitration Act 2024".

Amendment of section 24A of the Principal Act.

4. Section 24A of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for that section the following-

"Advance payment.

24A. (1) Where any land is acquired under this Act the Minister shall promptly lodge with the Registrar, by *ex parte* application to the Court, an advance payment of eighty percent of an amount equal to the purchase money or adequate compensation as estimated by the Minister to be payable under this Act, and any person lawfully

entitled and duly authorised may make an application to the Court for payment of the said sum.

(2) Where an advance payment is made on the basis of an estimate under subsection (1) and the amount of that payment exceeds the purchase money or adequate compensation as finally agreed or determined, the excess shall be refunded.

(3) Where the land is the subject of a mortgage or any other similar registered encumbrance the Minister shall pay such advance payment as would be required for securing the release of the interest of the mortgagee or the creditor in that land.

(4) An advance payment on account of adequate compensation in respect of land which is the subject of settlement or trust whether express or otherwise, shall be made to the persons entitled to give a discharge for capital money and shall be held and treated as capital money arising under settlement or trust.".

Passed by the National Assembly on the 18th December, 2024.

S.E. Isaacs.A.A,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

(BILL No. 16/2024)