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### Tamil Nadu Bills

#### BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Under Rule 130 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules, the following Bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu on 12th September 2011 is published together with Statement of Objects and Reasons for general information:—

#### L.A. Bill No. 21 of 2011

#### *A Bill to Repeal the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Council Act, 2009.*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Council (Repeal) Act, 2011.

Short title and  
commence-  
ment.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Tamil Nadu  
Act  
19 of 2009.

2. The Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Council Act, 2009 is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

To regulate agricultural practice and to provide for the establishment of Agricultural Council and the maintenance of register of persons of having qualification of Agriculture or Horticulture and for matters connected therewith, the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Council Act, 2009 (Tamil Nadu Act 19 of 2009) was enacted. But the farmers' representatives and Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly expressed reservation against the said Act as detailed below:—

Any advice regarding the Organic Farming can be given only by the members of the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Council. The said Act will prevent the activities of sharing or advising to the farmers by the people who have traditional knowledge and by the Non-Governmental Organisations. The said Act will not allow the peoples' right over seeds and sharing of the traditional knowledge between the farming community. In our State those who qualify in Agriculture or Horticulture do not practice the same or take up farming activities, as in the case of those who qualify in Medicine or Law. Only traditional farmers do the farming activities. Hence, it is natural among the farmers to share their knowledge. The said Act will prevent these activities of the farmers. The said Act will not include farmers who do not possess agricultural qualification or their representatives in the above Council. Ultimately the said Act will prevent natural way of farming, the independence of farming community and the education of agriculture will rest in the hands of private entrepreneurs.

2. It has, therefore, been considered necessary to repeal the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Council Act, 2009 (Tamil Nadu Act 19 of 2009). The Government have decided to undertake a legislation for the purpose.

3. The Bill seeks to give effect to the above decision.

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