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ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS ETC.,

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly which was reserved by the Governor on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 for the consideration and assent of the President, on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1999 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1999 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information:-

ACT No.16 OF 1999

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION ACT, 1908  
IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Fiftieth Year of the Republic of India as follows :

Short title, Extent and Commencement	1. (1) This Act may be called the Registration (Andhra Pradesh Second Amendment)Act, 1999. (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh. (3) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 31 <sup>st</sup> December,1998.
Amendment of Section2. Central Act 16 of 1908.	2. In the Registration Act, 1908, as in force the State of Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub Section (2) of section 2, after the words "includes a portion of book", the words "and the information storage devices like floppy disk, hard disk, compact disk" shall be added.
Amendment of Section 16.	3.In section 16 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-  "The State Government shall provide for the office of every Registering Officer the books and also the information processing and storage devices like computer and scanners alongwith the software prescribed by the Inspector General, from time to time necessary for purpose of this Act".
Amendment of Section 51	4.In section 51 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in the opening portion, for the words "The following books" the words "The following books and the information storage devices as specified in sub-section (1) of the section 16" shall be substituted.

Amendment  
of section 61.

5. In section 61 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that the copying of the items referred to above may be done using electronic devices like scanner.”

6. After part-XI of the principal Act Insertion of the following part-XI -A shall be inserted, Art.XI-A; namely:-

**“PART XI –A”**

**REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS BY MEANS OF  
ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

Application  
of this part

70-A (1) This part shall apply to the areas only in respect of which a notification is issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh under section 70-B.

Documents  
scanned by  
Electronic  
Devices in areas  
Notified by the  
Government

70-B (1) The Government of Andhra Pradesh may, by notification, in the official Gazette, direct that in any office as may be specified therein, the process of registration of any category or categories of documents may be completed and copying done with the help of the electronic devices like computers, scanners and the Compact disks and copies preserved on such devices and retrieved when required.

(2) Notwithstanding any thing contained in this Act or any other Law for the time being in force, a copy of any document registered and scanned using the electronic devices and certified or attested by the Registering Officer in-charge of the office shall also be received in evidence of any transaction as is described in the said document.

Saving

70-C. Nothing in this shall apply:-

- (i) to any document which in the opinion of Registration Officer is not in a condition fit to be processed by means of electronic devices;
- (ii) in the case of unforeseen eventuality like break down of the computerized system of registration;

Provided that the Registering Officer shall record the reasons in writing therefore;

Provided further that the Registering Officer shall ensure that the data and images of the documents registered during the period of non-application of this part, due to a breakdown of the computerized system, are duly incorporated into the computer system, after the same is restored, in the manner prescribed by the Inspector General of Registration.

Amendment of  
Section 89.

7. In Section 89 of the principal Act, after the words "shall file the copy in his Book No.1" wherever they occur, the words "or get scanned" shall be added.

Repeal of  
Ordinance  
10 of 1998.

8. The registration (Andhra Pradesh Amendment) Ordinance, 1998 is hereby repealed.

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