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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

No. XVI-PLA/LAS/REF/2026.

Puducherry, dated 28th August 2026.

In pursuance of rule 140 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Puducherry Legislative Assembly, 1966, the following Bill viz.,

1. The Puducherry Prevention of Anti-Social Activities (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 7 of 2026).

which was introduced and passed in the Legislative Assembly on the 28th August, 2026, is hereby published for general information.

J. DAYALANE,
Secretary.

THE PUDUCHERRY PREVENTION OF
ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

(Bill No. 07 of 2026)

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BILL

**further to amend the Puducherry Prevention of
Anti-Social Activities Act, 2008.**

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of
Puducherry in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic
of India as follows:—

Short title,
extent and
commencement. 1. (1) This Act may be called the Puducherry
Prevention of Anti-Social Activities (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Union
territory of Puducherry.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the
Government may, by Notification in the Official Gazette,
appoint.

Amendment of
section 2. 2. (i) In section 2 of the Puducherry Prevention
of Anti-Social Activities Act, 2008 (hereinafter referred
to as “the Principal Act”), in clause (a), after the words
“property grabber”, the words “a dangerous person”
“a cyber law offender, a drug offender, an immoral traffic
offender, a sand offender, a sexual offender, a video
pirate or a lottery offender,” shall be inserted.

(ii) In the said section, after the existing clause (b),
the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ba) “cyber law offender” means, a person
who commits or attempts to commit or abets the
commission of any offence, punishable under
Chapter-XI of the Information Technology Act, 2000
(Central Act 21 of 2000).”

(iii) In the said section, for the existing clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) “dangerous person” means, a person, who either by himself or as a member of or leader of a gang, habitually commits or attempts to commit or abets, the commission of offences, punishable under Chapter-V or Chapter-VI or Chapter-XVII or Chapter-XIX of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Act 45 of 2023) or Chapter-XI of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Central Act 21 of 2000) and includes a person who is hired to commit or abet or attempt to commit any such offences and includes any person involved in anti-social activities as defined in clause (a) of section 2 of this Act.”

(iv) In the said section, after the existing clause (e), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ea) “drug offender” means, a person who manufactures, stocks, imports, exports, sells or distributes any drug or cultivates any plant or does any other thing in contravention of any of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (Central Act XXIII of 1940) or the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Central Act 61 of 1985) and the Rules, Notification and Orders made under either Act, or in contravention of any other law for the time being in force, or who knowingly expends or applies any money in furtherance or support of doing of any of the above-mentioned things by or through any other person, or who abets in any other manner the doing of any such things.”

(v) In the said section, after the existing clause (i), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ia) “immoral traffic offender” means, a person who commits or abets the commission of any offence under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (Central Act 104 of 1956).

(ib) “lottery offender” means, any person who acts as an agent or promoter or trader in any lottery organised, conducted or promoted in contravention of the provisions of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 or sells, distributes or purchases the ticket of lottery in contravention of the provisions of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998.”

(vi) In the said section, after the existing clause (j), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ja) “sand offender” means, a person who commits or attempts to commit or abets the commission of offences of excavation or transportation in respect of ordinary sand punishable under section 303 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Act 45 of 2023) or Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957).

“(jb) “sexual offender” means, a person who commits or attempts to commit or abets the commission of any offence punishable under sections 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Act 45 of 2023) or the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Central Act 32 of 2012).”

(vii) In the said section, after the existing clause (k), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1) “video pirate” means, a person who commits or attempts to commit or abets the commission of offences of infringement of copy right in relation to a cinematograph film or a record embodying any part of sound track associated with the film, and is punishable under the Copy Rights Act, 1957 (Central Act XIV of 1957) and the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (Act No. 37 of 1957).”

3. In the Principal Act, after section 18, ^{Inclusion of new section 19.} the following new section shall be added, namely:—

“19. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the existing Central Acts such as, the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 which deal with cyber law offender, immoral traffic offender and sexual offenders.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Police Department, Puducherry has constantly come across several offenders, who are involved in the offences such as, Cyber offences, Drug offences, Immoral Traffic offences, Sand Theft offences, Sexual offences, Video Piracy and Lottery offences. The abovesaid offences are currently not under the ambit of “The Puducherry Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, 2008 (Act No. 10 of 2010)” and it has no specific definitions to include the said offences. Hence, it is imperative to include the Offenders, who are involved in committing the offences such as the Cyber offences, Drug offences, Immoral Traffic offences, Sand Theft offences, Sexual offences, Video Piracy and Lottery offences in “The Puducherry Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, 2008”. It is therefore become necessary to undertake a comprehensive amendment to the current legislation to prevent such offences and to control and prohibit the criminal activities to maintain peace and order and eradicate social evils such as, the lottery racket, cyber crime, drug abuse, sexual offences and illegal sand mining from the society.

The present Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

A. NAMASSIVAYAM,
Home Minister.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

It is stated that there is no financial implication in the matter of amendment to the Puducherry Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act, 2008.
