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The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 10th September, 2004, and is hereby published for general information:-

THE FINANCE (No. 2) ACT, 2004

No. 23 of 2004

[10th September, 2004]

An Act to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 2004-05.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER 1

Preliminary

1. (1) This Act may be called the Finance (No.2) Act, 2004.
- (2) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, section 2 to 65 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2004.

CHAPTER VIII

117. In the Indian Stamp Act, 1899,-

- (i) in section 2, after clause (25), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

'(26) "Stamp means any mark, seal or endorsement by any agency or person duly authorised by the State Government, and includes an adhesive or impressed stamp, for purposes of duty chargeable under this Act.';

- (ii) in section 9, in sub-section (1), in clause (b), after the words "consolidation of duties", the words "of policies of insurance and" shall be inserted;

- (iii) in Schedule I, in Article No. 53, in the first column, for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.