(g) in section 87, in sub-section (2), clauses (r), (s) and (t) shall be omitted.

Amendment of Act 27 of 2008.

- 170. In the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008,—
- (a) in the long title, the words "and also to establish Appellate Tribunal to adjudicate disputes and dispose of appeals" shall be omitted;
 - (b) in section 2, for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—
 - '(*d*) "Appellate Tribunal" means the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal referred to in section 17;';
 - (c) in section 17,—
 - (i) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

"APPELLATE TRIBUNAL"

(ii) for the portion beginning with the words "The Central Government" and ending with words "Appellate Tribunal", the words and figures "The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal established under section 14 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 shall, on and from the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, be the Appellate Tribunal for the purposes of this Act and the said Appellate Tribunal shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers and authority conferred on it by or under this Act" shall be substituted:

24 of 1997.

- (d) sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 shall be omitted;
- (e) in section 51, in sub-section (2), clauses (i), (j) and (k) shall be omitted.

H.—AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPETITION ACT, 2002 AND THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013.

Amendment of Act 12 of 2003.

- **171.** In the Competition Act, 2002,—
- (a) in section 2, for clause (ba), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—
 - '(ba) "Appellate Tribunal" means the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal referred to in sub-section (1) of section 53A;';
- (b) in Chapter VIIIA, for the heading, the following heading shall be substituted, namely:—

"APPELLATE TRIBUNAL";

(c) for section 53A, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Appellate Tribunal.

- "53A. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal constituted under section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013 shall, on and from the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, be the Appellate Tribunal for the purposes of this Act and the said Appellate Tribunal shall—
 - (a) hear and dispose of appeals against any direction issued or decision made or order passed by the Commission under sub-sections (2) and (6) of section 26, section 27, section 28, section 31, section 32, section 33, section 38, section 39, section 43, section 43A, section 44, section 45 or section 46 of this Act; and
 - (b) adjudicate on claim for compensation that may arise from the findings of the Commission or the orders of the Appellate Tribunal in an appeal against any finding of the Commission or under section 42A or under sub-section (2) of section 53Q of this Act, and pass orders for the recovery of compensation under section 53N of this Act.";

18 of 2013.

(*d*) sections 53C, 53D, 53E, 53F, 53G, 53H, 53-I, 53J, 53K, 53L, 53M and 53R shall be omitted;

(e) in section 63, in sub-section (2), clauses (mb), (mc) and (md) shall be omitted.

172. In the Companies Act, 2013,—

(a) in section 410, for the words "for hearing appeals against the orders of the Tribunal", the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Amendment of Act 18 of 2013.

"for hearing appeals against,—

(a) the order of the Tribunal under this Act; and

(b) any direction, decision or order referred to in section 53N of the Competition Act, 2002 in accordance with the provisions of that Act.";

(b) after section 417, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

"417A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and other Members of the Appellate Tribunal appointed after the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall be governed by the provisions of section 184 of that Act:

Qualifications, terms and conditions of service of Chairperson and Member.

Provided that the Chairperson and Member appointed before the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder as if the provisions of section 184 of the Finance Act, 2017 had not come into force.".

I.—AMENDMENT TO THE CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1952

173. In the Cinematograph Act, 1952, after section 5D, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of Act 37 of 1952.

"5E. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairman and other members of the Appellate Tribunal appointed after the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall be governed by the provisions of section 184 of that Act:

Qualifications, terms and conditions of service of Chairman and Member.

Provided that the Chairman and member appointed before the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder as if the provisions of section 184 of the Finance Act, 2017 had not come into force."

J.—AMENDMENTS TO THE INCOME- TAX ACT, 1961

174. In the Income Tax Act, 1962,—

(a) after section 245-O, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of Act 43 of 1961.

"245-OA. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Members of the Authority appointed after the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall be governed by the provisions of section 184 of that Act:

Qualifications, terms and conditions of service of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Member.

Provided that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Member appointed before the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act and the rules made

12 of 2003.

P.—AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

Amendment of Act 36 of 2003.

Qualifications, terms and conditions of service of Chairperson and Member. **180.** In the Electricity Act, 2003, after section 47, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

"117A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and other Members of the Appellate Tribunal appointed after the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall be governed by the provisions of section 184 of that Act:

Provided that the Chairperson and Member appointed before the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act, and the rules made thereunder as if the provisions of section 184 of the Finance Act, 2017 had not come into force."

Q.—AMENDMENT TO THE ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL ACT, 2007

Amendment of Act 55 of 2007.

Qualifications, terms and conditions of service of Chairperson and Member. **181.** In the Armed Force Tribunal Act, 2007, after section 9, the following section shall be inserted, namely: —

"9A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and other Members of the Appellate Tribunal appointed after the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall be governed by the provisions of section 184 of that Act:

Provided that the Chairperson and Member appointed before the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act, and the rules made thereunder as if the provisions of section 184 of the Finance Act, 2017 had not come into force."

R.—AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL ACT, 2010

Amendment of Act 19 of 2010.

Qualifications, terms and conditions of service of Chairperson, Judicial Member and Expert Member. **182.** In the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, after section 10, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

"10A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson, Judicial Member and Expert Member of the Tribunal appointed after the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall be governed by the provisions of section 184 of that Act:

Provided that the Chairperson, Judicial Member and Expert Member appointed before the commencement of Part XIV of Chapter VI of the Finance Act, 2017, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act, and the rules made thereunder as if the provisions of section 184 of the Finance Act, 2017 had not come into force."

S.—CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF TRIBUNALS, APPELLATE TRIBUNALS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

Application of section 184.

183. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the provisions of the Acts specified in column (3) of the Eighth Schedule, on and from the appointed day, provisions of section 184 shall apply to the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or Member of the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or, as the case may be, other Authorities as specified in column (2) of the said Schedule:

Provided that the provisions of section 184 shall not apply to the Chairperson, Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or, as the case may be, Member holding such office as such immediately before the appointed day.

184. (1) The Central Government may, by notification, make rules to provide for qualifications, appointment, term of office, salaries and allowances, resignation, removal and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or Member of the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or, as the case may be, other Authorities as specified in column (2) of the Eighth Schedule:

Provided that the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or Member of the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authority shall hold office for such term as specified in the rules made by the Central Government but not exceeding five years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for reappointment:

Provided further that no Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or Member shall hold office as such after he has attained such age as specified in the rules made by the Central Government which shall not exceed,—

- (a) in the case of Chairperson, Chairman or President, the age of seventy years;
- (b) in the case of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chairman, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or any other Member, the age of sixty-seven years:
- (2) Neither the salary and allowances nor the other terms and conditions of service of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, President, Vice-President, Presiding Officer or Member of the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or, as the case may be, other Authority may be varied to his disadvantage after his appointment.

T.—MISCELLANEOUS

- **185.** (1) Any person appointed as the Chairperson or Chairman, President or Vice-Chairperson or Vice-Chairman, Vice-President or Presiding Officer or Member of the Tribunals, Appellate Tribunals, or as the case may be, other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule and holding office as such immediately before the appointed day, shall on and from the appointed day, cease to hold such office and such Chairperson or Chairman, President, Vice-Chairperson or Vice-Chairman, Vice-President or Presiding officer or Member shall be entitled to claim compensation not exceeding three months' pay and allowances for the premature termination of term of their office or of any contract of service.
- (2) The officers and other employees of the Tribunals, Appellate Tribunals and other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule appointed on deputation, before the appointed day, shall, on and from the appointed day, stand reverted to their parent cadre, Ministry or Department.
- (3) Every officer or other employee of the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal and other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule employed on regular basis, by such Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities shall become, on and from the appointed day, the officer and other employee, of the corresponding Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (3) of the said Schedule with same rights and privileges as to pension, gratuity and other like benefits as would have been admissible to him if he had continued to serve the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (2) of the said Schedule until his employment is duly terminated or until his remuneration, terms and conditions of employment are duly altered by such corresponding Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities, as the case may be, specified in column (3) of the Ninth Schedule or until the expiry of a period of one year from the appointed day if such officer or other employee opts not to continue to be the officer or other employee of such Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities within such period.
- (4) Any appeal, application or proceeding pending before the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule, before the appointed day, shall stand transferred to the corresponding Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or

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Transitional provisions.

other Authorities specified in column (3) of the said Schedule and the said Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authority shall, on and from the appointed day, deal with *de novo* or from the stage at which such appeal, application or proceeding stood before the date of their transfer and shall dispose them in accordance with the provisions of the Act specified in column (2) of the said Schedule.

- (5) The balance of all monies received by, or advanced to the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule and not spent by it before the appointed day, shall, on and from the appointed day, stand transferred to an vest in the Central Government which shall be utilised for the purposes stated in sub-section (7).
- (6) All property of whatever kind owned by, or vested in, the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule before the appointed day, shall stand transferred to, on and from the appointed day, and shall vest in the Central Government.
- (7) All liabilities and obligations of whatever kind incurred by the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule and subsisting immediately before the appointed day, shall, on and from the appointed day, be deemed to be the liabilities or obligations, as the case may be, of the corresponding Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (3) of the Ninth Schedule; and any proceeding or cause of action, pending or existing immediately before the appointed day by or against the Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authorities specified in column (2) of the Ninth Schedule in relation to such liability or obligation may, on and from the appointed day, be continued or enforced by or against the corresponding Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal or other Authority specified in column (3) of the Ninth Schedule.

General Power to make rules. **186.** Without prejudice to any other power to make rules contained elsewhere in this Part, the Central Government may, by notification, make rules generally to carry out the provisions of this Part.

Power to amend Eighth Schedule.

- **187.** (*I*) If the Central Government is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may by notification published in the Official Gazette, amend the Eighth Schedule and thereupon the said Schedule shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly.
- (2) A copy of every notification issued under sub-section (I) shall be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as may be after it is issued.

Rules to be laid before Parliament. **188.** Every rule made under this Part shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

Removal of difficulties.

- **189.** (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Part, the Central Government, may by general or special order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Part as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.
- (2) No order under sub-section (I) shall be made after the expiry of three years from the appointed day.
- (3) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before each Houses of Parliament.'.

THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE

[See sections 183 and 184]

S.No.	Tribunal/Appellate Tribunal/Board/Authority	Acts
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Industrial Tribunal constituted by the Central Government.	The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (14 of 1947)
2.	Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal	The Income -Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961)
3.	Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal	The Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962)
4.	Appellate Tribunal.	The Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act, 1976 (13 of 1976)
5.	Central Administrative Tribunal	The Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 (13 of 1985)
6.	Railway Claims Tribunal	The Railway Claims Tribunal Act, 1987 (54 of 1987)
7.	Securities Appellate Tribunal	The Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992)
8.	Debts Recovery Tribunal	The Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 (51 of 1993)
9.	Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal	The Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 (51 of 1993)
10.	Airport Appellate Tribunal	The Airport Authority of India Act, 1994 (55 of 1994)
11.	Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal	The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 (24 of 1997)
12.	Appellate Board	The Trade Marks Act, 1999 (47 of 1999)
13.	National Company Law Appellate Tribunal	The Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013)

(1)	(2)	(3)
14.	Authority for Advance Ruling	The Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961)
15.	Film Certification Appellate Tribunal	The Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952)
16.	National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission	The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (68 of 1986)
17.	Appellate Tribunal for Electricity	The Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003)
18	Armed Forces Tribunal	The Armed Forces Act, 2007 (55 of 2007)
19.	National Green Tribunal	The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (19 of 2010).

THE NINTH SCHEDULE

[See section 185]

	[See section 103]	
Sl. No.	Tribunal/Appellate Tribunal under the Acts	Tribunal/ Appellate Tribunal/ Authority to exercise the jurisdiction under the Acts.
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	The Employees Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal under the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.	The Industrial Tribunal constituted by the Central Government under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
2.	The Copyright Board under the Copyright Act, 1957.	The Intellectual Property Appellate Board under the Trade Marks Act, 1999.
3.	The Railway Rates Tribunal under the Railways Act, 1989.	The Railway Claims Tribunal under the Railway Claims Tribunal Act, 1987.
4.	The Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.	The Appellate Tribunal under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act, 1976.
5.	The National Highways Tribunal under the Control of National Highways (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002.	The Airport Appellate Tribunal under the Airport Authority of India Act, 1994.
6.	(A) The Cyber Appellate Tribunal under the Information Technology Act, 2000.	The Telecom Disputes
	(B) The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Appellate Tribunal under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008.	Settlement and Appellate Tribunal under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.
7.	The Competition Appellate Tribunal under the Competition Act, 2002.	The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal under the Companies Act, 2013.".

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