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PREFACE

Apprenticeship means any system by which an employer undertakes to contract to train a person or have him trained systematically for a period the duration of which has been fixed in advanced and in the course of which the person is bound to work in the employer's service.

The apprentice Act in India was enacted in 1961. it was subsequently amended in 1973 and 1986 so as to enlarge its scope and coverage. Under the Act, it is obligatory on the part of employers both in Public and Private Sector establishments having requisite training infrastructure as laid as laid down in the Act to engage apprentices. Currently 254 groups of industries are covered under the Act. About 17,800 establishments engage apprentices.