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India to remove 287 'laughable' laws

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141010-laws-4.html>

India's government will cancel 287 out-of-date laws that date back to British rule in the 19th century. India's Law Minister is cleaning up India's legal system. The Prime Minister told him to streamline laws to make it easier to live and do business in India. India has hundreds of strange laws introduced by the British. Some laws are "laughable" and have "no place in a modern and democratic India". India will still have many laws that get in the way of business.

The laws will go in November. It will then be legal to fly a kite without police permission. A 1934 law said a kite was an aircraft. Factory owners will no longer have to have red buckets of water and sand for fires. Another strange law to go is the Motor Vehicles Act. This says a safety inspector must have clean teeth. The end of the Registration of Foreigners' Act means foreigners can move freely. This should boost India's tourism industry.

Sources: <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-wields-the-axe-on-her-majesty-s-laughable-laws/article1-1272727.aspx>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. cancel 287 out- | a. by the British |
| 2. cleaning up | b. the way of business |
| 3. streamline laws to make | c. India's legal system |
| 4. strange laws introduced | d. of-date laws |
| 5. no place in a modern | e. it easier to live |
| 6. laws that get in | f. and democratic India |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It will then be legal to fly | a. freely |
| 2. without police | b. inspector |
| 3. buckets of water and sand | c. permission |
| 4. safety | d. tourism industry |
| 5. foreigners can move | e. for fires |
| 6. boost India's | f. a kite |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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India's government will cancel (1) _____ that date back to British rule in the 19th century. India's Law Minister (2) _____ India's legal system. The Prime Minister told him to streamline laws to make it easier (3) _____ business in India. India has hundreds (4) _____ introduced by the British. Some laws are "laughable" and (5) _____ a modern and democratic India". India will still have many laws (6) _____ business.

The laws will go in November. It will (7) _____ fly a kite without police permission. A 1934 law said a kite was an aircraft. Factory owners (8) _____ to have red buckets of water and sand for fires. Another strange (9) _____ Motor Vehicles Act. This says (10) _____ must have clean teeth. The end of the Registration of Foreigners' Act means foreigners (11) _____. This should boost India's (12) _____.

LAWS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about laws in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

