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India to remove 287 'laughable' laws

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141010-laws-5.html>

India's government will scrap 287 out-of-date laws that date back to British rule in the 19th century. India's Law Minister Ravi Prasad is responsible for the "clean-up" of India's legal system. Prime Minister Narendra Modi told him to streamline laws and make India an easier place to live and do business in. India's legal system has hundreds of strange laws introduced by the British. Mr Prasad said some laws are "laughable" and have "no place in a modern and democratic India". Even without the 287 laws, India will still have thousands of regulations that get in the way of business.

The laws will be removed in November. It will then not be illegal to fly a kite without police permission. A 1934 law said a kite was an aircraft. One law that irritates factory owners requires them to have red buckets of water and sand, even if their buildings have modern sprinkler systems for fires. Another oddity to go is the Motor Vehicles Act, that says a safety inspector must have clean teeth. The Registration of Foreigners' Act, which makes foreigners staying in India for more than 180 days report his/her movements, is also going. This should give a boost to 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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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-29516976>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141010-laws-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. India's government will scrap | a. system |
| 2. date back | b. democratic India |
| 3. responsible | c. and do business in |
| 4. India's legal | d. 287 out-of-date laws |
| 5. Narendra Modi told him to | e. for the "clean-up" |
| 6. an easier place to live | f. in the way of business |
| 7. a modern and | g. streamline laws |
| 8. regulations that get | h. to British rule |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. illegal to fly | a. more than 180 days |
| 2. without police | b. factory owners |
| 3. One law that irritates | c. to go |
| 4. modern sprinkler | d. a kite |
| 5. Another oddity | e. to India's tourism industry |
| 6. foreigners staying in India for | f. permission |
| 7. report his/her | g. systems |
| 8. give a boost | h. movements |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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India's government will scrap 287 (1) _____ date back to British rule (2) _____. India's Law Minister Ravi Prasad is responsible for the "clean-up" of (3) _____. Prime Minister Narendra Modi told him to streamline laws and make India an easier place to live (4) _____. India's legal system has hundreds of strange laws introduced by the British. Mr Prasad said some laws are "laughable" and have " (5) _____ and democratic India". Even without the 287 laws, India will still have thousands (6) _____ in the way of business.

The laws will be removed in November. It will (7) _____ to fly a kite without police permission. A 1934 law said a kite was an aircraft. One law that irritates factory owners (8) _____ have red buckets of water and sand, even if their buildings (9) _____ systems for fires. Another oddity to go is the Motor Vehicles Act, that says a (10) _____ have clean teeth. The Registration of Foreigners' Act, which makes foreigners staying in India (11) _____ 180 days report his/her movements, is also going. This (12) _____ to India's tourism industry.

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)

