**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 41 of 2025**

**THE POLICE ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*further to amend the Police Order 2002.*

It is necessary further to amend the Police Order 2002 (C.E. Order No.22 of 2002) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1.** **Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Police Order (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2.** **Omission of Article 18B** **in Order No.22 of 2002.**–In the Police Order 2002 (C.E. Order No.22 of 2002), hereinafter referred to as ‘the Order’, Article 18B shall be omitted.

**3. Insertion of** **Article 18C in Order No.22 of 2002**.– In the Order, after Article 18B, as omitted, the following shall be inserted:

“**18C. Crime Control Department**.- (1) There shall be a Crime Control Department to register and investigate the crimes provided in the Fourth Schedule.

* + 1. A specialized cadre with the name of Crime Control Force shall be raised and maintained in the Crime Control Department having its Headquarters, Regions, Districts and Sub-Divisions comprising of Police Stations and Specialized Units or Wings.
    2. The Crime Control Department shall be headed by the Additional Inspector General of Police who shall be responsible for its administration.
    3. The Head of the Crime Control Department shall be assisted by such number of Deputy Inspectors General of Police, Senior Superintendents of Police, Superintendents of Police and Assistant/Deputy Superintendents of Police and such other staff as the Government may notify from time to time.
    4. The Head of the Crime Control Department may delegate any of his functions to his subordinate officers.
    5. The Regional, District and Sub-Divisional Offices, and Police Stations of the Crime Control Department shall be headed by such Officers as the Government may notify from time to time.
    6. The Crime Control Department Police Stations shall be established in every District and the Officers In-charge of such Police Stations shall act under the Code regarding the cases registered in Crime Control Department Police Stations or transferred to it.

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article 18A of this Order, the investigation of the cases registered by District Police, may be transferred to the Crime Control Department in the following manner:
   1. Provincial Police Officer may transfer any case to the Crime Control Department for investigation; or
   2. Provincial Police Officer, on the request of the Head of the Crime Control Department, may transfer any case to the Crime Control Department; or
   3. on the requisition of the Crime Control Department, investigation of cases as mentioned in sub-article (7) shall be transferred from District Police to the Crime Control Department within three days and case file, case property, arrested accused person, if any, along with relevant record shall be handed over to the concerned Police Station of the Crime Control Department:

Provided that the procedure for transfer of cases mentioned in this clause shall be governed as per the criteria provided by standing orders issued from time to time by the Provincial Police Officer.

1. Transfer of investigation within the Crime Control Department shall be made in the following manner:
   1. within seven working days of the filing of an application, the District Officer, Crime Control Department, after obtaining the opinion of District Standing Board and for reasons to be recorded in writing, may transfer the investigation of a case from one investigation officer to any other investigation officer or a team of investigation officers of a rank equal to or higher than the rank of previous investigation officer.
   2. if the District Officer, Crime Control Department has decided an application for transfer of investigation, the Regional Officer, Crime Control Department may, within seven working days of the filing of an application, after obtaining opinion of the Regional Standing Board and for reasons to be recorded in writing, transfer investigation of a case from the investigation officer or a team of investigation officers to any other investigation officer or a team of investigation officers of a rank equal to or higher than the rank of previous investigation officer or officers.
   3. if the Regional Officer, Crime Control Department has decided an application for transfer of an investigation, the Head of the Crime Control Department may, after obtaining opinion of a Standing Review Board, transfer investigation of a case to an investigation officer or a team of investigation officers of a rank equal to or higher than the rank of the previous investigation officer or officers.

**Explanation**: for the purpose of this Article, District Standing Board, Regional Standing Board and Standing Review Board mean Boards constituted by Head of the Crime Control Department from time to time.

1. Head of the Crime Control Department or any officer designated by him may call for record or any other document within a specified time from a law enforcement agency and any other Department of the Government or agency, as may be necessary, for the purposes of investigation.
2. A person against whom reports under section 173 of the Code have been submitted, in more than two cases, to the court for trial, may be e-tagged for surveillance.
3. The Head of the Crime Control Department may issue standing orders from time to time for direction, control, administration, training or establishment of special units and wings for the efficient functioning of the Crime Control Department.
4. All cases pending with the Organized Crime Unit, established under erstwhile Article 18B, shall stand transferred to the Crime Control Department on the commencement of this Act.
5. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Article of this Order, if any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Article, the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, issue such directions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Order as it may consider necessary to remove such difficulty.”.

**4. Insertion of section 186A in Order No.22 of 2002**.- In the Order, after section 186, the following shall be inserted:

“**186A. Power to amend Fourth Schedule**.- The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, amend the Fourth Schedule.”.

**5. Addition of Fourth Schedule in Order No.22 of 2002**.- In the Order, after Third Schedule, the following shall be added:

**“FOURTH SCHEDULE**

[see Article18C]

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| **Sr. No.** | **Heads of Crime** |
|  | Dacoity. |
|  | Robbery. |
|  | Dacoity or robbery with murder. |
|  | Dacoity or robbery with rape. |
|  | Rape or sodomy. |
|  | Kidnapping or abduction. |
|  | Kidnapping for ransom. |
|  | Extortion. |
|  | Murder or attempt to murder. |
|  | Assault on police. |
|  | Motor vehicle snatching or theft. |
|  | Burglary. |
|  | Theft. |
|  | Narcotics. |
|  | Crimes related to arms or ammunition. |
|  | Criminal or house trespass by land grabber. |
|  | Serious or organized crime committed by using modern devices. |
|  | Any other case related to serious or organized crime.”. |

**6. Repeal.**–The Police Order (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 (II of 2025) is hereby repealed.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Punjab Police is a professional organization, it is imperative to develop the enhanced organizational response to combat serious and organized crimes and ensure safety of people’s life and property. It is necessary to establish Crime Control Department in each District to deal effectively with crimes such as dacoity, robbery, dacoity or robbery with murder, dacoity or robbery with rape, rape or sodomy, kidnapping or abduction, kidnapping for ransom, extortion, assault on police etc as serious and organized crimes alarming the public and to monitor the offenders involved in such like heinous crimes, to manage the offenders released from prisons and to arrest the proclaimed offenders of above crimes. Hence this Bill.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**April 16, 2025 Secretary General**