

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 01 of 2025

THE PUNJAB ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

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Bill

further to amend the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2019.

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2019 (XVII of 2019) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

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

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) This Act shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 11 of Act XVII of 2019.- In the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2019 (XVII of 2019), hereinafter referred to as 'the Act', in section 11, in subsection (1), after clause (b), the following shall be inserted:

“(c) mediator judge to be nominated by the Lahore High Court;”.

3. Amendment of section 21 of Act XVII of 2019.- In the Act, in section 21, in subsection (1), in clause (e), for the expression “recommended by the Chief Justice, Lahore High Court”, the following shall be substituted:

“, out of which expert from Law shall be nominated by the Chief Justice, Lahore High Court while other experts shall be nominated by the Chief Minister”.

4. Amendment of section 21-A of Act XVII of 2019.- In the Act, in section 21-A:

(a) for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

“(1) The Chief Minister shall appoint Director General of the Authority from amongst the officers of Pakistan Administrative Service, retired in BPS 20 or above, or from amongst the retired District and Sessions Judges, for a period of two years.”; and

(b) in subsection (2), the following expression shall be omitted:

“, but such perks and privileges shall not be less than those which had lastly been drawn by the incumbent at the time of his retirement”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Accreditation of ADR service providers and ADR centers under the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2019 is necessary for effective and meaningful implementation of the Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism in the Province of the Punjab to enabling litigants to have access to the mediation for out of court settlement of their disputes under the Act *ibid*.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
January 10, 2025

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Secretary General