**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 78 of 2025**

**THE PUNJAB ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*to amend the Punjab Road Safety Authority Act 2023.*

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Road Safety Authority Act 2023 (XIII of 2023) for the purposes herein after 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 Punjab Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

1. **Amendment of section 6 of Act XIII of 2023**.- In the Punjab Road Safety Authority Act 2023 (XIII of 2023), hereinafter referred to as ‘the Act’, in section 6, after clause (j), the following shall be inserted:

“(jj) approve its budget;”.

1. **Substitution of Section 14 of Act XIII of 2023.-** In the Act, for the following section 14, the following shall be substituted:

“**14. Appointments**.-Authority may appoint such employees, experts, or consultants and other staff in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be specified, and until so specified, as may be determined by the authority.”.

1. **Amendment of section 21 of Act XIII of 2023**.- In the Act, in section 21, in clause (d), after the words “annual report”, the word “and budget” shall be inserted.

**5**. **Amendment of section 22 of Act XIII of 2023**.- In the Act, after section 22, the following shall be inserted:

“**22-A. Fund of the Authority**.- (1) There shall be a Fund to be known as the Punjab Road Safety Authority Fund which shall vest in the Authority and be utilized by the Authority to perform its functions and meet its expenses including payment of salaries and other remuneration to its officers, employees, experts, advisers and consultants in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(2) The Fund shall consist of:

1. funds provided by the Government;
2. loans and grants by the Government or the Federal Government;
3. all moneys received from the Federal Government, Government and their bodies, local government, or any national or international agency by way of grants, loans, advances or otherwise, with the sanction of and on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Government;
4. all moneys received by the Authority from the disposal of its lands, buildings and other moveable and immovable properties; and
5. all other sums received by the Authority.

(3) The Authority may raise funds through issuance of Government securities with the approval of the Government.

(4) The Authority shall open and maintain its accounts in such scheduled banks as may be prescribed in the regulations and until so prescribed as the Authority may determine.

**22-B. Budget and accounts**.-(1) The Director General shall prepare the budget of the Authority for each financial year and present it to the Authority for its approval in such manner and at such time as may be determined by the Authority.

 (2)The Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other records relating to its financial affairs including its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities in such form and manner as may be prescribed through regulations.

 (3)After conclusion of a financial year, the Authority shall, in the manner as may be prescribed, cause to be prepared for financial year, its statement of account which shall include a balance sheet and an account of income and expenditure.

 (4) No expenditure for which provision has not been made in the approved budget shall be incurred without prior approval of the Authority.

 (5) The Authority may delegate its powers to Director General to administer and incur expenditure in matter of general or urgent nature subject to such conditions as the Authority may determine.

**22-C**. **Audit**.- (1) The audit shall be conducted by the Auditor General of Pakistan.

 (2) In addition to the audit under sub-section (1), the Authority shall appoint or hire services of a chartered accountant or a firm of chartered accountants for the purpose of annual audit of its accounts.

 (3) The Director General shall, within six months of the close of a financial year, submit the annual statement of accounts along with the report of the auditor to the Authority.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Punjab Road Safety Authority Act was enacted in the year 2023. The provisions providing for its budget, accounts and audit are missing due to which the Punjab Road Safety Authority is unable to perform its functions. Neither, Director General is empowered to prepare and present the budget, nor Authority is empowered to approve its budget. Owing to absence of such provisions, the Authority was unable to perform its day to day functions assigned under the Act *ibid.* Therefore, it has been proposed to add provisions providing for establishment of the Fund of the Authority, accounts and audit of such Fund to enable the Authority to perform its day to day functions. Hence the Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**June 12, 2025 Secretary General**