**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 03 of 2024**

**THE POLICE ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024**

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Bill

*to amend the Police Order, 2002.*

It is necessary to amend the Police Order, 2002 (C.E. Order No.22 of 2002) 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 Police Order (Amendment) Act 2023.

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

**2. Insertion of Article 18B in Order No.22 of 2002**.– In the Police Order 2002 (C.E. Order No.22 of 2002), after Article 18A, the following shall be inserted:

“**18B. Organized Crime Unit**.– (1) An Organized Crime Unit shall be established in every District to take action under the Code regarding the cases to be transferred to it under sub-article (3).

(2) The Organized Crime Unit, in the Capital City District, shall be headed by the Deputy Inspector General of Police and, in a City District or District, by the Senior Superintendent of Police or Superintendent of Police, as the case may be.

(3) The Head of District Police may transfer the following categories of cases to the Organized Crime Unit:

1. kidnapping for ransom;
2. extortion;
3. dacoity;
4. robbery;
5. dacoity with murder;
6. robbery with murder;
7. theft of motor vehicle;
8. house breaking in order to commit offence;
9. trafficking of narcotic drugs;
10. human trafficking;
11. inter-provincial or inter-district gangs involved in crimes against property; and
12. high profile cases, as determined by the Head of District Police.

(4) All police officers posted in the Organized Crime Unit shall have powers of an officer incharge of a police station as defined in clause (p) of section 4 of the Code.

(5) The head of the Organized Crime Unit may constitute special investigation team or cell to work on different categories of cases.

(6) The Provincial Police Officer may, through a Standing Order, post such number of officers in the Organized Crime Unit, as he deems fit.”.

**5. Repeal.**– The Police Order (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (II of 2024) is hereby repealed.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**15 March 2024 Secretary**