**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 84 of 2025**

**THE PUNJAB PRICE CONTROL OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*further to amend the Punjab Price Control of Essential Commodities Act 2024.*

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Price Control of Essential Commodities Act 2024 (VII of 2024) 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 Price Control of Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act 2025.

 (2) It shall come into force at once.

**2**. **Amendment of section 3 of Act VII of 2024**.-In the Punjab Price Control of Essential Commodities Act 2024 (VII of 2024), for brevity referred to as ‘the Act’, in section 3:

(a) for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted:

“(1) There shall be a Price Control Council comprising of:

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| (a) | Minister for Price Control and Commodities Management or any public representative nominated by the Chief Minister. | Chairperson |
| (b) | Minister for Agriculture. | Member |
| (c) | Minister for Industries, Commerce and Investment. | Member |
| (d) | Chief Secretary, Punjab. | Member |
| (e) | Secretary to the Government, Home Department. | Member |
| (f) | Secretary to the Government, Price Control and Commodities Management Department. | Member |
| (g) | Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department. | Member |
| (h) | Secretary to the Government, Livestock and Dairy Development Department. | Member |
| (i) | Secretary to the Government, Industries, Commerce and Investment Department. | Member |
| (j) | Chairperson, Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority. | Member |
| (k) | Chairperson, Punjab Sahulat Bazaars Authority.  | Member |
| (l) | three experts in the fields, as may be prescribed through the regulations, to be nominated by the Chief Minister. | Members |
| (m) | three commodity-specific representatives of the stakeholders, nominated by the Chairperson. | Members |
| (n) | any other co-opted member. | Member |
| (o) | Director General (Commodities), Price Control and Commodities Management Department. | Secretary / Member”. |

(b) after sub-section (2), the following shall be added:

 “(3) The Directorate General (Commodities), Price Control and Commodities Management shall be the secretariat of the Council.”.

**3**. **Amendment of section 5 of Act VII of 2024**.-In the Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2), for the expression “Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skills Development”, the words “Price Control and Commodities Management” shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Price Control and Commodities Management Department was established and the Punjab Price Control of Essential Commodities Act 2024 was placed under its administrative control in terms of the Punjab Government Rules of Business 2011. The Price Control Council was headed by the Minster for Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skills Development. Further, the Secretary Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skills Development Department shall be the Provincial Controller General. Therefore, necessary amendments are needed in the Act to exercise the powers by the Administrative Department. Hence, this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**June 26, 2025 Secretary General**