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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOOD REGARDING THE PUNJAB SUGAR FACTORIES CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 (BILL NO. 52 OF 2015)

The Punjab Sugar Factories Control (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No.52 of 2015) was referred to the Standing Committee on Food on 12 November 2015. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 15 December 2015.

2. The following were present:—

1.	Mr Muhammad Imran Qureshi, MPA (PP-256)	Chairman
2.	Mr Muhammad Taufeeq Butt, MPA (PP-96)	Member
3.	Pirzada Muhammad Jahangir Sultan, MPA (PP-208)	Member
4.	Mr Muhammad Arshad Malik, Advocate, MPA (PP-222)	Member
5.	Malik Ahmad Saeed Khan, MPA (PP-178)	Member
6.	Rao Kashif Rahim Khan, MPA (PP-60)	Member
7.	Sardar Khalid Mahmood Waran, MPA (PP-269)	Member

3. Dr Nasir Mahmood Bashir, Cane Commissioner Punjab, Food Department and Mr Mohsin Bukhari, Deputy Director, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department represented their Departments. Mr Faiz-ul-Basit, Additional Secretary, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. The Cane Commissioner, Punjab, Food Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill. He stated that it was necessary to amend the Punjab Sugar Factories Control Act, 1950 (XXII of 1950) to ensure timely payment of cane price to the cane growers and for other purposes. Hence, necessary amendments in Sections 6 and 21 of Act XXII of 1950 had become essential to plug any legal lacuna in the recovery of outstanding payment of sugarcane price to the growers. The proposed amendments would clarify the legal ambiguity in the existing Act and it would be treated a statutory duty of Cane Commissioner, Punjab to recover the outstanding payment of sugarcane in the public interest. He requested the Committee that the Bill, as introduced, may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

5. The Committee after hearing the Members, having view point of the Cane Commissioner Punjab, Food Department as well as Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the Bill as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

6. A copy of the Bill as introduced in the Assembly and as such recommended by the Committee is at Annexure.

Lahore
15 December 2015

(MUHAMMAD IMRAN QURESHI)
Chairman
Standing Committee on Food

Lahore
15 December 2015

Mumtaz Hussain
(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

ANNEXURE

**(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND
RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON FOOD)
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

Bill No. 52 of 2015

**THE PUNJAB SUGAR FACTORIES CONTROL (AMENDMENT)
BILL 2015**

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BILL**

to amend the Punjab Sugar Factories Control Act, 1950.

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Sugar Factories Control Act, 1950 (XXII of 1950) to ensure timely payment of cane price to the cane growers and for other purposes.

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 Sugar Factories Control (Amendment) Act 2015.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment in section 6 of Act XXII of 1950.**— In the Punjab Sugar Factories Control Act, 1950 (XXII of 1950), for brevity cited as the said Act, in section 6, after subsection (2), the following subsections (3) and (4) shall be inserted:
“(3) The Cane Commissioner may determine the liability of an occupier of a factory for payment of cane price to a cane grower and upon such determination, the outstanding amount of payment shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1967 (XVII of 1967).
(4) The District Collector of the concerned district shall recover the amount mentioned in subsection (3) from the occupier of the factory and pay the amount recovered to the cane grower and the liability of the occupier of the factory to that extent shall stand discharged.”
- 3. Amendment in section 21 of Act XXII of 1950.**— In the said Act, in section 21, in clause (a), for the words “fifty thousand”, the words “five hundred thousand” shall be substituted.
- 4. Validation.**— Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law the liability of an occupier of a factory to pay any amount to a cane grower, determined by the Cane Commissioner before the enactment of this Act, shall be deemed to have validly been determined under subsection (3) of section 6 of the Punjab Sugar Factories Control Act, 1950 (XXII of 1950) and the amount thus determined shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue.”
- 5. Repeal.**— The Punjab Sugar Factories Control (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (XXXII of 2015) is hereby repealed.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
12 November 2015

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary