

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH REGARDING THE PUNJAB DRUGS (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 (BILL NO. 41 OF 2015)

The Punjab Drugs (Second Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No.41 of 2015) was referred to the Standing Committee on Health on 27 August 2015. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 16 September 2015, 21 March, 4 and 24 May 2016.

2. The following were present:—

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| 1. | Mr Nishat Ahmed Khan Daha, MPA (PP-214) | Chairman |
| 2. | Kh Imran Nazir, MPA (PP-137)
Parliamentary Secretary for Health
(attended on 21 March, 4 and 24 May 2016) | <i>ex-officio</i> Member |
| 3. | Dr Nadia Aziz, MPA (PP-34)
(attended on 24 May 2016) | Member |
| 4. | Mr Amjad Ali Javaid, MPA (PP-86) | Member |
| 5. | Rana Liaqat Ali, MPA (PP-126)
(attended on 4 May 2016) | Member |
| 6. | Ch Mohsin Ashraf, MPA (PP-129)
(attended on 16 September 2015 and 4 May 2016) | Member |
| 7. | Dr Najma Afzal Khan, MPA (W-320) | Member |
| 8. | Dr Salah-ud-Din Khan, MPA (PP-44)
(attended on 21 March, 4 and 24 May 2016) | Member |
| 9. | Dr Nausheen Hamid, MPA (W-356)
(attended on 16 September 2015, 21 March and
4 May 2016) | Member |

3: Dr Sajid Mahmood Chaudhry, Special Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department and Mr Mohsin Bukhari, Deputy Director, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department represented their Departments. Hafiz Muhammad Shafiq Adil, Special Secretary, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Special Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill. He stated that certain further amendments in the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976) were necessary to bring the provisions relating to the Drug Courts in line with the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 and for other ancillary matters. He requested the Committee that the Bill, as introduced, may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

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5. The Committee after hearing the Members, having the view point of the Administrative Department as well as Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly subject to the following amendments:-

AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL

(1) CLAUSE 1

sub-clause (1), be substituted as under –

“(1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016.”;

(2) CLAUSE 2

the words “for brevity cited as the said Act,” occurring in line 2 be omitted.

(3) CLAUSE 4

Clause 4 be omitted.

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

(MR NISHAT AHMED KHAN DAHA)

Lahore
24 May 2016

Chairman
Standing Committee on Health

Mumtaz Hussain

(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)

Lahore
24 May 2016

[Signature]

Secretary

ANNEXURE - A

(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY)

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 41 of 2015

THE PUNJAB DRUGS (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

**A
BILL**

further to amend the Drugs Act, 1976.

Certain further amendments in the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976) are necessary to bring the provisions relating to the Drug Courts in line with the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 and for ancillary matters.

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 Drugs (Second Amendment) Act 2015.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment in section 31 of Act XXXI of 1976.**— In the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976), for brevity cited as the said Act, in section 31, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occur, the words "Provincial Government" shall be substituted.
- 3. Transition.**— All the powers exercisable by the Federal Government under the said Act in respect of the existing Drug Courts in the Punjab shall be the powers of the Provincial Government on and from the commencement of this Act.
- 4. Repeal.**— The Punjab Drugs (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (XXII of 2015) is hereby repealed.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
27 August 2015

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary

ANNEXURE - B

**(BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)**

**A
BILL**

further to amend the Drugs Act, 1976.

Certain further amendments in the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976) are necessary to bring the provisions relating to the Drug Courts in line with the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 and for ancillary matters.

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 Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 31 of Act XXXI of 1976.— In the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976), in section 31, for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occur, the words “Provincial Government” shall be substituted.

3. Transition.— All the powers exercisable by the Federal Government under the said Act in respect of the existing Drug Courts in the Punjab shall be the powers of the Provincial Government on and from the commencement of this Act.
