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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS REGARDING THE PUNJAB STRATEGIC COORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014 (BILL NO. 33 OF 2014)

The Punjab Strategic Coordination (Amendment) Bill 2014 (Bill No. 33 of 2014) was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 24 December, 2014. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 20 January 2015.

2. The following were present:—

1.	Mrs Kanwal Nauman, MPA (W-321)	Acting Chairperson
2.	Col (Retd) Shuja Khanzada Minister for Home	<i>ex-officio</i> Member
3.	Ch Rafaqat Hussain Gujjar, Advocate, MPA (PP-102)	Member
4.	Rana Muhammad Afzal, MPA (PP-128)	Member
5.	Mr Ihsan ul Haq Bajwa, MPA (PP-281)	Member
6.	Mr Awais Qasim Khan, MPA (PP-132)	Member
7.	Ch Amar Sultan Cheema, MPA (PP-32)	Member

3. Dr Shoaib Akbar, Special Secretary, Home 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. Since Makhdum Syed Muhammad Masood Alam, MPA (PP-285) Chairman, Standing Committee on Home Affairs, due to some other engagements, could not attend the meeting of the Committee, Mrs Kanwal Nauman, MPA (W-321), in terms of rule 151(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997, was chosen to act as Chairperson for the sitting dated 20 January 2015.

5. The Special Secretary, Home Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the bill. He said that The Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014 (XXV of 2014) was enacted to provide institutional mechanism to take effective measures to counter terrorism and to formulate security and counter terrorism policy. In the Provincial Security Council, established under section 3 of the said Act, Minister for Home could not inadvertently be included. He said that the amendment was, therefore, required to be brought in order to include Minister for Home, as Vice Chairperson in the Provincial Security Council. He requested the Committee that the bill, as introduced, may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

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6. The Committee after hearing the Members, having the view point of the Administrative Department & Law and Parliamentary Affairs 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

CLAUSE 1

The expression "2014" be substituted by the expression "2015".

CLAUSE 2

in the proposed subsection (1) of section 3 of the Principal Act, the following be added as new para (d) and subsequent paras be re-numbered accordingly:-

"(d) two members from Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, Members to be nominated by the Government;"

7. 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.

Lahore
20 January, 2015

(MRS KANWAL NAUMAN)
Acting Chairperson
Standing Committee on Home Affairs

Lahore
20 January, 2015

Mumtaz Hussain
(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

ANNEXURE – A

(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY)
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

BILL NO. 33 OF 2014

**THE PUNJAB STRATEGIC COORDINATION (AMENDMENT)
BILL 2014**

**A
BILL**

to amend the Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014 (XXV of 2014) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Strategic Coordination (Amendment) Act 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 3 of Act XXV of 2014.— In the Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014 (XXV of 2014), in section 3, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

“(1) There shall be a Provincial Security Council consisting of the following:

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| (a) Chief Minister; | Chairperson |
| (b) Minister for Home; | Vice Chairperson |
| (c) Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs; | Member |
| (d) Chief Secretary of the Government; | Member |
| (e) Secretary to the Government, Home Department; | Member |
| (f) Provincial Police Officer, Punjab; | Member |
| (g) three persons to be nominated by the Government, each for a term of two years; and | Members |
| (h) Director General. | Member/Secretary” |

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014 (XXV of 2014) was enacted to provide institutional mechanism to take effective measures to counter terrorism and to formulate security and counter terrorism policy. In the Provincial Security Council, established under section 3 of the said Act, Minister for Home could not inadvertently be included. An amendment is, therefore, required to be brought about in order to include Minister for Home in the Provincial Security Council. Hence this Bill.


MINISTER INCHARGE

ANNEXURE-B

(BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS)

A BILL

to amend the Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014 (XXV of 2014) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Strategic Coordination (Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 3 of Act XXV of 2014.**— In the Punjab Strategic Coordination Act 2014 (XXV of 2014), in section 3, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

- “(1) There shall be a Provincial Security Council consisting of the following:
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| (a) | Chief Minister; | Chairperson |
| (b) | Minister for Home; | Vice Chairperson |
| (c) | Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs; | Member |
| (d) | <u>two members from Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, to be nominated by the Government;</u> | <u>Members</u> |
| (e) | Chief Secretary of the Government; | Member |
| (f) | Secretary to the Government, Home Department; | Member |
| (g) | Provincial Police Officer, Punjab; | Member |
| (h) | three persons to be nominated by the Government, each for a term of two years; and | Members |
| (i) | Director General. | Member/Secretary” |
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