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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING REGARDING THE BAHAWALPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (REPEAL) BILL 2018 (BILL NO.6 OF 2018)

The Bahawalpur Development Authority (Repeal) Bill 2018 (Bill No.6 of 2018) was referred to the Standing Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Public Health Engineering on 31 January 2018. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 20 February 2018.

2. The following were present:—

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| 1. | Mr Ameer Muhammad Khan, MPA (PP-47) | Acting Chairman |
| 2. | Mr Faizan Khalid Virk, MPA (PP-166) | Member |
| 3. | Mr Ahmad Ali Khan Dreshak, MPA (PP-243) | Member |
| 4. | Mr Mumtaz Ahmad Qaisrani (Bhutto Khan), MPA (PP-240) | Member |

3. Ms Musarat Jabeen, Additional Secretary, Housing Urban Development and Public Health Engineering Department and Mr Mohsin Bukhari, Deputy Director, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their Departments. Mr Faiz-ul-Basit, Additional Secretary (Committees), Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Since Rana Abdul Rauf, MPA (PP-279) Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing Urban Development and Public Health Engineering, due to some other engagements, could not attend the meeting of the Committee, therefore, Mr Ameer Muhammad Khan, MPA (PP-47), in terms of rule 151(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997, was chosen to act as Chairman for the sitting dated 20 February 2018.

5. Ms Musarat Jabeen, Additional Secretary, Housing Urban Development and Public Health Engineering Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill. She stated that it was necessary to repeal the Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991 (XI of 1991) so that Bahawalpur Development Authority may be constituted under the provisions of the Development of Cities Act 1976 comparable with the Authorities constituted in many other cities of the Punjab, inter alia, for orderly and planned growth of the city of Bahawalpur. She 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 view points of the Administrative as well as Law and Parliamentary Affairs Departments and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the Bill, as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

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

Lahore
20 Feburary 2018

(AMEER MUHAMMAD KHAN)
Acting Chairman
Standing Committee on Housing, Urban
Development and Public Health Engineering

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(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

ANNEXURE

(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING)

A BILL

to repeal the Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991.

It is necessary to repeal the Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991 (XI of 1991) so that Bahawalpur Development Authority may be constituted under the provisions of the Development of Cities Act, 1976 comparable with the Authorities constituted in many other cities of the Punjab, inter alia, for orderly and planned growth of the city of Bahawalpur.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Bahawalpur Development Authority (Repeal) Act 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Repeal of the Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991.**— The Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991 (XI of 1991) is hereby repealed.

3. **Savings.**— Notwithstanding the repeal of the Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991 (XI of 1991), any rules, regulations or appointments made, orders passed, notifications issued contracts entered into, proceedings commenced, rights acquired, liabilities incurred, penalties, rates, fees or charges levied, things done or action taken under the provisions of the repealed Act shall continue to have effect unless repealed, recalled, withdrawn or cancelled.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Bahawalpur Development Authority is established under the Bahawalpur Development Authority Act, 1991, which is an old law and has no provision for establishment of an agency such as WASA. Further, all other development authorities in big cities under the administrative control of Housing, Urban Development and Public Health Engineering Department are established under Development of Cities Act, 1976 i.e. a law fully incorporated with powers and functions of development authorities and which clearly provides for establishment of agencies of development authorities.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
31 January 2018

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary

