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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO.1 REGARDING "THE PUNJAB
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING REGULATORY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT)
BILL 2024 (BILL NO.4 OF 2024)"**

The said Bill was referred to Special Committee No.1 of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on 15.03.2024. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 06.05.2024 and 21.05.2024.

2. The following were present:

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| 1. Mr Khurram Khan Virk, MPA (PP-48) | Convener |
| 2. Mr Mujtaba Shuja Ur Rehman
Minister for Finance and Parliamentary Affairs | <i>ex-officio</i> Member |
| 3. Sayed Muhammad Ashiq Hussain Shah
Minister for Agriculture | <i>ex-officio</i> Member |
| 4. Mr Khalid Mahmood Ranjha, MPA (PP-42) | Member |
| 5. Rana Munawar Hussain, MPA (PP-78) | Member |
| 6. Mr Mohammad Arshad Malik, MPA (PP-200)
(Attended on 06.05.2024) | Member |
| 7. Mr Usama Leghari, MPA (PP-287) | Member |
| 8. Mr Muhammad Bilal Yamin, MPA (PP-6) | Member |
| 9. Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal, MPA (PP-203)
(Attended on 21.05.2024) | Member |
| 10. Mr Qasim Nadeem, MPA (PP-199)
(Attended on 21.05.2024) | Member |
| 11. Ms Sarah Ahmad, MPA (W-339) | Member |
| 12. Ms Salma Butt, MPA (W-307) | Member |
| 13. Ms Kanwal Pervez Chaudhry, MPA (W-308) | On invitation |
| 14. Mr Shahbaz Ahmad, MPA (PP-130)
(Attended on 21.05.2024) | On invitation |

3. Mr Iftikhar Sahu, Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Agriculture Department and Mr Muhammad Asif Balal Lodhi, Secretary, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department represented their Departments. Ch Amer Habib, Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. The Committee, after hearing the Members, having view point of the Administrative Department as well as the Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department and after detailed discussion, recommended unanimously that the Bill be passed by the Assembly, subject to the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL

1) Long Title and Preamble

The word "further" be added before the words "to amend".

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2) Clause 1

For the figure "2023", the figure "2024" be substituted.

3) Clause 2

In clause 2, for paras (a), (b) and (c), the following be substituted:

"(a) after subsection (2), the following new subsection (2a) shall be inserted:

"(2a) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Chairperson and the members nominated under subsection (2), shall serve during the pleasure of the Government.";

(b) for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

"(6) The Director General shall convene a meeting of the Authority either as directed by the Chairperson or on a request, in writing, of at least one third of the members, or if the Minister-in-charge or, in his absence, Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department so directs."; and

(c) for subsection (7), the following shall be substituted:

"(7) The Chairperson and, in his absence, a member of the Authority nominated by the Minister-in-charge or by the Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department shall preside over a meeting of the Authority.".

4) Clause 4

In clause 4, in the proposed subsection (6) of section 15B, the words "of an officer of" be inserted before the expression "BS-17".

5) Clause 5

For clause 5, the following be substituted:

"5. **Repeal and saving.**— (1) The Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (III of 2024) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal under sub-section (1), all actions taken under the repealed Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been taken under the Act.".

5. 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:
May 21, 2024

(KHURRAM KHAN VIRK)
Convener
Special Committee No. 1

Lahore:
May 21, 2024

(CH AMER HABIB)
Secretary General

(Bill as introduced in the Assembly)

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 04 of 2024

THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL MARKETING REGULATORY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024

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Bill

to amend the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act 2018.

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act 2018 (XXIX of 2018) 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 Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act 2023.

(2) This Act shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 4 of Act XXIX of 2018.— In the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act 2018 (XXIX of 2018), for brevity referred to as 'the Act', in section 4:

(a) after subsection (2), the following subsection (2a) shall be inserted:

“(2a) The Chairperson and the members nominated under subsection (2) shall serve during the pleasure of the Government.”;

(b) for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

“(6) The Director General, on the instructions of the Government or the Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department, shall convene a meeting of the Authority to discuss and decide a matter of importance which pertains to the functions of the Authority or Market Committees.”; and

(c) for subsection (7), the following shall be substituted:

“(7) The Chairperson and, in his absence, a member of the Authority nominated by the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department shall preside over a meeting of the Authority.”.

3. Omission of section 5 of Act XXIX of 2018.— In the Act, section 5 shall be omitted.

4. Amendment of section 15B of Act XXIX of 2018.— In the Act, in section 15B, for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

“(6) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall vacate offices on the expiry of their terms and the Government may appoint an administrator, not below the rank of BS-17, till the time new Chairman and Vice-Chairman are to be elected and the administrator shall have the same powers as exercised by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.”.

5. Repeal.— The Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (III of 2024) is hereby repealed.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
15 March 2024

CH AMER HABIB
Secretary

(Bill as recommended by Special Committee 1)

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