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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SERVICES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND DRUG AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016 (BILL NO.32 OF 2016)

The Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority (Amendment) Bill 2016 (Bill No.32 of 2016) was referred to the Standing Committee on Services and General Administration on 24 August 2016. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 23 September 2016.

2. The following were present:—

1.	Bao Akhtar Ali, MPA (PP-144)	Chairman
2.	Mrs Nazia Raheel, MPA (PP-88) Parliamentary Secretary for Revenue	Member
3.	Mr Muhammad Naeem Safdar Ansari, MPA (PP-177)	Member
4.	Mrs Gulnaz Shahzadi, MPA (W-329)	Member
5.	Mrs Shabeena Zikria Butt, MPA (W-326)	Member
6.	Syed Zaeem Hussain Qadri, MPA (PP-154)	Member
7.	Ms Nabila Hakim Ali Khan, MPA (W-358)	Member
8.	Dr Salah-ud-Din Khan, MPA (PP-44)	Member

3. Mr Muddassir Riaz Malik, Additional Secretary (Welfare), Services and General Administration Department and Mr Abid Raza Khan, Deputy Secretary (Legislation), 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. The Additional Secretary, Services and General Administration Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill. He stated that it was necessary to amend the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016 (XXXII of 2016) for including the core departments as members of the Authority inter alia for effective presentation and decision making by the Authority. 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 Administrative Department as well as the 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 recommended by the Committee is Annexed.

Lahore
23 September 2016

(BAO AKHTAR ALI)
Chairman
Standing Committee on Services and General Administration

Lahore
23 September 2016

Mumtaz Hussain
(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

ANNEXURE

**(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND RECOMMENDED
BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
SERVICES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)**

A
Bill

to amend the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016.

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016 (XXXII of 2016) for including the core departments as members of the Authority *inter alia* for effective representation and decision making by the Authority.

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

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 3 of Act XXXII of 2016.— In the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016 (XXXII of 2016), in section 3, for subsections (3) and (4), the following shall be substituted:

“(3) The Authority shall consist of the Chairperson who shall be the Chief Minister or a Minister nominated by the Chief Minister and the following members:

- (a) Vice Chairperson;
- (b) Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare or Advisor to the Chief Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare;
- (c) Minister for Agriculture;
- (d) Minister for Food;
- (e) Additional Chief Secretary to the Government;
- (f) Chairman, Planning and Development Board of the Government;
- (g) Secretary to the Government, Finance Department;
- (h) Secretary to the Government, Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department;
- (i) Secretary to the Government, Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department;
- (j) Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department;
- (k) Secretary to the Government, Food Department;
- (l) Director General, Punjab Forensic Science Agency;
- (m) not more than five scientists including at least one female scientist, if available, in the relevant field from public or private sector; and
- (n) Director General (Member/Secretary).

(4) If a member mentioned at clauses (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) or (k) of subsection (3) is unable to attend a meeting for reasons beyond his control, he may depute an officer of his department not below the rank of an Additional Secretary to attend the meeting.”

3. Repeal.— The Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (XVII of 2016) is hereby repealed.

