

PART I
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,
PUNJAB
NOTIFICATION

The 8th July, 2016

No. 31-Leg./2016.-The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 30th day of August, 2016, is hereby published for general information:-

THE PUNJAB STATE COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016
(Punjab Act No. 24 of 2016)

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further to amend the Punjab State Commission for Minorities Act, 2012.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Sixty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab State Commission for Minorities (Amendment) Act, 2016. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Punjab State Commission for Minorities Act, 2012 (Hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2,- Amendment in section 2 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.

(i) at the end of clause (e), the word "and" shall be omitted; and

(ii) at the end of clause (f), for the sign ".", the sign and word "; and" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be added, namely:-

"(g) "Vice-Chairperson" means the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission."

3. In the principal Act, in section 3, in sub-section (2),- Amendment in section 3 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.

(i) after clause (a), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"(aa) a Vice-Chairperson, a person of eminence and who has done outstanding work regarding safeguarding the interests of the minority communities, to be appointed by the Government;" and

- (ii) in clause (b), for word "five", the word "ten" shall be substituted.
4. In the principal Act, in section 5,-
(i) in the heading, for the word "Chairperson", the words and signs "Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted;
(ii) in sub-section (1), for the word "Chairperson", the words and signs "Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted; and
(iii) in sub-section (2), for the word "Chairperson", the words and sign "Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted
5. In the principal Act, in section 6,-
(i) in the heading, for the word "Chairperson", the words and sign "Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted;
(ii) in sub-section (1), for the word "Chairperson", wherever occurring, the words and sign "Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted; and
(iii) in sub-section (2), for the word "Chairperson", wherever occurring, except in clause (e), the words and sign "Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted.
6. In the principal Act, in section 7, for the word "Chairperson",
Wherever occurring, the words and signs "Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted.
7. In the principal Act, in section 10, for the word "Chairperson", the words and signs "Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted.
8. In the principal Act, in section 12, for the word "Chairperson", the words and sign "Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted.
9. In the principal Act, in section 13, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
- Amendment in section 5 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.
- Amendment in section 6 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.
- Amendment in section 7 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.
- Amendment in section 10 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.
- Amendment in section 12 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.
- Amendment in section 13 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.

"(2) The Chairperson shall preside over the meeting of the Commission. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the meeting of the Commission."

10. In the principal Act, in section 24, for the word "Chairperson", wherever occurring, the words and sign "Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted. Amendment in section 24 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.

11. In the principal Act, in section 25, for the word "Chairperson", the words and signs "Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted. Amendment in section 25 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.

12. In the principal Act, in section 27, in sub-section (2), in clause (a), for the word "Chairperson", the words and signs "Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson" shall be substituted. Amendment in section 27 of Punjab Act 13 of 2013.

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