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The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Power) Act, 1953Punjab Act No. 34 of 1954Statement of Objects and Reasons. - The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) Ordinance, 1953, was promulgated to amend the enactments pertaining to Local Government in order to distribute the functions of the Commissioner thereunder between the State Government and the Deputy Commissioner, consequent upon the decision of the State Government to abolish one post of a Commissioner and to relieve the other of the work connected with local bodies. The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) Bill, 1953, is intended to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the Legislature. Published vide Punjab Government Gazette Extraordinary, 1953. Received the assent of the Governor on the 28th October, 1953, and was first published for general information in the Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 2nd November, 1953. An Act to provide for the performance of the functions of a Commissioner under certain laws. It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) Act, 1953.(2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of [Haryana] [Substituted by Haryana Adaptation Laws Order, 1968.].(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Performance of the functions of the Commissioner by other authority.

- All the powers, functions, or duties of the Commissioner under the provisions referred to in Schedule I and Schedule II of this Act, shall be exercised, performed or discharged, as the case may be, by the State Government and the Deputy Commissioner, respectively; and the enactments referred to therein shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly.

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3. Amendment of certain Acts.

- In relation to the enactments referred to in column I of the Schedule III of this Act, the provisions referred to in column 2 thereof shall be deemed to have been amended to the extent and in the manner indicated in column 3 thereof.

4. Delegation.

- The State Government shall be competent to delegate any power, duty or function devolving upon itself as a result of this Act, to any officer or other authority, to the extent as it may specify by a notification in this behalf.

4A. [The State Government, may by general or special order, notified in the official Gazette, authorise any Officer or authority, to exercise, perform, or discharge all or any of the powers, functions or duties of the Deputy Commissioner, under the provisions of this Act or enactments referred to in Schedule I and Schedule II of this Act (other than the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883), in such area and subject to such extent or restrictions as it may specify in such order.] [Added vide Punjab Act 18 of 1954.]

5. Removal of difficulties.

- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of any of the enactments specified in the Schedules of this Act or any rule made there under, the State Government shall be competent to issue necessary instructions by means of a general or special order for the purposes of removing the same.

6. Saving of pending proceedings.

- The provisions of this Act shall not affect the validity of any action taken or anything done by the Commissioner under any of the provisions of the enactments specified in the Schedules of this Act before the commencement of this Act and anything done or any action taken shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the provision of this Act as if this Act was in force at the time when such thing was done or such action taken.

7. Repeal of Punjab Ordinance No. II of 1953.

- The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) Ordinance, 1953, is hereby repealed but notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken in the exercise of any powers conferred by or under the said Ordinance shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken in the exercise of the powers conferred by or under this Act as if this Act was in force on the day on which such thing was done or action was taken.

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(Vide section 2 of the Act)Sections of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883Sub-section (2) of section 27, sub-section (2) of section 36, sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 39, and sub-section (3) of section 54.Sections of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911Sub-section (3) of section 38, sub-section (2) of section 50, sub-section (2) of section 52, sections 84, 154-C and 187, section 235 and sub-section (3) of section 239.Sections of the Punjab Small Towns Act, 1921Section 4, sub-section (1) of section 9, sub-section (2) of section 17, sections 33, 34, 36 and 37, sub-section (3) of section 38-C, and sub-section (2) of section 48-A.

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(Vide section 2 of the Act)Sections of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883Section 13, sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 47, section 48 and sub- section (1) of section 62.Sections of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911Sub-section (8) of section 3, section 24, sub-section (2) of section 32, sections 42 and 48, sub-section (2) of section 54, section 55, sub-sections (6) and (7) of section 62, section 83, sub-section (3) of section 121, section 192, Explanation under sub-section (1-A) of section 193, sub-section (5) of section 229, and sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 234.Sections of the Punjab Small Towns Act, 1921Sub-section (2) of section 6-A, clause (m) of section 35, sub-section (2) of section 41, and section 42.The Punjab Municipal (Executive Officer) Act, 1931,Entry 12 in Schedule II.

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(Vide section 3 of the Act)

| Title of the Act The Punjab District Boards Act 1883 (Act XX of 1883) | Section | How amended |
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| | 20-A | For the words "section 5 of the Punjab Village PanchayatAct, 1921" the words "the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act,1952" shall be substituted. |
| | 37(2)(c) | The words "the Commissioner and subject to the controlof" shall be omitted. |
| | 38 | The words "the Commissioner or Commissioners of the Division or Divisions or when the districts are in different divisions and the Commissioner cannot agree" shall be omitted. |
| | 39(5) | For the words "Commissioner of the Division" thewords "State Government" and for the word "he"wherever it occurs |
| | 39(7) | Shall be omitted |
| | 41(2) | For the words "and Commissioner" the words "andthe State Government" shall be substituted and the words "orwhen the Deputy Commissioner is a member of the District Boardthe Commissioner" |

shall be omitted.

The words "Commissioner of the Division or the" 44(1) Shall be omitted. 44(2) The words "Commissioner of the Division or the" 45 The words "with the powers of a Deputy Commissioner" shall be 48 omitted. For the words "when the Commissioner makes any orderunder section 45 or section 47 he shall forthwith forward to the State Government and when the Deputy Commissioner makes any orderunder section 45 or section 19-B or an officer empowered undersection 48, makes any order under section 19-B or section 49 47,he shall forthwith forward to the State Government or when anofficer empowered under section 48 makes any order under section 19-B, 44 or 47, he shall forthwith forward to the DeputyCommissioner" shall be substituted. 50(1) The words "Commissioners and" shall be omitted. The words "Commissioners of the Division and the"shall be omitted. and for the word "their" the word "his" and for the word "them" the 50(3) word "him"shall be respectively substituted. Shall be omitted. 54(1)(b) For the word "divisions" the word "districts" shall be substituted and the words "and the Commissioners of those Divisions cannot agree" 54(1)(c) shall be omitted. The words "Commissioners and" shall be omitted. 55(1)(d) For the words "Commissioners appointed to hold an inquiryinto an election by the provisions of Part II of the Indian Election Offences and Inquiries Act, 1920" the words "anelection Tribunal appointed 55-A to hold an inquiry into an electionunder the provisions of the Representation of the People Act,1951" shall be substituted. The words "Commissioners and" and the words "andCommissioners shall have and exercise over Deputy Commissioners"shall be 64(1) omitted. Shall be omitted. 3(4b)1911 (Punjab Act After the words "State Government" the words "orthe Deputy 16(2) Commissioner" shall be inserted. The words "in the case of a first class committee or bythe 20(1) Commissioner in the case of a second class committee"shall be omitted.

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| Proviso to section 20(1) | The words "or the Commissioner" and the words "orthe Commissioner as the case may be" where-ever they occurand the words "or he" shall be omitted. |
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| 32(3) | The words "within the Division of the Commissioner" shall be omitted. |
| 33(1) | The words "in the case of committees of the first classand the Commissioner in the case of those of the second class" shall be omitted. |
| 38(1) | The words "in the case of Municipality of the first classand of the Commissioner in the case of a Municipality of thesecond class" shall be omitted. |
| 50(1) | The words "or if the Deputy Commissioner is a member of the Municipal Committee by the Commissioner" and the words "or Commissioner, as the case may be" shall be omitted. |
| 50(2) | The words "from the order of the Deputy Commissioner, orif the order has been passed by the Commissioner, to the StateGovernment" shall be omitted. |
| 154-c(3) | For the words "Commissioner of the Division" thewords "State Government" shall be substituted. |
| 154-c(4) | The words "or the Commissioner" and the words "orthe Commissioner as the Case may be" and last proviso shallbe omitted; and for the word "him" the word "it"shall be substituted. |
| 193 | The words "the Commissioner or" wherever occurring except in the Explanation under sub-section (1-a) shall beomitted. |
| 225(1) | The words "to the Commissioner in the case of committee a first class Municipality or" and the words "in the case of a Committee of a second class Municipality" and the proviso shall be omitted. |
| 231(1) | The words "Commissioner or the" and the words within their respective charges" shall omitted and forthe words "the Commissioner in the case of Municipalities of the first class or the Deputy Commissioner in the case of municipalities of the second class" the word "him" shall be substituted. |
| 231(2) | The words "Commissioner or the" shall be omitted. |
| 232 | The words "Commissioner or" shall be omitted. |
| 234(1) | The words "of the first class" shall be omitted. |
| 234(3) | Shall be omitted. |
| 235 | The words "and when the Commissioner makes any orderunder section 232 or section 234, he shall forthwith forward to the State Government" and the words "the Commissioneror" and the words "as the case may be" shall beomitted. |
| 236(1) | The words "and the Commissioners" shall be omitted. |

| | 236(2) | The words "Commissioner or" shall be omitted. |
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| | 236(3) | The words "Commissioner of the Division, and the shall be omitted, and for the word "their" the word his and for the word "them" the word "him shall be respectively substituted. |
| | 237 | The words "and the Commissioner shall exercise over the Deputy Commissioner" shall be omitted. |
| | 239(I)(b) | Shall be omitted. |
| | 239(I)(c) | For the "Divisions" the word "Districts" shall be substituted and the words "and the Commissioners of those divisions cannot agree" shall be omitted. |
| | 240(2)(w) | The words "Commissioner and" shall be omitted. |
| | 240(1)(iii) | The words "in the case of a Municipality of the firstclass or of the Commissioner in the case of a Municipality of thesecond class" shall be omitted. |
| | 255 | The words "in case of an election held in a Municipality of the first class and the Commissioner in any other case" and in the proviso the words "Commissioner or the "shall be omitted. |
| | 256 | The words "or by the Commissioner" shall be omitted. |
| The Punjab Small Towns Act, 1921 (Punjab Act No. II of 1922) | 4(3) | In sub- section (3) for the words "the appointment" the words "the nomination of advisers" shall be substituted. |
| | 4(4) | The words "appointment and" shall be omitted. |
| | 4(6) | Shall be omitted. |
| | 4-A | The words "or appointed" shall be omitted. |
| | Proviso (i) | |
| | to section 4-A | The words "or appointment as the case may be" shallbe omitted. |
| | | The words "or in the case of such invalid appointment, the |
| | Proviso (ii) | Commissioner shall appoint another person in the |
| | to section 4-A | mannerprescribed in sub-section (2) of section 4 and in such case theproviso to sub-section (2) of section 4 shall not apply"shall be |
| | 4-11 | omitted. |
| | Proviso (iii) | |
| | to Section | The words "or appointment" wherever occurring shallbe omitted |
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| | 6(1) | For sub-section (1) the following shall be substituted namely:- |
| | | "(1) The terms of office of ex-officio advisers shall,unless the State Government otherwise directs, be coterminus with the term of office by virtue of which they are appointed." |
| | 6(2) | The words "all other" shall be omitted. |
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| 6(3) | The words "appointment or" shall be omitted. |
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| Proviso to section (6)(3) | The words "or appointment" shall be omitted. |
| 8 | The words "by appointment or" and the words "appointed or" wherever occurring shall be omitted. |
| 9(1) | The proviso shall be omitted. |
| 9(3) | The words "nominated or" shall be omitted. |
| 34 | The words "of the Division" shall be omitted. |
| 36(1) | For the word "through" the word "to"shall be substituted and the words "to the Commissioner"shall be omitted. |
| 38-C(3) | The words "of the Division" shall be omitted. |
| 38-C(4) | The words "or the Commissioner" shall be omitted. |
| Proviso to section 38-C(4) | The words "by the Commissioner" and "to him"and the words "or the Commissioner |
| 47 | The words "Commissioner or" shall be omitted. |
| 51(1)(a) | The words "appointment or" shall be omitted. |
| 52 | For the words "Commissioners appointed to hold anenquiry into an election by the provisions of Part II of theIndian Election Offences and Inquiries Act, 1920" the words an Election Tribunal appointed to hold an inquiry into anelection under the provisions of Representation of the PeopleAct, 1951" shall be substituted. |
| 10 | The words "the Commissioner" shall be omitted |

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The words "the Commissioner" shall be omitted.