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The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952Published in the Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary), of the 19th December, 1952. (Punjab Act 27 of 1952)Statement of Objects and Reasons - The construction of the New Capital of Punjab at Chandigarh is in progress. It is considered necessary to vest the State Government with legal authority to regulate the sale of building sites and to promulgate building rules on the lines of Municipal Bye-laws so long as a properly constituted local body does not take over the administration of the city. The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Bill, 1952, seeks to carry out the above objects and to repeal the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952, which is a President's Act and is due to expire in April, 1953. Vide Punjab Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 23rd July, 1952, pp. 677-78. An act to re-enact and modify the law in relation to the development and regulation of the new Capital of Punjab. It is hereby enacted as follows

1. Short title, extent and commencement.

(1)This Act may be called the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952.(2)[It extends to the City of Chandigarh which shall comprise the areas of the site of the Capital of Punjab as notified by the Government of Punjab before the 1st November, 1966 and to such areas as may be notified by the Central Government from time to time.] [Sub-section (2) of section (1) substituted by Punjab Re-Organisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.]

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2. Definitions.

- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, -(a)"Advertisement" means any word, letter, model, sign, placard, board, notice, device or representation in any manner whatsoever, wholly or in part intended for the purpose of advertisement, announcement or direction, and includes any structure used or adapted for the display of advertisements;(b)"amenity" includes roads, water-supply, street lighting, drainage, sewerage, public building, horticulture, landscaping and any other public utility service provided at Chandigarh;(c)"building" means any construction or part of a construction which is transferred by the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] under section 3 and which is intended to be used for residential, commercial, industrial or other purpose, whether in actual use or not, and includes any out-house, stable, cattle-shed and garage and also includes any building erected on any land transferred by the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] under section 3;(d)["Chandigarh" means the areas to which this Act extends] [Clause (d) of section 2 substituted by ibid.];(e)"Chief Administrator" means an officer appointed as such by the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] by notification in the official Gazette, to perform the functions of the Chief Administrator under this Act;(f)"erect a building" has the same meaning as "erect or re-erect any building" in the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 (Punjab Act III of 1911);(g)"Estate Officer" means a person appointed as such by the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] by notification in the official Gazette, to perform the functions of the Estate Officer under this Act;(h)"occupier" means a person (including a firm or other body of individuals, whether incorporated or not) who occupies a site or building transferred under this Act and includes his successors and assigns;(i)"prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;(j)"site" means any land which is transferred by the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] under section 3;(k)"transferee" means a person (including a firm or other body of individuals, whether incorporated or not) to whom a site or building is transferred in any manner whatsoever, under this Act and includes his successors and assigns;(l)"workshop" means any building or place in which or within the compound of which any manual labour is employed or utilised in aid of, or incidental to, any process for the following purposes:-(i)the making of any article or part thereof;(ii)the altering, repairing, ornamenting or finishing of any article; or(iii)the adapting for sale of any article.

3. Power of Central Government in respect of transfer of land and buildings in Chandigarh.

(1)[Subject to the provisions of this section, the Central Government may] [Substituted for the words 'The Central Government may' by the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) (Chandigarh Amendment) Act, 1973 - Central Act No. 17 of 1973.] sell, lease or otherwise transfer, whether by auction, allotment or otherwise, any land or building belonging to the Government in

Chandigarh on such terms and conditions as it may, subject to any rules that may be made under this Act, think fit to impose.(2)The consideration money for any transfer under sub-section (1) shall be paid to the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] in such manner and in such instalments and at such rate of interest as may be prescribed.(3)Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, until the entire consideration money together with interest or any other amount, if any, due to the Central Government on account of the transfer of any site or building, or both, under sub-section (1) is paid, such site or building, or both, as the case may be, shall continue to belong to the Central Government.] [Sub-section (3) of section 3 substituted by the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Chandigarh Amendment) Act, 1973 Central Act, No. 17 of 1973 (Section 2).[]

4. Power to issue directions in respect of erection of building.

(1)For the purpose of proper planning or development of Chandigarh, the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects), Order, 1968.] or the Chief Administrator may issue such directions, as may be considered necessary, in respect of any site or building, either generally for the whole of Chandigarh or for any particular locality thereof, regarding any one or more of the following matters, namely:-(a)architectural features of the elevation or frontage of any building;(b)erection of detached or semi-detached buildings or both and the area of the land appurtenant to such building;(c)the number of residential buildings which may be erected on any site in any locality;(d)prohibition regarding erection of shops, workshops, ware-houses, factories or buildings of a specified architectural character or buildings designed for particular purposes in any locality;(e)maintenance of height and position of walls, fences, hedges or any other structural or architectural construction;(f)restrictions regarding the use of site for purposes other than erection of buildings.(2)Every transferee shall comply with the directions issued under sub- section (1) and shall as expeditiously as possible, erect any building or take such other steps as may be necessary, to comply with such directions.

5. Bar to erection of buildings in contravention of building rules.

(1)No person shall erect or occupy any building at Chandigarh in contravention of any building rules made under sub-section (2).(2)The [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules to regulate the erection of buildings and such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters namely:-(a)the materials to be used, for external and partition walls, roofs, floors, stair-cases, lifts, fire-places, chimneys and other parts of a building and their position or location or the method of construction;(b)the height and slope of the roofs and floors of any building which is intended to be used for residential or cooking purposes;(c)the ventilation in, or the space to be left about, any building or part thereof to secure a free circulation of air or for the prevention of fire;(d)the number and height of the storeys of any building;(e)the means to be provided for the ingress or egress to and from any buildings;(f)the minimum dimensions of rooms, intended for use as living rooms, sleeping

rooms, or rooms for the use of cattle;(g)the ventilation of rooms, the position and dimensions of rooms, or projections beyond the outer faces of external walls of a building and of doors or windows;(h)any other matter in furtherance of the proper regulation of erection, completion and occupation of buildings;(i)the certificates necessary and incidental to the submission of building plans, amended plans and completion reports.

6. Power to require proper maintenance of site or building.

- If it appears to the Chief Administrator that the condition or use of any site or building is prejudicially affecting the proper planning of, or the amenities in, any part of Chandigarh or the interests of the general public there, he may serve on the transferee or occupier of that site or building a notice requiring him to take such steps and within such period as may be specified in the notice and thereafter to maintain it in such a manner as may be specified therein.

7. Levy of fee or tax for amenities.

(1)For the purposes of providing maintaining or continuing any amenity at Chandigarh the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] may levy such fees or taxes as it may consider necessary (which shall be in addition to any free or tax for the time being leviable under any other law) in respect of any site or building on the transferee or occupier thereof.(2)If the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] considers it necessary or expedient so to do having regard to the fact that the transferee or occupier is a religious or charitable institution or that he does not enjoy the amenity for which any fee or tax is levied, the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] may, by general or special order, exempt wholly or partly any class of such transferees or occupiers from the payment of fees or taxes levied under sub-section (1).

7A. [Power to apply certain provisions of Punjab Act 42 of 1976 to Chandigarh. [Substituted by Amendment Act No. 45 of 1994 published in Chandigarh Administration Gazettee (Extraordinary) dated 22.9.1994.]

(1)The Chief Administrator may, from time to time by notification in the official gazette, and with the previous approval of the Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, apply to Chandigarh or any part thereof with such adaptations and modifications not affecting the substance as may be specified in the notification, all or any of the provisions of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 (Punjab Act 42 of 1976), in so far as such provisions are applicable to Chandigarh.(2)While exercising the powers or performing the functions under the provisions of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 (Punjab Act 42 of 1976) applied to Chandigarh by a notification under Sub-section (1), the Chief Administrator shall be subject to the control of the Administrator and not to that of the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.(3)Notwithstanding

the substitution of Section 7-A of the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952 (hereinafter referred to as substituted section) that substituted section shall not -(a) affect the previous operation of the substituted section or anything duly done or suffered thereunder; or(b) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the substituted section; or(c) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against substituted section; affect any investigation, legal proceedings or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid and any such investigation, legal proceedings or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such privilege, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed as if this substitution has not been made.]

8. [Imposition of penalty and mode of recovery of arrears. [Section 8 substituted by the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) (Chandigarh Amendment) Act, 1973, Central Act No. 17 of 1973 (Section 3).]

(1) Where any transferee makes any default in the payment of any rent due in respect of any lease of any site or building or both, as the case may be under section 3, or where any transferee or occupier makes any default in the payment of any fee or tax levied under section 7, the Estate Officer may direct that in addition to the amount of arrears, a sum not exceeding that amount shall be recovered from the transferee or occupier, as the case may be, by way of penalty: Provided that no such direction shall be made unless the person affected thereby has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.(2) Where any person makes any default in the payment of any amount, being the arrears and penalty directed to be paid under sub-section (1), such amount may be recovered from the transferee or occupier, as the case may be, in the same manner as an arrears of land revenue.[8A. Resumption and forfeiture for breach of conditions of transfer. - (1) If any transferee has failed to pay the consideration money or any instalment thereof on account of the sale of any site or building or both, under section 3 or has committed a breach of any other conditions of such sale, the Estate Officer may, by notice in writing, call upon the transferee to show cause why an order of resumption of the site or building, or both, as the case may be, and forfeiture of the whole or any part of the money, if any, paid in respect thereof which in no case shall exceed ten per cent of the total amount of the consideration money, interest and other dues payable in respect of the sale of the site or building, or both should not be made.] [Section 8-A inserted by the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) (Chandigarh Amendment) Act, 1973, Central Act No. 17 of 1973, Section 4.](2)After considering the cause, if any, shown by the transferee in pursuance of a notice under sub-section (1) and any evidence he may produce in support of the same and after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter, the Estate Officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, make an order resuming the site or building or both, as the case may be, so sold and directing the forfeiture as provided in sub-section (1), of the whole or any part of the money paid in respect of such sale.

9. Forfeiture for breach of conditions of transfer

. - [Omitted by the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) (Chandigarh Amendment) Act,

1973, Central Act No. 17 of 1973 (Section 4)].

10. Appeal and revision.

(1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Estate Officer made under [section 8 or 8-A] [Central Act 17 of 1923.] may, within thirty days of the date of the communication to him of such order, prefer an appeal to the Chief Administrator in such form and manner as may be prescribed: Provided that the Chief Administrator may entertain the appeal after the expiry of the said period of thirty days, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time. (2) The Chief Administrator may, after hearing the appeal, confirm, vary, or reverse the order appealed from and may pass such orders as he deems fit.(3)The Chief Administrator may, either of his own motion or on an application received in this behalf, at any time call for the record of any proceeding in which the Estate Officer has passed an order for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of such order and may pass such order in relation thereto as he thinks fit: Provided that Chief Administrator shall not pass an order under this section prejudicial to any person without giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard. (4) Where a person is aggrieved by any order of the Chief Administrator, deciding a case under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), he may, within thirty days of the date of communication to him of such decision, make an application in writing to the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] for revision against the said decision; and the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] may confirm, alter or rescind the decision of the Chief Administrator.

11. Preservation and planting of trees.

- If it appears to the Chief Administrator that it is necessary or expedient to preserve or plant trees generally or of specified kind in Chandigarh, he may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make an Order (hereinafter referred to as the Trees Preservation Order) with respect to trees generally or such kind of trees, as may be specified in that order, and such order may regulate, restrict or prohibit-(a)the cutting down, topping, lopping or wilful destruction of trees, except with the previous permission of the Chief Administrator; and(b)the planting and replanting of any trees or kinds of trees in any site or location therein as may be specified in the order.

12. Control of advertisements.

- If it appears to the Chief Administrator that it is necessary or expedient to restrict or regulate the display of advertisements in Chandigarh he may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make an order (hereinafter referred to as the Advertisements Control Order) restricting or regulating the display of advertisements and such order may provide -(a)for regulating the dimensions, appearance and position of advertisements which may be displayed, the sites on which such advertisements may be displayed, and the manner in which they are to be affixed to land or building;(b)for requiring the permission of the Chief Administrator to be obtained for the display of advertisements;(c)for enabling the Chief Administrator to require the removal of any advertisement

which is being displayed in contravention of the order of the discontinuance of the use for the display of advertisements of any site which is being used for that purpose in contravention of the order;(d)for fees to be charged for advertisements at places specified in the order.

13. Penalty for Contravention of directions, etc.

- Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 4 or section 6 shall, on conviction, be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees and to a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for each day during which the offence is proved to have continued after the first day.

14. Penalty for Contravention of Trees Preservation Order and Advertisements Control Order.

(1)If any person contravenes any provision of the Trees Preservation Order or of the Advertisements Control Order, he shall, on conviction, be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees, and whoever after having been convicted of the contravention of any provision of either of the said Order continues to contravene the said provisions, shall, on a subsequent conviction, be punishable with fine, as aforesaid and to a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for each day of continued contravention, after the previous date of conviction.(2)The Court while passing an order under sub-section (1) may direct that any trees or part thereof or any material used for advertisement, which is the subject of the contravention shall be forfeited to the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Re-organisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] or impose a fine of an amount which shall be equivalent to the value thereof.

15. Penalty for breach of rules.

- Except as otherwise provided for in this Act, any contravention of any of the rules framed thereunder shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and in case of a continuing contravention, with an additional fine, which may extend to twenty rupees, for each day during which such contravention continues after the first conviction; and the Court while passing any sentence on conviction of any person for the contravention of any rule, may direct that any property or part thereof in respect of which the rule has been contravened, shall be forfeited to the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation Chandigarh (Adaptation of Laws on the State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.].Illustration. - Where an authorised structure has been constructed or any obnoxious material or substance is collected or heaped on a site in any authorised manner, or where an advertisement board has been set up in contravention of the Advertisements Control Order, such structure, material, substance or board shall be liable to forfeiture, and not the site or building on which the same may be located or fixed :Provided that if a building is begun, erected or re-erected in contravention of any of the building rules, the Chief Administrator shall be competent to require the building to be altered or demolished by a written notice delivered to the owner thereof within six months of its having begun

or having been completed, as the case may be. Such notice shall also specify the period during which such alteration or demolition has to be completed and if the notice is not complied with, the Chief Administrator shall be competent to demolish the said building at the expense of the owner: Provided further that the Chief Administrator may, instead of requiring the alteration or demolition of any such building, accept by way of compensation such sum as he may deem reasonable.

16. Registration and licensing of architects, engineers and plumbers, etc.

- No architect or engineer who does not possess the qualifications, as detailed in [The First Schedule] [Substituted for the words 'the Schedule' by Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Section 3.] appended to this Act, shall be considered as duly qualified; and no person other than a duly qualified architect or engineer or any plumber shall be competent to certify any plan or completion of a building, or engage in any plumbing works, as the case may be, unless registered and licensed by the Chief Administrator.

17. Power of entry on buildings or land.

- The Chief Administrator, may authorise any person after giving twenty-four hours' notice to the occupier, or if there be no occupier, to the owner of any building or land, at any time between sunrise and sunset -(a)to enter on and to survey, and to take levels or measurements of any building or land;(b)to enter into any building or on any land for the purpose of examining works under construction, or of ascertaining the course of sewers or drains;(c)to enter into any building or on any land for the purpose of ascertaining whether any building is being or has been erected or re-erected without sanction or in contravention of any sanction given under this Act or the rules made thereunder and to take such measurements and do any other such acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

18. Procedure for prosecution.

- No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act or any rule made thereunder except on the complaint of, or upon information given by, the Chief Administrator or any other person authorised by him in this behalf.[19. Bar of jurisdiction. - No court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any suit or proceeding in respect of the recovery of any arrears or penalty under section 8 or in respect of the resumption of any site or building, or both, as the case may be, under section 8-A or the forfeiture of any money under that section, or in respect of any order made, by the Central Government or any other authority in the exercise of any power conferred by or under this Act.] [Section 19 substituted by the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) (Chandigarh Amendment) Act, 1973, Central Act, No. 17 of 1973 (section 6).]

20. Protection of action taken in good faith.

(1)No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Chief Administrator, Estate Officer, or any other person acting under their direction in respect of any thing which is in good

faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or of any rules or orders made thereunder.(2)No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by the Punjab Re-organisation Chandigarh (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.], the Chief Administrator or the Estate Officer or any other person in respect of any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or rules or orders made thereunder.

21. Delegation.

(1)The [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] may by order direct that any power exercisable by it under this Act shall be exercisable, subject to such conditions, if any, also by such officers subordinate to the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] as may be specified in the order.(2)The Chief Administrator may delegate all or any of his powers under this Act to any officer of the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified by the Chief Administrator.

22. Power to make rules.

(1) The [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.(2)In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-(a)the terms and conditions on which any land or building may be transferred by the [Central Government] [Substituted for the words 'State Government' by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.] under this Act;(b)the manner in which consideration money for any transfer may be paid; (c) the rate of interest payable, and the procedure for payment of instalments, interest, fees, rents or other dues payable under this Act; (d) the terms and conditions under which the transfer of any right in any site or building may be permitted; (e) erection of any building or the use of any site; (f) levy of fees or taxes under section 7; (g) the terms and conditions for the breach of which any site or building may be resumed;(h)the conditions with regard to the buildings to be erected on sites transferred under this Act;(i)the form of notice and the manner in which notices may be served; (j) the form and manner in which appeals and applications under this Act may be filed and the court fees leviable on such appeals and applications;(k)the matters referred to in sub-section (2) of section 5;(l)any other matter which has to be or may be prescribed.(3) [(Omitted)] [Omitted by Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968.].

23. Repeal.

- The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952 (President's Act V of 1952), is hereby repealed; Provided that any appointment, notification, order, scheme, rule, form or by-law, made or issued under the repealed Act shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue in force and shall be deemed to have been made or issued under the provisions of this Act, as if this Act was in force at the time. [The First Schedule] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.]
- 1. Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (England) or Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (England) or an equivalent registration in any other foreign country.
- 2. Member of the Institution of Engineers (India) or Associate Member of the Institution of Engineers (India).
- 3. Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers (England) or Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers (England) or an equivalent registration in any other country.
- 4. Fellow of the Indian Institute of Architects or Associate of the Indian Institute of Architects.
- 5. B.Sc. in Engineering of any Engineering University in India or abroad or Diploma in C.E. Roorkee.
- 6. Diploma from J.J. School of Arts, Bombay.
- 7. Diploma from School of Architecture, Delhi Polytechnic.
- 8. Diploma, degree or certificate from any other institution recognised by the Indian Institute of Architects or Institution of Engineers (India).

[(The Second Schedule)] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.] [See Section 7-A] Provisions of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911. - Sections [3, 9, 19, 31, 33, 38, 39, 41 to 45, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration notification No. 85-UTFII (6) 75/219, dated the 3rd January, 1973.], [61, 62] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration Notification No. UT. 2464-F2-68/18878, dated the 10th July, 1968.], [62-A, 63 to 69, 75, 79, 80] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration notification No. 85-UTFII (6) 75/219, dated the 3rd January, 1973.], [81, 84, 85] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration Notification No. UT. 2464-F2-68/18878, dated the 10th July 1968.], [86] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration notification No. 85-UTFII (6) 75/219, dated the 3rd

January, 1973.], [93 to 95, 106, 107, 108, 110 to 112] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.], [114, 115] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration Notification No. UT. 768-F2-69/814, dated the 25th February, 12th March, 1969.], [121 to 124, 125 to 131, 141 to 150, 151 to 153, 154 to 157, 167 to 168, 173] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.], [183] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration Notification No. UT. 5705-F2-75/13972, dated the 10th September, 1975.], [184] [Inserted vide Punjab Government Notification No. C-1713-59/III/1715, dated the 14th February, 1959.], [188, 197, 197-A, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.], [205] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration Notification No. 85-UTFII (6) 75/219, dated the 3rd January, 1973.], [206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214 to 223, 224, 225 to 227, 228 to 230, 232, 234, 236] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.], [237] [Inserted vide Chandigarh Administration Notification No. 85-UTFII (6) 75/219, dated the 3rd January, 1973.], [239 and 340] [See Punjab Act No. 37 of 1957, Sec. 4.]. Bye Laws for the Control and Regulation of Burial and Burning Grounds at Chandigarh Published vide Notification No. C-389-60/III/968, dated 29th January, 1960 Capital AdministrationNo. C-389-60/III/968 - The following bye-laws framed by the Chief Administrator, Capital Project, Chandigarh, under sections 188 and 199 of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, and sub-section (2) of section 7-A of the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952, having been confirmed by the Governor of Punjab, as required under section 201 of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, are published below for general information and shall come into force with effect from the 1st April, 1960:-

1. No person shall bury or cause to be buried, or, being the owner or person incharge of the burial ground, shall permit to be buried, the body of any person in any burial grounds within the limits of Chandigarh, save in accordance with the following conditions:-

(a)No dead body of any person shall be buried in any place other than the place declared by the Chief Administrator, Capital Project, as Burial Ground.(b)Each grave shall be of such a depth that every part of every coffin or body shall be at least four feet below the surface level, if confined in masonry, and six feet, if not so confined.(c)The grave shall be not less than two feet from the nearest existing grave.(d)The body shall not be buried in any vault or masonry grave with a permanent floor which it is intended at any time within fourteen years to re-open unless the coffin or body be separately entombed in an air-right manner by properly cemented store or brickwork which shall never be disturbed.(e)The body shall not be buried in the same grave with and at the same time as any other body unless bodies be those of members of the same family.

2. No person shall re-open or being the owner or person incharge of the burial ground, shall permit, to be re-opened any non-masonry grave or masonry grave un-provided with a separate air-tight compartment as described in bye-law (c) within fourteen years after the burial therein of the body of the person above 12 years of age or within eight years of the burial therein of the body of a child under 12 years of age except for the purpose of burying the body of another member of the same family, in which case a

layer of earth not less than one feet thick shall be left undisturbed over the previously buried body. If on re-opening a grave any soil is found to be offensive such soil shall be left undisturbed.

- 3. Except in cases of disinterment by order of a Magistrate no person shall exhume a dead body or, except with the permission of the Chief Administrator, re-open a grave.
- 4. (a) No dead body of any person shall be burnt in any place other than the place declared by the Chief Administrator, Capital Project, as Burning Ground.
- (b)No person who burns or causes to be burnt the dead body of any person in any burning ground within the limits of Chandigarh and no owner or person incharge of any such burning ground, shall permit the body or any part of it to remain unconsumed, nor shall he remove or cause to be removed or suffer to be removed from such burning ground the body or any part of it until it had been completely reduced to ashes.
- 5. No person shall remove the wood, coal or other fuel, that has been employed in a pyre on a burning ground, or being the owner or person incharge of such burning ground shall permit such wood, coal or other fuel to be removed but the owner or person incharge of such burning ground shall see that such wood, coal or other fuel is reduced to ashes.
- 6. No person who conveys or causes to be conveyed any dead body to any burning or burial ground within the limits of Chandigarh and no owner or person incharge of such burning of burial grounds shall permit any such body to remain unburnt or unburied, as the case may be, for more than six hours after its arrival at such burning or burial ground.
- 7. No person shall remove, or, being the owner or person incharge of burning or burial ground, shall permit to be removed from such burning or burial ground the bier or other thing on which the dead body of any person who has died of any infectious or contagious disease was brought to such burning or burial ground or any clothes or bedding or other thing with which such dead body has been in contact, but the person responsible for the burning or burial of such dead body and the person incharge of such burning or burial ground shall cause such bier or other thing on which such dead body was brought to such burning or burial ground to be burnt to ashes

together with such clothes, bedding or other things with which such dead body has been in contact unless such clothes, bedding or other thing, shall have been buried with such dead body.

- 8. No person shall, except with the written permission of the Chief Administrator, erect any masonry tomb or samadh or plant any tree within the limits of any burial or burning ground within the limits of Chandigarh.
- 9. Any pauper dying or unclaimed dead body shall be buried or creamed, as may be appropriate, at the cost of the Chandigarh Administration.
- 10. Any person who commits a breach of these bye-laws shall on conviction by a Magistrate, be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees, and if the breach is a continuing one, with a further fine which may extend to five rupees for every day after the first during which the breach continues.