

THE PUNJAB ALIENATION OF LAND ACT, 1900.
[ACT NO. XIII OF 1900].

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THE PUNJAB ALIENATION OF LAND ACT, 1900.
¹[ACT NO. XIII OF 1900].
[19th October, 1900].

AN
ACT

to amend the Law relating to Agricultural Land in the
² [³(The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)].

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to agricultural land in the⁴
[⁵(Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)]: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preliminary

1. (1) This Act may be called the ⁶[West Punjab] Alienation
of Land Act, ⁷[* * *]

Short Title extend
and
commencement

⁸[(2) It extends to ⁹[the ¹⁰Punjab] and the¹¹ [¹²(The Khyber
Pakhtunkhwa)]¹[***].

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons *see* Gazette of India, 1899, Pt. V, p. 135, for Report of the Select Committee *see ibid.*, 1900 Pt. V, p. 91: and for further Report *see ibid.*, p. 107 for Proceeding in Council, *see ibid.*, 1899 Pt. VI, p. 216: and *ibid.*, 1900, pp. 168. 177 and 193].

²Subs., for the word "Punjab" *see* Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Law and Justice Regulation, 1901 (VII of 1901) ss. 6 (1); to be construed as referring to the Districts of Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan, Hazara, Mardan, Kohat and Peshawar, *see* W. P. Act XVI of 1957, s. 3, Sch-I.

³Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011 dated 02-04-2011

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⁵Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011 dated 02-04-2011

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⁷The figure "1900" omitted by G. G. O., 4 of 1949

⁸Subs, for the word subsection (2) as amended by the A. O..1937, by G. G.O. 4 of 1949 Sch.

⁹Subs, for "West Punjab" by the Federal Law. (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1951 (XXVI of 1951), Ss. 8.

¹⁰Now to be construed as referring to the Districts of Campbellpur, Dera Ghazi Khan Guiranwala, Gujrat, Jhelum, Jhang, Lahore, Lyallpur, Mianwali, Montgomery, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Rawalpindi, Shahpur, Sheikhnpura and Sialkot, *see* W. P. Act -XVI of 1957, s. 3 and Sch-I.

¹¹ Now to be construed as referring to the Districts of Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan Kohat Hazara, Mardan and Peshawar *see* W. P. Act XVI of 1957, s. 3 and Sch-I.

¹²Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011 dated 02-04-2011

(3) It shall come into force on such day ²as the ³[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the⁴[Official Gazette] direct:

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject, or context,-

Definition

(1) ⁵[* * *]

(2) all expressions which are defined by section 4 of the ⁶[Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887], or by section 3 of the⁷ [Punjab Land Revenue. Act, 1887], shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, have the meanings assigned to them in the said sections respectively; and the expressions "record-of-rights" and "annual record" shall have the meanings assigned to them respectively in Chapter IV of the said last-mentioned Act;

(3) the expression "land" means land which is not occupied as the site of any building in a town or village and is occupied or let for agricultural purposes or for purposes subservient to agriculture or for pasture, and includes—

(a) the sites of buildings and other structures on such land;

⁸[(aa) any right of occupancy acquired under the⁹[Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887], the ¹⁰[Hazara Tenancy Regulation,

¹The word "Province" omitted by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from 14th October, 1955).

²The Act came into force on the 8th June, 1901 *see* Gazette of India 1901, Pt. I. p. 382.

³Subs. for "Governor-General in Council" by the A O., 1937.

⁴Subs. *ibid.*, for "Gazette of India".

⁵Clause (1) of section 2 and the proviso repeal" by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Reg. I of 1904 s. 7. (i).

⁶Rep. in the Rep. in the North-West Frontier Province by the North-West Province Tenancy Act XXV of 1950. Tenancy Act XXV of 1950.

⁷Repealed by the West Pakistan Land Revenue Act, 1967, (XVII of 19CT), s. S.84 and sch.

⁸Sub-clause (aa) inserted by Reg. I of 1904, s.I (ii).

⁹Rep. in the Rep. in The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tenancy Act XXV of 1950. Tenancy Act XXV of 1950.

¹⁰Rep by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Tenancy Act, XXV Of 1950.

1887]or¹[the Agror Valley Regulation, 1891], as the case may be];

(b) a share in the profits of an estate or holding;

(c) any dues or any fixed percentage of the land revenue payable by an inferior land owner to a superior landowner,

(d) a right to receive rent;

(e) any right to water enjoyed by the owner or occupier of land as such; ²[* * * *]

³[(f) any right of occupancy] ; ⁴[and]

⁵[(g) All fruit-bearing trees Standing on such land].

⁶[(4) the expression "permanent alienation" includes sales, exchanges, gifts, wills and grants of occupancy rights:

(5) the expression "usufructuary mortgage" means a mortgage by which the mortgagor delivers possession of the mortgage land to the mortgagee and authorizes him to retain such possession until payment of the mortgage-money, and to receive the rents and profits of the land and to appropriate them in lieu of interest or in payment of the mortgage-money or partly in lieu of interest and partly in payment of the mortgage-money: and

¹Obsolete. The Estate has been handed over to the Khan of Agror by an Executive Order

²The word "and" omitted by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. V of 1937 s.2 (i).

³Sub-clause (f) was added by the Punjab Alienation of Land Amendment Act, 1907 (Punjab Act I of 1907), s. 2 (2). This Act was extended to The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874, *se** Gazette of India 1908, Pt. II p. 947: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Gazette, 1921. Pt. I-A, p. 1152, and *ibid*, 1922, Pt. I-A, p. 229.

⁴Colon at the end of clause (f) replaced by semi-colon and the word "and" inserted by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act V of 1937, s. 2(ii).

⁵Added *ibid*, s 2. (iii)-

⁶Subs. for sub-section (4) by the Punjab Alienation of Land Amendment Act, 1907 (Punjab Act I of 1907, s.2 (3)

(6) the expression "conditional sale" includes any agreement whereby in default of payment of the mortgage-money or interest at a certain time the land will be absolutely transferred to the mortgage.

¹ [2-A. Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 53 and 54 of the ²[Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887], when a landlord makes a claim to exercise the rights thereby conferred upon him the provisions of this Act shall apply thereto].

Application of Act to sections 53 and 54 Act XVI, 1887

3. (1) A person who desires to make a permanent alienation & of his land shall be at liberty to makes such alienation where—

Sanction of Deputy Commissioner required to certain permanent alienations.

(a) the alienor is not a member of an agricultural tribe ; or

³[(b) * * *]

(c) the alienor is a member of an agricultural tribe and the alienee is a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group.

⁴ [* * *]

(2) Except in the cases ⁵provided for sub-section (1), a permanent alienation of land shall not take effect as such unless and until sanction is given thereto by a Deputy Commissioner:

⁶[Provided that-

(1) sanction may be given after the act of alienation is otherwise completed, and

(2) sanction shall not be necessary in the case of—

¹Section 2-A inserted *ibid*, s. 3

²Rep by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Tenancy Act, XXV Of 1950

³Clause (b) and the proviso to clause C. rep; by Punjab Act I of 1907- S. 4 (1).

⁴Clause (b) and the proviso to clause C. rep; by Punjab Act I of 1907- S. 4 (1).

⁵Subs, *ibid*.S. 4 (2)

⁶Subs, *ibid*.S. 4 (2)

(a) a sale of a right of occupancy by a tenant to his landlord, or

(b) a gift made in good faith for a religious or charitable purpose, whether *inter vivos* or by will].

(3) The Deputy Commissioner shall inquire into the circumstances of the alienation and shall have discretion to grant or refuse the sanction required by sub-section (2).

4. ¹[(a) All Muslims ordinarily residing, or holding land, in the ²[³(The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)] shall be deemed to be members of an Agricultural tribe and constituting one group for the purposes of this Act.

Agricultural Tribes

(b) The Provincial Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, determine what bodies of persons, other than Muslims, in any District or group of Districts, are to be deemed Agricultural tribes or a group of Agricultural tribes for the purposes of this Act.]

5. When a Deputy Commissioner sanctions a permanent alienation of land, his order shall not be taken to decide or affect any question of title, or any question relating to any reversionary right or right of pre-emption.

Saving for rights in land alienated.

Temporary Alienations of Land,

6. (1) If a member of an agricultural tribe mortgages his land and the

Forms of mortgage

¹Subs, for the original section by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act VIII of 1948, s. 2

²To be construed as referring to the Districts of Bannu, Dera Ishtaiq Khan, Hazara, Mardan, Kohat and Peshawar; see W. P. Act No. XVI of 1957, s. 3 Sch. I.

³Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011 dated 02-04-2011

mortgage is not a member of the same tribe, or of a tribe in the same group, the mortgage shall be made in one of the following forms:-

permitted in certain cases.

(a) in the form of a usufructuary mortgage, by which the mortgagor delivers possession of the land to the mortgagee and authorizes him to retain such possession and to receive the rents and profits of the land in lieu of interest and towards payment of the principal, on condition that after the expiry of the term agreed on or (if no term is agreed on, or if the term agreed on exceeds twenty years), after the expiry of twenty years, the land shall be redelivered to the mortgagor ; or

(b) in the form of a mortgage without possession, subject to the condition that, if the mortgagor fails to pay principal and interest according to his contract, the mortgagee may apply to the Deputy Commissioner to place him in possession for such term not exceeding twenty years as the Deputy Commissioner may consider to be equitable, the mortgage to be treated as a usufructuary mortgage for the term of the mortgage possession and for such sum as may be due to the mortgage on account of the balance of principal due and of interest due not exceeding the amount claimable as simple interest at such rate and for such period as the Deputy Commissioner thinks reasonable; or

(c) in the form of a written usufructuary mortgage by which the mortgagor recognizes the mortgagee as a landlord and himself remains in cultivating occupancy of the land as a tenant subject to the payment of rent at such rate as may be agreed upon not exceeding sixteen annas per rupee of the amount of the land-revenue in addition to the amount of the land revenue of the tenancy and the rates and cesses chargeable thereon and for such

term as may be agreed on, the mortgagor having no right to alienate his right of cultivating occupancy and the mortgagee having no right to eject the mortgagor unless on the grounds mentioned in section 39 of the¹ [Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887];,or

(d) in any form which the²[Provincial Government] may, by-general or special order, permit to be used.

(2) If in the case of a mortgage in form (c) the mortgagor is ejected or relinquishes or abandons cultivating occupancy of the land, the mortgage shall take effect as a usufructuary mortgage in form (a) for such term not exceeding, twenty years from the date of ejection, relinquishment or abandonment, and for such sum of money as the Deputy Commissioner considers to be reasonable.

³[(3) The Deputy Commissioner, if he accepts the application of a mortgagee under sub-section (1)(b), shall have power to eject the mortgagor, and as against the mortgagor to place the mortgagee in possession.]

7. In the case of mortgages made under section 6—

Rules applying to permitted mortgages.

(1) no interest shall accrue during the period for which the mortgagee is in possession of the land or in receipt of rent;

¹Re., in The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Tenancy Act, XXV Of 1950

²Subs, for " Local Government" by the A. O., 1937.

³Sub-section (3) inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land Amendment Act, 1907(Punjab Act I of 1907),s.6.

(2) if the mortgage is in form (a) or form (b), then at the end of such period of possession the mortgage debt shall be extinguished;

(3) the mortgagor may redeem his land at any time during the currency of the mortgage, on payment of the mortgage debt or, in the case of a mortgage in form (a) or form (b), of such proportion of the mortgage debt as the Deputy Commissioner determines to be equitable; and

(4) in the case of a usufructuary mortgage, the mortgagor shall not be deemed to bind himself personally to repay the mortgage-money.

¹[(5) if a mortgagor who has applied to the Deputy Commissioner under sub-section (3) proves to the satisfaction of the Deputy Commissioner that he has paid the mortgage debt or such proportion of the mortgage debt as the Deputy Commissioner has determined to be equitable, or deposits with the Deputy Commissioner the amount of such mortgage/debt or of such proportion thereof, the redemption of the land shall be deemed to have taken place, and the Deputy Commissioner shall have power to eject the mortgagee, if in possession, and as against the mortgagee to place the mortgagor in possession.].

8. (1) In a mortgage made under section 6, the following conditions may be added by agreement between the parties: -

Condition in permitted mortgages.

(a) a condition fixing the time of the agricultural year at which a mortgagor redeeming his land may resume possession thereof;

¹ Sub Section (5) Inserted by *ibid*, S.7

(b) conditions limiting the right of a mortgagor or mortgagee in possession to cut, sell or mortgage trees or to do any act affecting the permanent value of the land; and

(c) any condition which the ¹[Provincial Government] by general or special order may declare to be admissible.

(2) In mortgages made under section 6 any condition not permitted by or under this Act shall be null and void.

9. (1) If a member of an agricultural tribe makes a mortgage of his land in any manner or form not permitted by or under this Act, the Deputy Commissioner shall have authority to revise and alter the terms of the mortgage so as to bring it into accordance with such form of mortgage permitted by or under this Act as the mortgage appears to him to be equitably entitled to claim.

Power to
revise
mortgage
made in form
not permitted.

(2) If a member of an agricultural tribe has before the commencement of this Act made a mortgage of his land in which there is a condition intended to operate by way of conditional sale, the Deputy Commissioner shall be empowered at any time during the currency of the mortgage to put the mortgagee to his election whether he will agree to the said condition being struck out, or to accept in lieu of the said mortgage a mortgage which may be at the mortgagee's option be either in form (a) or in form (I) as permitted by section 6 and which shall be made for such period not exceeding the period permitted by the said section and for such sum of money as, the Deputy Commissioner considers to be reasonable.

(3) If proceedings for the enforcement of a condition intended to operate by way of conditional sale are instituted or are pending at the

¹Subs, for " Local Government" by the A. O., 1937

commencement of this Act in any Civil Court, or if a suit is instituted in any Civil Court on a mortgage to which sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) applies, the Court shall refer the case to the Deputy Commissioner with a view to the exercise of the power conferred by the sub-section applying thereto.

¹[(4) When a mortgagee put to his election under sub-section (2) agrees to accept in lieu of his mortgage, a mortgage in form (a) or in form (b) as permitted by section 6 for the period and for the sum of money considered by the Deputy Commissioner to be reasonable, and the mortgagor cannot be found, or fails to appear when duty served with notice to do so, or refuses or neglects to execute such mortgage, the Deputy Commissioner shall have authority to execute such mortgage on such terms as to costs as he may fix and the mortgage so executed shall have effect as if it had been executed by the mortgagor. The Deputy Commissioner may for any reason which he deems sufficient set aside any *ex-parte* proceedings taken under this sub-section .]

10. In any mortgage of land made after the commencement of this Act any condition which is intended to operate by way of conditional sale shall be null and void.

Future mortgage by way of conditional sale not permitted.

11. Any member of an agricultural tribe may make a lease or farm of his land for any term not exceeding twenty years, and any lease or farm made by a member of an agricultural tribe for a longer term than twenty years shall if the lessee or farmer is not a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group, be deemed to be a lease or farm for the term permitted by this section.

Lease and Farms.

¹.Sub-section(4) inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land Amendment Act, 1907(Punjab Act I of 1907),s.8.

12. (1) During the currency of a mortgage made under section 6 in form (a) or form (b) or of a lease or farm under this Act, the owner shall be at liberty to make a further temporary alienation of the same land for such term as together with the term of the current mortgage, lease or farm will make up a term not exceeding the full term of twenty years.

Restriction on power to make further temporary alienation.

(2) Any such further temporary alienation if made for a longer term than is permitted by this section, shall be deemed to be a temporary alienation for the term permitted by this section.

13. If a mortgagee, lessee or farmer holding possession under a mortgage made under section 6 or under a lease or farm made under section 11 or under a mortgage, lease or farm made under section 12 remains in possession after the expiry of the term for which he is entitled to hold under his mortgage, lease or farm, the Deputy Commissioner may, of his own motion or on the application of the person entitled to possession, eject such mortgagee, lessee or farmer and place the person so entitled in possession.

Ejectment of mortgagee, lessee or farmer remaining in possession after term.

General Provisions.

14. Any permanent alienation which under section 3 is not to take effect as such until the sanction of a Deputy Commissioner is given thereto shall, until such sanction is given or if such sanction has been refused, take effect as a usufructuary mortgage in form (a) permitted by section 6 for such term not exceeding twenty years and on such conditions as the Deputy Commissioner considers to be reasonable.

Effect of permanent alienation made without sanction.

15. Every agreement whereby a member of an agricultural tribe purports to alienate or charge the produce of his land or any part of, or share in

Sanction of Deputy Commissioner

such produce for more than one year shall not take effect for more than one year from the date of the agreement unless the sanction of a Deputy Commissioner is given there to, and shall, until such sanction is given or if such sanction is refused, take effect as if it had been made for one year.

required to certain alienations of or charges on produce of land.

Explanation. - The produce of land means-

- (a) crops and other products of the earth standing or ungathered on the holding;
- (b) crops and other products of the earth which have been grown on the land during the past year and have been reaped or gathered.

16. (1) No land belonging to a member of an agricultural tribe shall be sold in execution of any decree or order of any Civil or Revenue Court, Whether made before or after the commencement of this Act.

Execution sale of land forbidden.

(2) Nothing in this-section shall affect the right of ¹[any Government] to recover arrears of land-revenue, or any dues which are recoverable as arrears of land revenue, in any manner now permitted by law.

17. Notwithstanding anything in the Indian Registration Act, 1877,² or in any rule made under section 69 of that Act,—

Registration

- (1) an instrument which contravenes any provision of this Act shall not be admitted to registration ;

¹ Subs, for " Government" by the A O., 1937.

²See now the Registration Act, 1908,(XVI of 1908), Pakistan Code Vol: V.

(2) an instrument which records or gives effect to any transaction which requires the sanction of a Deputy Commissioner shall not be admitted to registration until a certified copy of the order giving such sanction is produced to the officer empowered to register such instrument.

18. (1) Where, by reason of any transaction which under this Act requires the sanction of a Deputy Commissioner, a person claims to have acquired a right the acquisition whereof he is bound to report under section 34 of the ¹[Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887], such person shall, in making his report, state whether the sanction required has been obtained or not, and his right so acquired shall not be entered in the record-of-rights or in any annual record until he produces such evidence of the order by which such sanction is given as may be required by any rules made under this Act.

Record- of
right and
annual
record,

(2) No right claimed by reason of any transaction or condition which is declared by this Act to be null and void shall be entered in the record-of-rights or in any annual record.

19. ²Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of Chapter-II of the ³[Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887], shall in so far as they are applicable, apply to the proceedings of Revenue-officers under this Act.

Application
of certain
provisions of
the ⁴(Punjab
land-revenue
Act, 1887)

20. No legal practitioner shall appear on behalf of any party interested in any proceeding before a Revenue-officer under this Act.

Appearance
of legal
practitioners
forbidden.

¹Since repealed and replaced by W. P. Land Revenue Act, 1967 (Act XVII of 1967).

²For rules to be read as added to Chap. V of rules made under Act XVII of 1887, see *Punjab Gazette Extraordinary*, dated 25th May, 1901, p. 4

³Since repealed and replaced by the W. P. Land Revenue Act, 1967 (Act XVII of 1967)

⁴For rules to be read as added to Chap. V of rules made under Act XVII of 1887, see *Punjab Gazette Extraordinary*, dated 25th May, 1901, p. 4

Explanation. -The term "Legal practitioner" includes a mukhtar.

21. (1) A Civil Court shall not have jurisdiction in any matter which the¹ [Provincial Government] or a Revenue-officer is empowered by this Act to dispose of.

Jurisdiction of Civil Courts excluded,

(2) No Civil Court shall take cognizance of the manner in which the²[Provincial Government] or any Revenue-officer exercise any power vested in it or in him by or under this Act.

³[21-A (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the⁴[Code of Civil Procedure] or in any other Act for the time being in force every Civil Court which passes a decree or order involving (1) the permanent alienation of his land by a member of an agricultural tribe or (2) the mortgage by a member of an agricultural tribe of his land when the mortgagee is not a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group, shall send to the Deputy Commissioner a copy of such decree or order.

Civil Court to send copy of decree or order to Deputy Commissioner.

(2) When it appears to the Deputy Commissioner that any Civil Court has either before or after the date when this section comes into operation, passed a decree or order contrary to any of the provisions of this Act, the Deputy Commissioner may apply for the revision of such decree or order to the Court, if any, to which an appeal would lie from such decree or order or in which an appeal could have been instituted at the time when the decree or order was passed or in any other case to the⁵[High Court]. And when the Court finds that such decree or

Action to be taken by Deputy Commissioner when decree or order passed contrary to Act.

¹Subs, for "Local Government" by the A O., 1937.

²Subs, for "Local Government" by the A O., 1937.

³Section 21-A, inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land Amendment Act, 1907 (Punjab Act I of 1907) s. 9.

⁴See now the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

⁵Subs, for the words "Chief Court" by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1919 (XVIII of 1919).

order is contrary to any of the provisions of this Act it shall alter it so as to make it consistent with this Act. Such application shall be made within two months of the date upon which the Deputy Commissioner is informed of such decree or order.

(3) When any such Appellate Court passes an order, rejecting such application, the Deputy Commissioner may, within two months after the date upon which he is informed of such order apply to the¹[High Court] for revision thereof.

(4) Every Civil Court which passes an order on any application made under this section shall forthwith send a copy thereof to the Deputy Commissioner.

(5) No stamp shall be required, upon such applications, and the provisions of the²Code of Civil Procedure as regards appeals shall apply so far as may be the procedure of the Court on receipt of such application:

Provided that no appearance by or on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner shall be deemed necessary for the disposal of the application.

22. [Addition to section 77 of Act XVI of 1887] *Rep by the Repealing Act, 1938 (1 of 1938), sections 2 and Sch I.*

¹Subs, for the words "Chief Court" by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1919 (XVIII of 1919).

²See now the Code of Civil Procedure. 1908 (V of 1908).

23. The powers conferred by this Act upon a Deputy Commissioner may be exercised by a Revenue-officer of higher rank, or by any officer authorized by the ¹[Provincial Government] in this behalf.

Exercise of Powers of Deputy Commissioners.

24. The ²[Provincial Government], ^{3***} may, by notification ⁴in the ⁵[official Gazette], exempt any district or part of district or any person or class of persons from the operation of this Act or of any of the provisions thereof.

Exemption.

25. (1) The ⁶[Provincial Government] may make rules ⁷[for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act

Power to make rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the ⁸[Provincial Government] may make ⁹rules prescribing the the Revenue officers to whom applications may be made and the manner and form in which such applications shall be made and disposed of.

¹Subs. for "Local Government" by the A. O., 1937.

²Subs. for "Local Government" by the A. O., 1937.

³The words "with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council" were omitted by the Devolution Act, 1920 (XXXVIII of 1920) s) 2, and Sch). I.

⁴For district exempted under this section, see *Punjab Gazette*, 1901, Pt. 1, p. 1096 *ibid* 1902, Pt) I p) 418 and for notification exemption every area included in Cantonment or Municipality from the operation of the provisions of the Act, except s. 1., s, 2 (1), (2), (3), and (5).. ss. 4, 10, 16, and 18 (2) and ss 21 (2) and 24 see *ibid*

⁵Subs., for Local Official Gazette" by the A. O., 1937.

⁶Subs. for "Local Government" by the A. O., 1937.

⁷The words "with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council" were omitted by the Devolution Act, 1920 (XXXVIII of 1920) s) 2, and Sch). I.

⁸Subs. for "Local Government" by the A. O., 1937.

⁹ For the rules under this section, see *Punjab Gazette*, .1901, Pt. 1, p. 1176; *Gazette of India*, 1904, Pt II,PP, 827-828 and *The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Gazette* 12th November 1915, Page 970.