**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**17 February 2016**

**No.PAP/Legis-2(123)/2016/1377.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

**THE PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT (THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

**Bill No. 17 of 2016**

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BILL

*to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013.*

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013) to ensure the provision of landfill site by the concerned local government so as to eliminate the possibility of dumping of solid waste and refuse at a place other than landfill or dumping site, specified by the concerned local government and for ancillary matters.

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

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Local Government (Third Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 132 of Act XVIII of 2013**.– In the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013), for brevity cited as ‘the said Act’, in section 132, after subsection (2), the following subsection (2A) shall be inserted:

 “(2A) If an offence of illegal dumping of solid waste and refuse under Part-II of the Fourth Schedule is committed by a person for the first time, he shall be administered a warning in writing; and, in case he repeats the offence within one year from earlier commission, he shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years but which shall not be less than seven days, and with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees but which shall not be less than twenty thousand rupees; and, where an accused was directed in writing by the Inspector for immediate discontinuance of the offence, the Court may impose a further fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees for every day for the period the accused has persisted in the offence from the date of its commission.”

**3. Amendment in the Fourth Schedule of Act XVIII of 2013**.– (1) In the said Act, in the Fourth Schedule, in Part-II, after the entry at Sr. No. 23, the following entry at Sr. No. 23A shall be added:

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| “23A. | Dumping of solid waste and refuse by any person or entity on a place other than landfill or dumping site, notified or designated by the concerned local government.” |

**4. Amendment in the Eighth Schedule of Act XVIII of 2013**.– (1) In the said Act, in the Eighth Schedule, after article 82, the following article 82A shall be inserted:

 “**82A. Landfill**.– (1) The concerned local government shall provide landfill, subject to the clearance by the Provincial Environmental Protection Agency, established under section 5 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (XXXIV of 1997) for proper disposal of solid waste and refuse, and until a provision is made, such local government shall notify or designate a dumping site for the purpose.

(2) The concerned local government shall maintain landfill or dumping site, as the case may be, in such manner as the bylaws may provide.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Presently, dumping of solid waste and refuse at any place in the local government is not an offence under the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 nor are the local governments empowered to provide landfill or to notify or designate a dumping site for proper disposal of solid waste and refuse under the Act ibid. This Bill proposes that a local government is obliged to provide a landfill subject to the clearance by the Provincial Environmental Protection Agency, established under section 5 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (XXXIV of 1997) for proper disposal of solid waste or refuse; and till the provision of such a place, to notify or designate a dumping site for proper disposal of solid waste and refuse. Hence this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**17 February 2016 Secretary**