**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 32 of 2016**

**THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND DRUG AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

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Bill

*to amend the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016.*

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016 (XXXII of 2016) for including the core departments as members of the Authority *inter alia* for effective representation and decision making by the Authority.

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

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 3 of Act XXXII of 2016**.– In the Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority Act 2016 (XXXII of 2016), in section 3, for subsections (3) and (4), the following shall be substituted:

“(3) The Authority shall consist of the Chairperson who shall be the Chief Minister or a Minister nominated by the Chief Minister and the following members:

(a) Vice Chairperson;

(b) Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare or Advisor to the Chief Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare;

(c) Minister for Agriculture;

(d) Minister for Food;

(e) Additional Chief Secretary to the Government;

(f) Chairman, Planning and Development Board of the Government;

(g) Secretary to the Government, Finance Department;

(h) Secretary to the Government, Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department;

(i) Secretary to the Government, Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department;

(j) Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department;

(k) Secretary to the Government, Food Department;

(l) Director General, Punjab Forensic Science Agency;

(m) not more than five scientists including at least one female scientist, if available, in the relevant field from public or private sector; and

(n) Director General (Member/Secretary).

(4) If a member mentioned at clauses (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) or (k) of subsection (3) is unable to attend a meeting for reasons beyond his control, he may depute an officer of his department not below the rank of an Additional Secretary to attend the meeting.”

**3. Repeal.–** The Punjab Agriculture, Food and Drug Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (XVII of 2016) is hereby repealed.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**24 August 2016 Secretary**