

**PART-I**

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PUNJAB

**Notification**

The 20th March, 2008

**No. 13-Leg./2008.**—The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 19th March, 2008, and is hereby published for general information :—

**THE PUNJAB PANCHAYATI RAJ (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2008  
(Punjab Act No. 12 of 2008)**

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ACT

*further to amend the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.*

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 2008. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2, in clause (zt), for the word and figure "section 10", the word, figure and letter "section 13-A" shall be substituted. Amendment in section 2 of Punjab Act 9 of 1994.

3. In the principal Act, in section 10, in sub-section (1), the words "a Sarpanch and" shall be omitted. Amendment in section 10 of Punjab Act 9 of 1994.

4. In the principal Act, for section 13, the following sections shall be substituted, namely :— Substitution of section 13 of Punjab Act 9 of 1994.

"13. (1) Every election of a Panch shall be notified by the State Government in the Official Gazette and no member shall enter upon his duties until his election has been so notified and he has taken an oath or affirmation as specified in Schedule 1. Notification of election and oath of allegiance by Panches.

(2) If a person refuses to take an oath or affirmation, referred to in sub-section (1), his election shall be deemed to be invalid and a fresh election shall be got conducted.

(3) No person, whose election is deemed to be invalid under sub-section (2), shall be eligible for election to any Gram Panchayat for a period of two years from the date of such invalidation.

13-A. The Deputy Commissioner or any officer or official of the State Government, authorised by him in this behalf, shall call the first meeting of the Gram Panchayat in such manner, as may be prescribed, as soon as, the election of all Panches is notified, to elect the Sarpanch from amongst them."

Amendment in  
section 15 of  
Punjab Act 9 of  
1994.

5. In the principal Act, in section 15, to sub-section (1), the following Explanation shall be added, namely :—

*Explanation.*—After the Sarpanch is elected, a meeting of the Gram Panchayat shall be held by him at the earliest possible and such meeting shall be deemed to be the “first meeting” of the Gram Panchayat for the purpose of this sub-section.”

Amendment in  
section 19 of  
Punjab Act 9 of  
1994.

6. In the principal Act, in section 19,—

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words “two-third majority of the total number of Panches of the Gram Sabha concerned”, the words “majority of Panches” shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words “Gram Sabha”, the words “Gram Panchayat” shall be substituted ; and
- (c) in sub-section (3), for the words “a majority of the members of the Gram Sabha present and voting concerned”, the words “a two-third majority of the total number of Panches holding office for the time being” shall be substituted.

Repeal and  
saving.

7. (1) The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008 (Punjab Ordinance No. 1 of 2008), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the Ordinance referred to in sub-section (1), shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

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