**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 21 of 2025**

**THE PUNJAB KHAL PANCHAYAT (REPEAL) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*to repeal the Punjab Khal Panchayat Act 2019*

It is necessary to repeal the Punjab Khal Panchayat Act 2019 (XXV of 2019) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

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 Khal Panchayat (Repeal) Act 2025.

 (2) It shall come into force at once.

**2.** **Repeal and saving**.- (1) The Punjab Khal Panchayat Act 2019 (XXV of 2019) is hereby repealed.

 (2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Punjab Khal Panchayat Act 2019 (XXV of 2019), all the proceedings and processes pertaining to powers and duties as prescribed under section 10 of the Punjab Khal Panchayat Act 2019 (XXV of 2019), any auctions done, sanction orders issued, any appointment made, order passed, notification issued, contracts executed, rights acquired, liabilities incurred, possession of properties delivered and proceeding initiated before various courts or other forums and thing done or action taken under any provision of repealed Act shall continue to have effect as if the said law has not been repealed.

**3.** **Transition**.- (1) All the properties, both urban and rural, including agricultural land, whether occupied and unoccupied, placed at the disposal of defunct Punjab Khal Panchayat Authority (PKPA), which may be available for disposal immediately before the repeal of the aforesaid Act, shall stand transferred to the Irrigation Department of the Government.

 (2) Out of the 197 employees:

* 1. 50 vacant positions will be abolished.
	2. 04 contract employees will have their contracts terminated.
	3. 69 employees will be absorbed into the Surplus Pool of the Services and General Administration Department of the Government for further placement.
	4. remaining employees will be absorbed by the Irrigation Department of the Government.
	5. 07 OSD posts for in-service death will also be adjusted in the Irrigation Department of the Government accordingly.

 (3) The Pension Fund and G.P. Fund contributions of the Punjab Khal Panchayat Authority employees will be transferred to the Finance Department of the Government and shall be adhere to the pension regime applicable at the time of the employees' regularization.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Punjab Khal Panchayat Authority (PKPA) was established under Punjab Khal Panchayat Act, 2019 to regulate and organize Khal Panchayats at the water courses level. PKPA failed to perform its duties effectively as per Punjab Khal Panchayat Act, 2019. It was proved to be unviable financial model incurring more expenditure and fetching continuous litigations. The Authority’s liabilities incurred to tune of Rs.411.687 million in terms of payment of salaries, pensionary contributions, utility charges. Hence this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**February 17, 2025 Secretary General**