**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

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

**24 May 2016**

**No.PAP/Legis-3(24)/2016/1429.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Tuesday, May 24, 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 FOREST (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

**Bill No. 23 of 2016**

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further to amend the Forest Act, 1927.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

 It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Forest (Amendment) Act, 2016.

 (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in Section 27 of Act XVI of 1927.— In the Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), in section 27, subsections (3) and (4) shall be omitted.

3. Amendment in Section 34-A of Act XVI of 1927.— In the Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), in section 34-A, subsections (3) and (4) shall be omitted

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Government shall not declare or notify a reserved forest or any part of the reserved forest as being no longer resaved forest. The Government shall not allow change in land use of a reserved forest. Insertions of the subsections (3) and (4) after subsection 27(2) and 34-A (2) are violations of the Section 27 (1) and (2) of the Forest Act 1927 (XVI of 1927). The Government can not change use of the forest land. Hence this Bill.

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 **MPA (PP-181)**

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**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**24 May 2016 Secretary**