**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

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

**21 October 2016**

**No.PAP/Legis-2(147)/2016/1485.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Friday, October 21, 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 (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

**Bill No. 44 of 2016**

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*further to amend the Punjab Local Government Ordinance, 2001.*

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Local Government Ordinance 2001 (XIII of 2001) to empower the local governments to sell immovable property after prior approval of the Government and through public auction; and, for incidental purposes.

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 (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 124 of Ordinance XIII of 2001**.– In the Punjab Local Government Ordinance, 2001 (XIII of 2001), for section 124, the following shall be substituted:

“**124. Use and transfer of property**.– (1) A local government shall use or allow the use of its property only for public purpose.

(2) A local government may, after prior approval of the Government, sell, in the prescribed manner, an immovable property through public auction but the occupant, subject to the payment of all the outstanding dues, shall have the first right of refusal.

(3) A local government may, in the prescribed manner, grant lease of an immovable property through public auction.

(4) Subject to periodic increase in the rate of lease money in the prescribed manner, a local government may grant lease of an immovable property under subsection (3) for the initial period of fifteen years and may, from time to time, extend the period of lease up to ten more years.

(5) A local government may, in the prescribed manner, transfer a movable property through public auction.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill aims at empowering the local governments to sell the immovable property through public auction and after prior approval of the Government. To safeguard the interests of the occupants, it is proposed that the occupant, who clears all the outstanding dues, shall have the first right of refusal. Hence this Bill.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**21 October 2016 Secretary**