PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB NOTIFICATION March 18, 2015

No.PAP/Legis-2(58)/2015/1202. The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Bill 2015, having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on March 06, 2015, and assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on March 17, 2015, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab.

THE PUNJAB PROHIBITION OF EXPRESSING MATTERS ON WALLS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2015

ACT XIX OF 2015

[First published, after having received the assent of the Governor of the Punjab, in the Gazette of the Punjab (Extraordinary) dated March 18, 2015.]

An Act

further to amend the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 1995. Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 1995 (II of 1995) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 2 of Act II of 1995.– In the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 1995 (II of 1995), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, for the expression "fine which may extend to Rs. 5,000/-", the words "fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees or more than one hundred thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

3. Insertion of section 2A in Act II of 1995.– In the said Act, after section 2, the following section 2A shall be inserted:

"2A. Cognizance and summary trial.– (1) An offence under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.

(2) A Magistrate of the first class shall conduct the trial of an offence under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter *XXII* of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) relating to the summary trials."

4. Repeal.– The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (IV of 2015) is hereby repealed.

Rai Mumtaz Hussain Babar Secretary