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BILL**

*to amend the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012.*

It is necessary to amend the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012 (XLVII of 2012) to preserve the trees at public land and to provide specific penalty for illegal cutting of trees.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Parks and Horticulture Authority (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 21 of Act XLVII of 2012.**— In the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012 (XLVII of 2012), for brevity cited as 'the said Act', in section 21, for subsection (5), the following shall be substituted:

"(5) A person shall not cut, damage or remove any tree on public land or any place outside a private premises without prior permission in writing of the Authority, except the routine or reasonable trimming of a tree outside the private premises by the occupant himself or under intimation to him."

**3. Amendment in section 23 of Act XLVII of 2012.**— In the said Act, in section 23:

(a) for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

"(1) A person who contravenes any provision of the Act, for which no other punishment is provided, shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to fifteen thousand rupees but which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees or with both."; and

(b) after subsection (1), the following subsection (1A) shall be inserted:

"(1A) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (5) of section 21, shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment which may extend to fifteen days but which shall not be less than three days and fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees but which shall not be less than twenty thousand rupees."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

It is necessary to preserve trees at public land. For the purpose, while permitting the necessary trimming, the illegal cutting of trees is proposed to be liable to punishment up to fifteen days of imprisonment but which shall not be less than three days imprisonment and fine up to two hundred thousand rupees but which shall not be less than twenty thousand rupees. These measures require amendments in the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012. Hence this Bill.

  
MINISTER IN CHARGE