

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 30 of 2015

THE PUNJAB COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

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BILL**

to amend the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women Act 2014.

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women Act 2014 (I of 2014) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

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

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 4 of Act I of 2014.**— In the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women Act 2014 (I of 2014), for brevity cited as the said Act, in section 4, for subsection (3), the following shall be substituted:

“(3) The Chairperson shall be a full-time officer of the Commission entitled to remuneration in management position scale-I (MP-I).”

3. **Amendment in section 5 of Act I of 2014.**— In the said Act, for section 5, the following shall be substituted:

“5. **Appointment of members.**— (1) The Government shall, in consultation with the Chairperson, appoint members mentioned in clauses (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of section 3 in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed and until so prescribed, as the Government may determine.

(2) A member appointed under subsection (1) shall not be less than thirty years of age and more than seventy years of age, and shall have experience of working on issues relating to women rights.

(3) The Government shall, in consultation with the Chairperson, within thirty days of occurrence of a vacancy, appoint a member for the residual term of the outgoing member.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Ombudsperson, appointed under the Punjab Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act 2012 is entitled to remuneration in MP-I scale. However, the Chairperson of the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women is entitled to a salary equivalent BS-21. As a special institution, the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women may have its Chairperson in MP-I scale on the analogy of the Ombudsperson appointed under the Punjab Protection against Harassment at the Workplace Act 2012. The Government may appoint private members of the Commission in consultation with the Chairperson of the Commission. Hence this Bill.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
25 May 2015

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary

ANNEXURE - B

**(BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
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