An Act further to amend the Registration Act, 1908 in its application to the State of Punjab.

Be it enacted by the Punjab State Legislature in the Seventieth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

After Section 22 of the Principal Act the following Section 22-A shall be inserted:

22-A (1) The Registering Officer shall refuse to register:

(a) Any instrument relating to the transfer by way of sale, gift, mortgage, exchange, lease or otherwise of immovable property:

(i) belonging to the Central or State Government or any authority or undertaking of the Central or State Government;

(ii) belonging to a Local Authority;

Explanation:- For the purpose of this Sub Clause 'Local Authority' means any Municipal Corporation, Municipal Committee, Notified Area Committee, Nagar Panchayat, Improvement Trust, Zila Parishad, Gram Panchayat or Urban Development Authority;

(iii) belonging to and recorded in the name of Punjab Bhoodan Yagna Board;

(iv) belonging to Wakfs which are under the supervision of the Punjab Wakf Board established under the Wakf Act, 1995 (Act No. 43 of 1995);

(v) recorded in the Record of Rights as Shamlat deh as defined in Section 2(g) of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961 (Punjab Act No. 18 of 1961).

Explanation:- For the purpose of this sub clause 'Record of Rights' means the Record of Rights maintained under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887 (Act No. XVII of 1887).

Provided that nothing in clause (a) shall apply in respect of any document or class of documents for which sanction in this regard has been issued by the competent authority under any law for the time being in force and in the absence of any such authority, an authority authorized by the Central or State Government, as the case may be, for this purpose.

(b) any instrument relating to transfer of immovable property, the alienation or transfer of which is prohibited under any Central or the State law.

(c) the document relating to transfer of property by way of agreement for sale, sale, gift, exchange or permanent alienation or lease or otherwise pertaining to any immovable property which is attached permanently or provisionally by any competent authority under any Central Act or State Act for the time being in force or any Court or Tribunal.
(2) Any document registered in contravention of Sub Section (1) of this Section shall:

(a) not affect any immovable property comprised therein, or

(b) be received as evidence of any transaction affecting such property.