

The Punjab Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
(Punjab Bill No. ____ of 2020).

A Bill to further amend the Registration Act, 1908 (Act No. 16 of 1908) in its application to the State of Punjab.

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

1. Short title. - This Bill may be called the Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020.

2. Insertion of Section 22-A. In the Registration Act, 1908 (Act No. 16 of 1908), after Section 22, the following Section 22-A shall be inserted, namely: -

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

(a) any instrument relating to 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, Block Samiti, Gram Panchayat, any other unit of self-government or Urban Development Authority;

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

(iv) belonging to Auqaf which are under the Punjab Waqf Board established under the Waqf Act, 1995 (Act No.43 of 1995).

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 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 land recorded in the record of rights as Shamlat deh, except land which is or has been allotted or sold by the Government;

Provided that Shamlat deh land that has been sold or allotted after 9th day of July 1985 by the Government to a displaced person in lieu of land left in Pakistan shall not be covered under the above provision.

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);

(c) any instrument relating to immovable property, specified by a notification, the alienation or transfer of which has been prohibited under any Central or State Act;

(d) a document relating to transfer of property by way of agreement for sale, sale, gift, exchange or permanent alienation of lease or otherwise pertaining to any immovable property which is attached permanently or provisional the 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 not affect any immovable property compromised therein, or be received as evidence of any transaction affecting such property.”