SINDH ACT NO.V OF 2009 THE COLONIZATION OF GOVERNMENT LANDS (AMENDMENT), ACT, 2009

[9th June, 2009]

An Act to further amend the Colonization of Government Lands Act, 1912.

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend the Preamble. Colonization of Government Lands Act, 1912, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

(1) This Act may be called the Colonization of Short title and Government Lands (Amendment) Act, 2009.

commencement.

- (2) It shall come into force at once.
- In the Colonization of Government Lands Act, 1912, Amendment of 2. hereinafter called the said Act, in section 10, after sub- section 10 of section(4), the following shall be added: -

Punjab Act V of 1912.

- "(5) If a person who has been granted, allotted or leased out, land after applicability of this Act to the Province of Sindh, or a person who may be granted land under this Act hereinafter for specific purpose has
 - a) failed to deposit the occupancy price within a period of three months after the issuance of offer letter or allotment letter regarding grant, allotment or lease of land, such offer letter or allotment letter shall automatically stand withdrawn and shall not be restored; provided that the grantee, allottee or lessee may apply afresh for grant, allotment or lease of the land and the Competent Authority may make a fresh grant, allotment or lease as the case may be: and
 - b) failed to use the land for the purpose for which it was granted or allotted or converted or leased out and the period of two years from the date of grant, allotment, conversion or lease has expired, the grant, allotment, conversion or lease of the land shall automatically stand cancelled and the amount deposited shall stand forfeited:

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Provided that the competent authority may extend the period for one year more in the justified cases on payment of ten percent (10%) of the occupancy prices."

3. In the said Act, after section 24, the following new section shall be inserted:

Insertion of section 24-A in Punjab Act V of 1912.

"24-A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or any other law for the time being in force, any land which through allotment order, ljazatnama, Sanad or reservation order was granted or leased for specific purpose is used for any other purpose shall stand resumed to the Provincial Government without any compensation:

Provided that the provisions of this section will not be applicable to the lands mutated or granted for agricultural purpose on permanent basis and the owners have acquired proprietary rights without condition."