



**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
(MARKETING WING)
Dated: 08th January, 2016**

NOTIFICATION

No.SOA(S&M)X-4/79,dated 21st February, 1981.- In exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 35¹ of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Ordinance, 1978 (XXIII of 1978) the Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following Rules:-

1. Short title and commencement: (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Market Committees Provincial Fund) Rules, 1980.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions: (1) In these Rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

(a) 'Board' means the Board constituted under rule 3 of these Rules:

(b) 'Chairman' means the Chairman of the Board:

(c) 'Member' means a member of the Board:

(d) 'Fund' means the Market Committee Fund established under these Rules: and

(e) 'Ordinance' means the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Ordinance, 1978 (XXIII of 1978).

(2) All expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the Ordinance.

3. Constitution of the Board: (1) The Government shall by a Notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Board for the purpose of these Rules.

(2) The Board shall comprise:²

¹ Printed in the Notification as "20"

² Printed in the Notification as "comprises—"

- (i) a chairman, who shall be the ³Special Secretary Agriculture Marketing;⁴ and
- (ii) the following members:
 - (a) Director-General Agriculture (Field), Punjab, Lahore;
 - (b) Director of Agriculture (E&M) Punjab Lahore, who shall also be the Secretary of the Board;
 - (c) Three representatives of 'A' class market committees from amongst the chairmen or Administrators of such committees;
 - (d) Two representatives of 'B' class market committee from amongst the Chairmen or Administrators of such committees; and
 - (e) One representative of 'C' class market committees from amongst the Chairmen or Administrators of such committees.

(3) The representatives of market committees shall be nominated by the Government for a period of three years.

(4) The meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Chairman as and when necessary but at least once in every six months.

4. Appointment of officers, etc, of the Board:

The Board may subject to such general or special orders as Government may give from time to time, appoint, such officers, advisers and servants whole time or ex-officio, or engage such persons on contract basis, as it deems necessary for the efficient performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as it deems fit.

5. Delegation of powers: The Board may, by general or special order, delegate to the Secretary, an officer or an employee of the Board any of its powers, duties, or functions subject to such conditions as it may deem fit.

³Substituted vide Notification No. PD/X-4/79 dated 30.03.2005.

⁴ Printed in the Notification as “.”

6. Powers and functions of the Board: (1) Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, and the rules framed thereunder, the Board may take such measures, exercise such powers as it considers necessary or expedient, undertake any development projects, incur any expenditure, procure any plants, machinery or material required for its use, and may enter into any contract and do all other acts and things necessary for carrying out the purposes of these rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Board⁵ may take such measures as it considers necessary for:⁶

- (a) the preparation and implementation of such projects, measures and programmes to develop and improve markets and marketing:
- (b) the collection and dissemination of market intelligence:
- (c) the investment of market committees provincial fund for profitable purposes:
- (d) acquiring permanent assets and properties:
- (e) organizing and running modern markets:
- (f) undertaking actual marketing, grading, processing and disposal of agricultural produce:
- (g) setting up and running of the in service training institutes:
- (h) advancing loans to market committees at such rates and under such terms and conditions as may be specified: and
- (i) any other purpose with the prior approval of the Government.

(3) The Board shall have the powers to call for any information from or to give directions to the market committees.

(4) The market committees shall furnish to the Board the budget estimates and the annual financial account as may be prescribed.

7. Market Committee Provincial Fund: (1) Every market committee shall deposit not less than 10 per cent of its annual income as a contribution towards the Fund for covering the salaries of officers to be appointed for the better working of the

⁵ Printed in the Notification as "Boar"

⁶ Printed in the Notification as ":-"

market committees or for meeting the expenditure to be incurred on carrying out the purposes common to or for the over-all interest of the market committees in the Province.

(2) All deposits in and disbursements from the fund shall be made in accordance with the instructions issued by the Government from time to time in this respect.

(3) The Head of Account stated therein for depositing the receipt of the Fund should be substituted with '3840-Punjab Market Committees Fund (148-D)' and read.

(4) The contribution shall be leviable at the close of the financial year, and shall be paid in the month of July.

(5) Proper accounts shall be maintained by the Board, of the receipts and disbursements of the fund which shall be audited by the Accountant-General, Punjab, Lahore, in the same manner as the accounts of a Government office are audited.

(6) On the recommendations of the Board, the Government may exempt a market committee from the liability of contributing towards the fund if it is warranted in view of financial position of the market committee: or may defer the realization of the amount for such period as may be specified.

(7) Government shall be the final authority to take a decision with regard to the actual amount payable by a market committee.

(8) The chairman shall be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the fund mentioned in sub-rule (3).

8. Suspension of Board: (1) Government may by notification, suspend the Board and assume its functions if there are reasons to believe that the Board is unable to discharge its duties or generally acts in a manner contrary to public interest or otherwise exceeds or abuses its powers.

(2) On the publication of a notification under sub-rule (1):-

(a) a person holding office as chairman and member of the Board shall cease to hold such office:

- (b) all functions of the Board shall, during the period of suspension, be performed by such authority or person as Government may appoint in this behalf: and
- (c) all funds and property belonging to the Board shall, during the period of suspension, vest in Government.