

**THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURISTS' LOANS ACT, 1958**  
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**<sup>1</sup>THE <sup>2</sup>[PUNJAB] AGRICULTURISTS' LOANS ACT, 1958**

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*[23 April 1958]*

An  
Act

*to consolidate the law relating to the advancement and recovery of taccavi loans for agricultural purposes in the Province of <sup>3</sup>[the Punjab].*

**Preamble.— WHEREAS** it is expedient to consolidate the law relating to the advancement and recovery of taccavi loans for agricultural purposes in the Province of <sup>4</sup>[the Punjab].

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1. Short title and extent.—** (1) This Act may be called the <sup>5</sup>[Punjab] Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1958.

<sup>6</sup>[(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of <sup>7</sup>[the Punjab], except the Tribal Areas.]

**2. Power of Government to make rules.—** (1) Government may make rules as to:—

- (a) loans to be made to owners and occupiers of arable land for the relief of distress, purchase of land, cattle and seed and other agricultural purposes; and
  - (b) sale of seed on credit to owners and occupiers of agricultural land.
- (2) All such rules shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**3. Recovery of loans.—** The loans made, the price of seed sold and the interest (if any) chargeable thereon, together with the cost of recovery, if any, shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue from the persons to whom the loans were made or the seed was sold or their sureties.

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated March 26, 1958, pp. 366-367. This Act was passed by the West Pakistan Assembly on March 29, 1958; assented to by the Governor of West Pakistan on April 17, 1958; and published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated April 23, 1958, pp. 615-616.

<sup>2</sup>Substituted for the words "West Pakistan" by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (I of 1974) (w.e.f. 14.8.1973), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated November 20, 1974, pp. 1425-A-1425-PP, Article 2(1) read with Schedule, Part III, Serial No. 7.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid.

<sup>6</sup>Substituted by the West Pakistan Laws (Extension to Karachi) Ordinance, 1964 (VII of 1964), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated May 25, 1964, pp. 1679-1688, s. 2 read with Schedule, Serial No. 5.

<sup>7</sup>Substituted for the words "West Pakistan" by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (I of 1974) (w.e.f. 14.8.1973), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated November 20, 1974, pp. 1425-A-1425-PP, Article 2(1) read with Schedule, Part III, Serial No. 7.

**4. Liability of joint borrowers as among themselves.**— When a joint loan is made under this Act to members of a village community or any other persons on such terms that all of them are jointly and severally bound to pay the whole amount and a statement showing the shares of the various borrowers, signed, marked, or sealed by such of them or their duly authorized agents and the officer making the order is entered upon the order granting the loan that statement shall be conclusive evidence of the share which each of those borrowers is bound to contribute.

**5. Repeal and savings.**— (1) The following enactments are hereby repealed:—

- (a) the Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1884<sup>1</sup>;
- (b) the Agriculturists' Loans (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1951<sup>2</sup>;
- (c) the Agriculturists' Loans (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1955<sup>3</sup>;
- (d) the Agriculturists' Loans (Sind Amendment) Act, 1941<sup>4</sup>;
- (e) the Khairpur State Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1952<sup>5</sup>; and
- (f) the West Pakistan Agriculturists' Loans Ordinance, 1958<sup>6</sup>.

(2) All rules, appointments and orders made, authorities and powers conferred, liabilities incurred, times and places appointed and other things done under any of the repealed enactments mentioned in sub-section (1) shall, so far as may, be deemed to have been respectively made, conferred, incurred, appointed and done under this Act and all arrears of advances and interest shall be recoverable under this Act.

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<sup>1</sup>XII of 1884.

<sup>2</sup>Punjab X of 1951.

<sup>3</sup>Punjab V of 1955.

<sup>4</sup>Sind X of 1941.

<sup>5</sup>Khairpur VIII of 1952.

<sup>6</sup>West Pakistan Ordinance III of 1958.