

THE PUNJAB ALIENATION OF LAND ACT, 1900
(XIII of 1900)

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¹THE PUNJAB ALIENATION OF LAND ACT, 1900 (XIII of 1900)

[25 October 1900]

An
Act

to amend the law relating to agricultural land in the Punjab.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to agricultural land in the Punjab; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the ²³[*] Punjab] Alienation of Land Act, ⁴[*].

⁵[(2) It extends to ⁶[the Punjab] ⁷[* *] ⁸[* * *] ⁹[*].]

(3) It shall come into force on such day¹⁰ as the ¹¹¹²[Provincial] Government] may, by notification in the ¹[Official Gazette], direct.

¹This Act was published in the Government Gazette, Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 25 October 1900, pp. 33-36. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1899, Part V, p. 135; for report of the Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1900, Part V, p. 91; and for further report, see *ibid.*, p. 107; for proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1899, Part VI, p. 216; and *ibid.*, 1900, pp. 168, 177 and 193.

²Substituted for the word “Punjab” by the Adaptation of Central Acts and Ordinances Order, 1949 (G.G.O. No. 4 of 1949), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 28 March 1949, pp. 223-283, Article 3 read with the Schedule.

³The word “West” was deleted by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (Pb. O. No. 1 of 1974), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 20 November 1974, pp. 1425-A to 1425-PP, Article 2 read with the Schedule: it came into force on 14 August 1973.

⁴The figure “1900” was omitted by the Adaptation of Central Acts and Ordinances Order, 1949 (G.G.O. No. 4 of 1949), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 28 March 1949, pp. 223-283, Article 3 read with the Schedule.

⁵Substituted *ibid.*

⁶Substituted for the words “West Punjab” by the Federal Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1951 (XXVI of 1951); assented to by the Governor General on 10 May 1951; and, was published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 12 May 1951, pp. 340-388, s. 8.

⁷The words “and the” become redundant and deemed to be omitted by virtue of omission of the words “North-West Frontier” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (Pb. O. No. 1 of 1974), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 20 November 1974, pp. 1425-A to 1425-PP, Article 2 read with the Schedule: it came into force on 14 August 1973.

⁸The words “North-West Frontier” were deleted by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (Pb. O. No. 1 of 1974), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 20 November 1974, pp. 1425-A to 1425-PP, Article 2 read with the Schedule: it came into force on 14 August 1973.

⁹The word “Province” was omitted by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (XXI of 1960); assented to by the President on 7 June 1960; and, was published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 9 June 1960, pp. 725-845, s. 3 read with the Second Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955.

¹⁰It came into force on 8 June 1901, see the Gazette of India, 1901, Part I, p. 382.

¹¹Substituted for the words “Governor General in Council” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

¹²Substituted for the word “Central” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (Pb. O. No. 1 of 1974), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 20 November 1974, pp. 1425-A to 1425-PP, Article 2 read with the Schedule: it came into force on 14 August 1973.

³[(g) all trees standing on such land.]

⁴[(4) the expression 'permanent alienation' includes sales, exchanges, gifts, wills and grants of occupancy rights;]

(5) the expression "usufructuary mortgage" means a mortgage by which the mortgagor delivers possession of the mortgaged land to the mortgagee and authorises him to retain such possession until payment of the mortgage-money, and to receive the rents and profits of the land and to appropriate them in lieu of interest or in payment of the mortgage-money or partly in lieu of interest and partly in payment of the mortgage- money;
⁵[*]

(6) the expression "conditional sale" includes any agreement whereby in default of payment of the mortgage-money or interest at a certain time the land will be absolutely transferred to the mortgagee.

⁶[(7) "Alienor" includes any person transferring an interest in land by sale, exchange, gift, will, mortgage, lease or farm, and lawful heirs and successors of any such person.]

⁷[(8) "⁸[District Officer (Revenue)]" * * * * *]

⁹**[2-A. Application of Act to sections 53 and 54, Act XVI, 1887.**— Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 53 and 54 of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887¹⁰, when a landlord makes a claim to exercise the rights thereby conferred upon him the provisions of this Act shall apply thereto.]

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¹Substituted for the "colon" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1936 (VII of 1936), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 4 January 1937, p. 1, s. 2.

²Inserted *ibid*.

³Added *ibid*.

⁴Substituted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 2.

⁵The word "and" deemed to be deleted by virtue of addition of clauses (7) and (8) by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (X of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 28 February 1939, pp. 37-38, s. 3.

⁶Added *ibid*.

⁷Omitted by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier added by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (X of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 28 February 1939, pp. 37-38, s. 3.

⁸Substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁹Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 3.

¹⁰India Act XVI of 1887.

member of an agricultural tribe shall make ³[an alienation] of his land to a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group who being a creditor has advanced to such person any loan, until such loan has been repaid or settled in full by the debtor and a period of three years has elapsed since repayment of settlement; provided that if the ⁴[Collector] after making such enquiries from the parties concerned as may be prescribed in this behalf by the ⁵[Board of Revenue], finds that an alienation has been made by a debtor to a person other than his creditor the effect of which is to pass the beneficial interest to such creditor in evasion of the provisions of this section, he shall, after recording his reasons by order in writing, declare the alienation void and shall eject any person in occupation of the land by virtue of such alienation and shall place the alienor in possession thereof.

Explanation.— In this section—

⁶[(1) “An alienation” means a permanent alienation or an alienation in any form other than those permitted by section 6 of this Act.]

(2) The term “creditor” means a person or a firm carrying on the business of advancing loans and shall include the legal representative and the successor-in-interest whether by inheritance, assignment or otherwise, of such person or firm.

(3) The terms “creditor” and “debtor” shall be deemed to include their husbands or wives as the case may be and all persons (including their husbands or wives as the case may be) who are descended from the grandfather of such creditor or debtor as the case may be.

(4) The term “loan” means an advance whether secured or unsecured of money or in kind at interest [as defined in section 2(6) of the Punjab Regulation of Accounts Act, 1930⁷] and shall include any transaction which ⁸[the court or the ¹[Collector], as the case may be] finds to be in substance a loan, but it shall not include—

¹Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

²*Ibid.*

³Substituted for the words “a permanent alienation” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Fourth Amendment) Act, 1938 (VIII of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 6 December 1938, p. 161, s. 2.

⁴Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁵Substituted for the words “Provincial Government” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955.

⁶Substituted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Fourth Amendment) Act, 1938 (VIII of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 6 December 1938, p. 161, s. 2.

⁷I of 1930.

⁸Substituted for the words “a court” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1940 (VIII of 1940), published in Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 7 May 1940, pp. 263-264, s. 2.

- (i) an advance in kind made by a landlord to his tenant for the purposes of husbandry; provided the market value of the return in kind does not exceed the market value of the advance as estimated at the time of the advance;
- (ii) a deposit of money or other property in a Government Post Office Bank, or any other Bank, or with a Company, or with a Co-operative Society or with any employer as security from his employees;
- (iii) a loan to, or by, or a deposit with any society or association registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860², or under any other enactment;
- (iv) a loan advanced by or to the Central³ or any Provincial Government or by or to any local body under the authority of the Central⁴ or any Provincial Government;
- (v) a loan advanced by a Bank, a Co-operative Society or a Company whose accounts are subject to audit by a certificated auditor under the⁵[Companies Ordinance, 1984];
- (vi) a loan advanced by a trader to a trader, in the regular course of business, in accordance with trade usage;
- (vii) an advance made on the basis of a negotiable instrument as defined in the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881⁶, other than a promissory note.

(5) The terms “Bank”, “Company”, “Co-operative Societies” and “Traders” shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in section 2 of the Punjab Regulation of Accounts Act, 1930⁷.]

⁸**[3-B. Ejectment of alienee.**— In case of any resistance to an order of ejectment passed under the provisions of section 3-A, the¹[Collector] may exercise all the powers conferred on a civil court by rules 97 and 98 of Order XXI of the Code of Civil Procedure.

¹Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

²XXI of 1860.

³Now ‘Federal’, see by the Federal Adaptation of Laws Order, 1975 (P.O. No. 4 of 1975), published in Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 1 August 1975, pp. 435-467, Article 2 read with the Table of General Adaptions.

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵Substituted for the expression “Indian Companies Act, 1913” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 4: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁶XXVI of 1881.

⁷I of 1930.

⁸Sections 3-B and 3-C were inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Fourth Amendment) Act, 1938 (VIII of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 6 December 1938, p. 161, s. 3.

3-C. Appeal.— Any person aggrieved by an order of the ²[Collector] under section 3-A or section 3-B may appeal to the ³[Commissioner], provided that no appeal shall lie unless the appeal is instituted within thirty days of the order appealed against, excluding days required for obtaining copies of the order.]

4. Agricultural tribes.— ⁴[(1)] The ⁵[Board of Revenue] shall, by notification in the ⁶[Official Gazette] ⁷[* * * * *], determine what bodies of persons in any district or group of districts are to be deemed to be agricultural tribes or groups of agricultural tribes for the purposes of this Act.

⁸[(2) If any question or doubt should arise as to whether a person is or is not a member of a notified agricultural tribe, the ⁹[Collector] shall after such enquiry as may be prescribed determine whether that person is to be deemed to be a member of the said agricultural tribe for the purposes of this Act.

(3) In passing an order under the above sub-section the ¹⁰[Collector] shall not be bound by any decree of a Civil Court, and may review any order previously passed under that sub-section:

¹Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96. They were earlier substituted for the word “Collector” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1940 (VIII of 1940), published in Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 7 May 1940, pp. 263-264, s. 3.

²*Ibid.*

³Substituted for the expression “Executive District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 5: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁴Renumbered by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (X of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 28 February 1939, pp. 37-38, s. 4.

⁵Substituted for the words “Provincial Government” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary),

dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955. They were earlier substituted for the words “Local Government” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

⁶Substituted for the words “local official Gazette” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

⁷The words “published with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council” were repealed by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 5.

⁸Added by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (X of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 28 February 1939, pp. 37-38, s. 4.

⁹Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

¹⁰*Ibid.*

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect a decree passed in a suit instituted before the 15th June, 1938.]

5. Saving for rights in land alienated.— When a ¹[Collector] sanctions a permanent alienation of land, his order shall not be taken to decide or affect any question of title, or any question relating to any reversionary right or right of pre-emption.

Temporary Alienation of Land

6. Forms of mortgage permitted in certain cases.— (1) If a member of an agricultural tribe mortgages his land and the mortgagee is not a member of the same tribe, or of a tribe in the same group, the mortgage shall be made in one of the following forms:

- (a) in the form of a usufructuary mortgage, by which the mortgagor delivers possession of the land to the mortgagee and authorizes him to retain such possession and to receive the rents and profits of the land in lieu of interest and towards payment of the principal, on condition that after the expiry of the term agreed on, or (if no term is agreed on, or if the term agreed on exceeds twenty years) after the expiry of twenty years, the land shall be re-delivered to the mortgagor; or
- (b) in the form of a mortgage without possession, subject to the condition that, if the mortgagor fails to pay principal and interest according to his contract, the mortgagee may apply to the ²[Collector] to place him in possession for such term, not exceeding twenty years, as the ³[Collector] may consider to be equitable, the mortgage to be treated as a usufructuary mortgage for the term of the mortgagee's possession and for such sum as may be due to the mortgagee on account of the balance of principal due and of interest due not exceeding the amount claimable as simple interest at such rate and for such period as the ⁴[Collector] thinks reasonable; or
- (c) in the form of a written usufructuary mortgage by which the mortgagor recognises the mortgagee as a landlord and himself remains in cultivating occupancy of the land as a tenant subject to the payment of rent at such rate as may be agreed upon not exceeding sixteen annas per rupee of the amount of the land-revenue in addition to the amount of the land-revenue of the tenancy and the rates and cesses chargeable thereon and for such term as may be agreed on, the mortgagor having no right to alienate his right of cultivating occupancy and the mortgagee having no right to eject the mortgagor unless on the grounds mentioned in section 39 of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887⁵; or

¹*Ibid.*

²Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

³*Ibid.*

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵XVI of 1887.

(d) in any form which the ¹[Board of Revenue] may, by general or special order, permit to be used.

(2) If in the case of a mortgage in form (c) the mortgagor is ejected or relinquishes or abandons cultivating occupancy of the land, the mortgage shall take effect as a usufructuary mortgage in form (a) for such term not exceeding twenty years from the date of ejection, relinquishment or abandonment, and for such sum of money as the ²[Collector] considers to be reasonable.

³[(3) The ⁴[Collector], if he accepts the application of a mortgagee under sub-section (1) (b), shall have power to eject the mortgagor, and as against the mortgagor to place the mortgage in possession.]

7. Rules applying to permitted mortgages.— In the case of mortgages made under section 6—

(1) no interest shall accrue during the period for which the mortgagee is in possession of the land or in receipt of rent;

(2) if the mortgage is in form (a) or form (b), then at the end of such period of possession the mortgage debt shall be extinguished;

(3) the mortgagor may redeem his land at any time during the currency of the mortgage, on payment of the mortgage-debt or, in the case of a mortgage in form (a) or form (b), of such proportion of the mortgage-debt as the ⁵[Collector] determines to be equitable; and

(4) in the case of a usufructuary mortgage, the mortgagor shall not be deemed to bind himself personally to repay the mortgage-money;

⁶[(5) if a mortgagor who has applied to the ¹[Collector] under sub-section (3) proves to the satisfaction of the ²[Collector] that he has paid the mortgage-debt or such proportion of

¹Substituted for the words "Provincial Government" by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal

of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955. They were earlier substituted for the words "Local Government" by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

²Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

³Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 6.

⁴Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 7.

the mortgage-debt as the ³[Collector] has determined to be equitable, or deposits with the ⁴[Collector] the amount of such mortgage-debt or of such proportion thereof, the redemption of the land shall be deemed to have taken place, and the ⁵[Collector] shall have power to eject the mortgagee, if in possession, and as against the mortgagee to place the mortgagor in possession.]

8. Conditions in permitted mortgages.— (1) In a mortgage made under section 6, the following conditions may be added by agreement between the parties:—

- (a) a condition fixing the time of the agricultural year at which a mortgagor redeeming his land may resume possession thereof;
- (b) conditions limiting the right of a mortgagor or mortgagee in possession to cut, sell or mortgage trees or to do any act affecting the permanent value of the land; and
- (c) any condition which the ⁶[Board of Revenue] by general or special order may declare to be admissible.

(2) In mortgages made under section 6 any condition not permitted by or under this Act shall be null and void.

⁷**[8-A. Injury to land not permitted.**— The express permission in writing of an owner of land attested by a revenue officer shall be necessary in order to enable a mortgagee or lessee or person holding a farm thereof, to commit any act which is destructive of, or permanently injurious to, the land for purposes of agriculture: and no court, or Official Receiver acting or purporting to act on behalf of the owner, shall be empowered to give such permission without the consent in writing of the owner, or the insolvent, as the case may be.

Explanation.— The word “owner” in this section shall include any other person authorized by law to act in this behalf.]

9. Power to revise mortgage made in form not permitted.— (1) If a member of an agricultural tribe makes a mortgage of his land in any manner or form not permitted by or

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²*Ibid.*

³*Ibid.*

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶Substituted for the words “Provincial Government” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955. They were earlier substituted for the words “Local Government” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

⁷Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1938 (II of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 16 June 1938, p. 80, s. 2.

under this Act, the ¹[Collector] shall have authority to revise and alter the terms of the mortgage so as to bring it into accordance with such form of mortgage permitted by or under this Act as the mortgagee appears to him to be equitably entitled to claim.

(2) If a member of an agricultural tribe has before the commencement of this Act made a mortgage of his land in which there is a condition intended to operate by way of conditional sale, the ²[Collector] shall be empowered at any time during the currency of the mortgage to put the mortgagee to his election whether he will agree to the said condition being struck out, or to accept in lieu of the said mortgage a mortgage which may at the mortgagee's option be either in form (a) or in form (b) as permitted by section 6 and which shall be made for such period not exceeding the period permitted by the said section and for such sum of money as the ³[Collector] considers to be reasonable.

(3) If proceedings for the enforcement of a condition intended to operate by way of conditional sale are instituted or are pending at the commencement of this Act in any Civil Court, or if a suit is instituted in any Civil Court on a mortgage to which sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) applies, the Court shall refer the case to the ⁴[Collector] with a view to the exercise of the power conferred by the sub-section applying thereto.

⁵[(4) When a mortgagee put to his election under sub-section (2) agrees to accept in lieu of his mortgage a mortgage in form (a) or in form (b) as permitted by section 6 for the period and for the sum of money considered by the ⁶[Collector] to be reasonable, and the mortgagor cannot be found, or fails to appear when duly served with notice to do so, or refuses or neglects to execute such mortgage, the ⁷[Collector] shall have authority to execute such mortgage on such terms as to costs as he may fix, and the mortgage so executed shall have effect as if it had been executed by the mortgagor. The ⁸[Collector] may for any reason which he deems sufficient set aside any *ex-parte* proceedings taken under this sub-section.]

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²*Ibid.*

³*Ibid.*

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⁵Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 8.

⁶Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁷*Ibid.*

⁸*Ibid.*

10. Future mortgage by way of conditional sale not permitted.— In any mortgage of land made after the commencement of this Act any condition which is intended to operate by way of conditional sale shall be null and void.

11. Leases and farms.— Any member of an agricultural tribe may make a lease or farm of his land for any term not exceeding twenty years, and any lease or farm made by a member of an agricultural tribe for a longer term than twenty years shall, if the lessee or farmer is not a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group, be deemed to be a lease or farm for the term permitted by this section.

12. Restriction on power to make further temporary alienation.— (1) During the currency of a mortgage made under section 6 in form (a) or form (b) or of a lease or farm under this Act, the owner shall be at liberty to make a further temporary alienation of the same land for such term as together with the term of the current mortgage, lease or farm will make up a term not exceeding the full term of twenty years.

(2) Any such further temporary alienation, if made for a longer term than is permitted by this section, shall be deemed to be a temporary alienation for the term permitted by this section.

13. Ejectment of mortgagee, lessee or farmer remaining in possession after term.— If a mortgagee, lessee or farmer holding possession under a mortgage made under section 6 or under a lease or farm made under section 11 or under a mortgage, lease or farm made under section 12 remains in possession after the expiry of the term for which he is entitled to hold under his mortgage, lease or farm, the ¹[Collector] may, of his own motion or on the application of the person entitled to possession, eject such mortgagee, lessee or farmer and place the person so entitled in possession.

²[III-A.— Benami Transactions.

13-A. Benami transactions intended to evade the provisions of the Act to be void.—

(1) When a sale, exchange, gift, will, mortgage, lease or farm purports to be made either before or after the commencement of the Punjab Alienation of Land (Second Amendment) Act, 1938, by a member of an agricultural tribe to a member of the same agricultural tribe or of a tribe in the same group, but the effect of the transaction is to pass the beneficial interest to a person who is not a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group, the transaction shall be void for all purposes, and the alienor shall be entitled to possession of the land so alienated, notwithstanding the fact that he may have himself intended to evade the provisions of this Act.

Explanation.— Any alienation made in consequence of a transaction rendered void by this sub-section shall also be deemed void for all purposes.

(2) If the ¹[Collector] either of his own motion or on the application of the alienor, is satisfied after making such enquiries as may be prescribed from the parties concerned,

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²Heading and sections 13-A to 13-D were inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Second Amendment) Act, 1938 (X of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 28 February 1939, pp. 37-38, s. 5.

and recording evidence that an alienation is void under the provisions of the preceding sub-section he shall by order in writing, after recording his reasons, eject any person in occupation of the land under such sale, exchange, gift, will, mortgage, lease or farm and place the alienor in possession:

Provided that the ²[Collector] may, in ordering the ejectment of a person who is a *bona fide* transferee for consideration before the 20th June, 1938, and is in occupation of such land, allow to any such person, other than the original transferee, compensation for improvements (as defined in section 4 of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887³, effected by him while in occupation, up to a sum not exceeding in value the consideration for the original transaction. Such compensation shall be assessed by the ⁴[Collector] on such principles as may be prescribed, and shall be deposited by the alienor, and paid to the persons so ejected, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) For the purpose of enforcing an order under sub-section (2) the ⁵[Collector] may exercise all the powers of a Civil Court conferred by Order 21, Rules 97 and 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

13-B. Appeals.— An appeal shall lie from any order passed, whether in original or on review by a ⁶[Collector] under section 4 or section 13-A, as follows, namely:—

- (a) to the ⁷[Commissioner] when the order is passed by the ⁸[Collector],
- (b) to the ¹[Board of Revenue] ²[only on a point of law] when the order is passed by the ³[Commissioner].

¹Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

²*Ibid.*

³XVI of 1887.

⁴Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶*Ibid.*

⁷Substituted for the expression "Executive District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 5: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁸Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

13-C. Revision.— The ⁴[Board of Revenue] may at any time call for the record of any proceedings pending before or disposed of by the ⁵[Collector] under section 4 or section 13-
A and shall pass such orders

¹Substituted for the words “Financial Commissioner” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955.

²Inserted *ibid*.

³Substituted for the expression “Executive District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 5: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁴Substituted for the words “Financial Commissioner” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955.

⁵Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

as ¹[it] thinks fit:

Provided that ²[it] shall not under this section pass any order reversing or modifying any such order without giving the persons concerned an opportunity of being heard.

13-D. Limitation for appeal.— The period of limitation for an appeal under section 13-B, shall run from the date of the order appealed against and shall be as follows:—

- (a) when the appeal lies to the ³[Commissioner], sixty days,
- (b) when the appeal lies to the ⁴[Board of Revenue], ninety days.

The provisions of section 5 and 12 of the ⁵[*] Limitation Act, 1908⁶, shall apply for the purpose of computing the period of limitation.]

⁷**13-E. Bar to jurisdiction of civil courts.**— A civil court shall not have jurisdiction in any matter of which the ⁸[Collector] is empowered to dispose under section 13-A or take cognizance of the manner in which he exercises any power vested in him by that section.]

General Provisions

14. Effect of permanent alienation made without sanction.— Any permanent alienation which under section 3 ⁹[or 3-A] is not to take effect as such until the sanction of a

¹Substituted for the word “he” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955.

²*Ibid.*

³Substituted for the expression “Executive District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 5: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁴Substituted for the words “Financial Commissioner” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955.

⁵The word “Indian” was omitted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 6: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96. However, it had already been omitted by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation, Revision and Repeal) Act, 1954 (XV of 1955), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 21 January 1955, pp. 87-108, s. 2 read with the First Schedule.

⁶Now the Limitation Act, 1908 (IX of 1908).

⁷Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1940 (VIII of 1940), published in Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 7 May 1940, pp. 263-264, s. 4.

⁸Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁹Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Third Amendment) Act, 1938 (V of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 17 September 1938, pp. 119-120, s. 4.

¹[Collector] is given thereto shall, until such sanction is given or if such sanction has been refused, take effect as a usufructuary mortgage in form (a) permitted by section 6 for such term not exceeding twenty years and on such conditions as the ²[Collector] considers to be reasonable.

15. Sanction of ³[Collector] required to certain alienations of, or charges on, produce of land.— Every agreement whereby a member of an agricultural tribe purports to alienate or charge the produce of his land or any part of, or share in, such produce for more than one year shall not take effect for more than one year from the date of the agreement unless the sanction of a ⁴[Collector] is given thereto, and shall, until such sanction is given or if such sanction is refused, take effect as if it had been made for one year.

Explanation.— The produce of land means—

- (a) crops and other products of the earth standing or ungathered on the holding;
- (b) crops and other products of the earth which have been grown on the land during the past year and have been reaped or gathered.

16. Execution-sale of land forbidden.— (1) No land belonging to a member of an agricultural tribe shall be sold in execution of any decree or order of any Civil or Revenue Court, whether made before or after the commencement of this Act.

⁵[(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other enactment for the time being in force no land belonging to a member of an agricultural tribe shall, in execution of any decree or order of any civil or revenue court, whether made before or after the enactment of this sub-section, be leased or farmed for a period exceeding 20 years or mortgaged except in one of the forms permitted by section 6.]

⁶[and, if the land is already under lease, farm or mortgage, the period of the lease, farm or mortgage made by the court shall not exceed the period, if any, remaining after the total period of the existing lease, farm or mortgage is deducted from the period of twenty years:

Provided that the period of any lease, farm or mortgage, made by the owner (a) subsequent to the institution of the proceedings which have led to the decree or order in execution of which the land is being alienated by the court, or (b) within twelve months, previous to the institution of proceedings referred to in (a) above and proved to be of a fraudulent and collusive character, shall not be so deducted.]

⁷[(2-A) Every lease, farm or mortgage made under sub-section (2) shall be determinable at any time by the owner of the land by tendering to the ¹[Collector] an amount

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²*Ibid.*

³*Ibid.*

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵Inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1931 (I of 1931), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 1 July 1931, s. 2.

⁶Added by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1938 (II of 1938), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 16 June 1938, p. 80, s. 3.

⁷Subsections (2-A) to (2-F) were inserted by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1940 (VIII of 1940), published in Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab, dated: 7 May 1940, pp. 263-264, s. 5.

which shall bear to the amount in consideration for which transfer has been made the same proportion, as the unexpired period of transfer bears to the total period for which the transfer has been made.

Explanation.— Lease includes a temporary alienation of land in satisfaction of a money decree.

(2-B) The ²[Collector] shall give notice to the parties and after hearing them and recording such evidence as may be produced shall determine the amount to be tendered under sub-section (2-A).

(2-C) When the amount as determined has been deposited with the ³[Collector] he shall make an order that the lease, farm or mortgage be immediately determined; that the owner be put in possession as against the lessee, farmer or mortgagee; and that the amount in deposit be paid to the person entitled.

(2-D) For the purpose of enforcing an order under sub-section (2-C) the ⁴[Collector] may exercise all the powers of a civil court conferred by Order XXI, rules 97 and 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(2-E) A civil court shall not have jurisdiction in any matter of which the ⁵[Collector] is empowered to dispose under sub-sections (2-A), (2-B), (2-C) and (2-D) or take cognizance of the manner in which he exercises any power vested in him by these sub-sections.

(2-F) The order of the ⁶[Collector] shall be subject to appeal or revision in the manner and to the extent prescribed in sections 13-B and 13-C and the period of limitation shall be as laid down in section 13-D.]

⁷[(3)] Nothing in this section shall affect the right of ⁸[any Government] to recover arrears of land-revenue, or any dues which are recoverable as arrears of land-revenue, in any manner now permitted by law.

17. Registration.— Notwithstanding anything in the ⁹Indian Registration Act, 1877, or in any rules made under section 69 of that Act,—

¹Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

²*Ibid.*

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⁴*Ibid.*

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶*Ibid.*

⁷Renumbered by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1931 (I of 1931), published in the Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 1 July 1931, s. 2.

⁸Substituted for the words "Government" by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 3 read with the First Schedule.

⁹Now the Registration Act, 1908 (XVI of 1908).

(1) an instrument which contravenes any provision of this Act shall not be admitted to registration;

(2) an instrument which records or gives effect to any transaction which requires the sanction of a ¹[Collector] shall not be admitted to registration until a certified copy of the order giving such sanction is produced to the officer empowered to register such instrument.

18. Record-of-rights and ²[periodical] record.— (1) Where, by reason of any transaction which under this Act requires the sanction of a ³[Collector], a person claims to have acquired a right the acquisition whereof he is bound to report under section ⁴[42] of the Punjab Land Revenue Act, ⁵[1967 (XVII of 1967)], such person shall, in making his report, state whether the sanction required has been obtained or not, and his right so acquired shall not be entered in the record-of-rights or in any ⁶[periodical] record until he produces such evidence of the order by which such sanction is given as may be required by any rules made under this Act.

(2) No right claimed by reason of any transaction or condition which is declared by this Act to be null and void shall be entered in the record-of-rights or in any ⁷[periodical] record.

19. Application of certain provisions of the Punjab Land Revenue Act, ⁸[1967 (XVII of 1967)].— Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of Chapter ⁹[III] of the Punjab

¹Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette

(Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

²Substituted for the word “annual” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 7: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

³Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁴Substituted for the figure “34” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 7: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁵*Ibid.*, for the figure “1887”.

⁶*Ibid.*, for the word “annual”.

⁷*Ibid.*

⁸Substituted for the figure “1887” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 8: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁹Substituted for the figure “II” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 8: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

Land Revenue Act, ¹[1967 (XVII of 1967)], shall, in so far as they are applicable, apply to the proceedings of Revenue-officer under this Act.

20. Appearance of legal practitioners forbidden.— No legal practitioner shall appear on behalf of any party interested in any proceeding before a Revenue-officer under this Act.

Explanation.— The term “legal practitioner” includes a mukhtar.

21. Jurisdiction of Civil Courts excluded.— (1) A Civil Court shall not have jurisdiction in any matter which the ²[Provincial Government] or a Revenue-officer is empowered by this Act to dispose of.

(2) No Civil Court shall take cognisance of the manner in which the ³[Provincial Government] or any Revenue-officer exercises any power vested in it or in him by or under this Act.

⁴**[21-A. Civil Court to send copy of decree or order to ⁵[Collector].**— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Civil Procedure⁶ or in any other Act for the time being in force, every Civil Court which passes a decree or order involving (1) the permanent alienation of his land by a member of an agricultural tribe, or (2) the mortgage by a member of an agricultural tribe of his land when the mortgagee is not a member of the same tribe or of a tribe in the same group, shall send to the ⁷[Collector] a copy of such decree or order.

(2) **Action to be taken by ⁸[Collector] when decree or order passed contrary to Act.**— When it appears to the ⁹[Collector] that any Civil Court has, either before or after the date when this section comes into operation, passed a decree or order contrary to any of the provisions of this Act, the ¹⁰[Collector] may apply for the revision of such decree or order to the Court, if any, to which an appeal would lie from such decree or order or in which an appeal could have been instituted at the time when the decree or order was passed, or in

¹ *Ibid.*, for the figure “1887”.

² Substituted for the words “Local Government” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Added by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Act, 1907 (I of 1907), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 9 May 1907, pp. 67-69, s. 9.

⁵ Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁶ XIV of 1882, subsequently replaced the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

⁷ Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

any other case to the ¹[High Court]. And when the Court finds that such decree or order is contrary to any of the provisions of this Act it shall alter it so as to make it consistent with this Act. Such application shall be made within two months of the date upon which the ²[Collector] is informed of such decree or order.

(3) When any such Appellate Court passes an order rejecting such application the ³[Collector] may, within two months after the date upon which he is informed of such order, apply to the ⁴[High Court] for revision thereof.

(4) Every Civil Court which passes an order on any application made under this section shall forthwith send a copy thereof to the ⁵[Collector].

(5) No stamp shall be required upon such applications, and the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure⁶ as regards appeals shall apply so far as may be to the procedure of the Court on receipt of such application.

Provided that no appearance by or on behalf of the ⁷[Collector] shall be deemed necessary for the disposal of the application.]

⁸[22. **Addition to section 77, Act XVI, 1887.**— * * * * *]

23. Exercise of powers of ¹[Collector].— The powers conferred by this Act upon a ²[Collector] may be exercised by a Revenue-officer of higher rank, or by any officer authorised by the ³[Board of Revenue] in this behalf.

¹Substituted for the words "Chief Court" by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1919 (XVIII of 1919), published in the Gazette of India, dated: 20 September 1919, pp. 39-47, s. 2 read with the First Schedule.

²Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

³*Ibid.*

⁴Substituted for the words "Chief Court" by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1919 (XVIII of 1919), published in the Gazette of India, dated: 20 September 1919, pp. 39-47, s. 2 read with the First Schedule.

⁵Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁶XIV of 1882, subsequently repealed by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

⁷Substituted for the expression "District Officer (Revenue)" by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words "Deputy Commissioner" by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

⁸Repealed by the Repealing Act, 1938 (I of 1938), published in the Gazette of India, dated: 5 March 1938, pp. 1-20, s. 2 read with the Schedule.

24. Exemption.— The ⁴[Board of Revenue], ⁵[* * *], may, by notification in the ⁶[Official Gazette], exempt any district or part of a district or any person or class of persons from the operation of this Act or of any of the provisions thereof.

25. Power to make rules.— (1) The ⁷[Provincial Government] may make rules for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the ⁸[Provincial Government] may make rules prescribing the Revenue-officers to whom applications may be made, and the manner and form in which such applications shall be made and disposed of.

¹Substituted for the expression “District Officer (Revenue)” by the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 (VI of 2011), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 14 April 2011, pp. 4043-4047, s. 6: it came into force on 20 April 2011, vide notification published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 April 2011, p. 4081. It was earlier substituted for the words “Deputy Commissioner” by the Punjab Alienation of Land (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XXXVI of 2001), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 7 November 2001, pp. 1767-1768, s. 3: it came into force on 14 August 2001: the said Ordinance was saved under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010), published in the Gazette of Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 20 April 2010, pp. 267-316, s. 96.

²*Ibid.*

³Substituted for the words “Provincial Government” by the West Pakistan (Adaptation and Repeal of Laws) Act, 1957 (XVI of 1957), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated: 2 July 1957, pp. 709-789, s. 3 read with the Third Schedule: it came into force on 14 October 1955. They were earlier substituted for the words “Local Government” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

⁴*Ibid.*

⁵The words “with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council” were omitted by the Devolution Act (XXXVIII of 1920), published in the Government Gazette Punjab and its Dependencies, dated: 24 September 1920, pp. 127-153, s. 2 read with the First Schedule.

⁶Substituted for the words “local official Gazette” by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), dated: 1 April 1937, pp. 75-344, Article 4 read with the Table of General Adaptations.

⁷*Ibid.*, for the words “Local Government”.

⁸*Ibid.*