

**PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA**

**BILL NO. 1-PLA-2025**

**THE PUNJAB WATER RESOURCES (MANAGEMENT AND  
REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 2025**

(Bill as passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha)

The following Bill was passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha:-

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**BILL**

Further to amend the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act, 2020.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Seventy-Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025.

Short title and  
Commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), in section 6 for sub-sections (1) and (2), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

Amendment in  
section 6 of Punjab  
Act 2 of 2020.

“(1) No person shall serve as Chairperson or other Member if he has attained the age of sixty five years.

(2) Chairperson or other Members shall hold office for a term, as may be specified, but not exceeding three years at a time, from the date on which he enters upon his office:

Provided that the said term of three years may be extended upto five years depending upon the quality of performance, management of affairs and initiatives taken by the incumbent.”

Substitution of  
section 9 of  
Punjab Act 2 of  
2020.

3. In the Principal Act, for section 9, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-

“9(1) All fees, charges and funds received by the Authority Finance and from any source(s), as may be decided by the budget of Government, shall be deposited in the State Treasury. Authority.

(2) The Authority shall prepare annual budget and send it to the government every year to meet the expenditure on following, namely:-

- (i) the salary, allowances and other remuneration of the Chairperson, Members, Secretary, officers and other employees of the Authority; and
- (ii) the expenses of the Authority in the discharge of its functions under this Act.

(3) The Government shall utilize the funds deposited by the authority to meet the objectives of the Act.”

Amendment in  
section 28 of  
Punjab Act 2 of  
2020.

4. In the Principal Act, in section 28, for sub-section (2), the following sub- section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) Where the Government is of the opinion that some reasonable directives need to be given to the Authority in respect of matters relating to optimum utilization of ground water resources in public interest, the Government may make such directives, as it deems necessary in order to achieve the objectives of this Act, which shall be binding upon the Authority.”

**CHANDIGARH:**  
**THE 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

**RAM LOK KHATANA,**  
**SECRETARY.**