

**THE PUNJAB JINNAH ABADIS FOR NON-PROPRIETORS IN  
RURAL AREAS ACT 1986  
(Pb. Act III of 1986)**

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[31 May 1986]

*An Act to provide for housing facilities to non-proprietors in the rural areas of the Punjab*

**Preamble.**— Whereas it is expedient to make provisions for providing housing facilities to non-proprietors in the rural areas of the Punjab and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Jinnah Abadis for Non-proprietors in Rural Areas Act 1986.

(2) It shall apply to all rural areas in the Punjab except such rural areas as may be excluded from the operation of this Act through a notification by the Government.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**— In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(a) “Abadi-deh” means an area recorded as such in the record of rights and is a rural area;

(b) “Allotment Committee” means a Committee which may be set up as prescribed for a revenue estate for the purposes of this Act;

(c) “Collector” means a Collector of the District <sup>2</sup>[appointed under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1967 (XVII of 1967)] and includes <sup>3</sup>[a Deputy District Officer (Revenue)] or any Officer specially empowered by the Government to perform the functions of a Collector under this Act;

<sup>4</sup>[(d) “Executive District Officer (Revenue)” means an Executive District Officer (Revenue) of the District and includes any other officer specially empowered by the Government to perform the functions of an Executive District Officer (Revenue) under this Act;]

<sup>5</sup>[(e) \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*];

(f) “Government” means the Government of the Punjab;

(g) “Non-proprietor” means a person who is permanently residing in a rural area and who or any member of whose family does not own any agricultural land or other immovable property anywhere in Pakistan;

(h) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made, instructions issued, or schemes sanctioned, by the Government under this Act;

(i) “Rural Area” means an area other than the area defined as urban area by or under any law relating to Local Government for the time being in force.

*Explanation.*— For the purpose of clause (g)—

(i) “family” means husband, wife and their unmarried children; and

(ii) “immovable property” shall not include the structure raised by a non-proprietor on land not owned by him.

**3. Grant of land.**— The Government may grant land, free of cost not exceeding seven marlas in a rural area, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, to a non-proprietor in the revenue estates in the Union Council in which he ordinarily resides, for the construction of a house by him for his residence.



<sup>12</sup>[(ii)] the limitation for filing an appeal under this section shall be thirty days from the date of the impugned order and the provisions of section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1908 (Federal Act IX of 1908) shall apply to an appeal under this section.

**10. Power of Government.**— (1) The Government may frame schemes and issue instructions consistent with this Act and the rules framed thereunder, relating to all matters to which the provisions of this Act apply.

(2) If the Government considers that anything done or intended to be done by or on behalf of any Officer or authority exercising any powers under this Act, is not in conformity with law or is, in any way, against public interest, it may, by order, quash the proceedings, suspend the execution of any order, or prohibit the doing of anything proposed to be done or require such Officer or authority to take such action as may be specified.

(3) The Government may delegate any of its powers and functions under sub-section (2) to any Officer not below the rank of <sup>13</sup>[an Executive District Officer (Revenue)].

**11. Rules.**— The Government may make rules for the purposes of this Act.

**12. Repeal of Act V of 1975.**— The Punjab Housing Facilities for Non-proprietors in Rural Areas Act, 1975 (V of 1975) is repealed.

**13. Repeal of Ordinance II of 1986.**— The Punjab Jinnah Abadis for Non-proprietors in Rural Areas Ordinance, 1986 (Ordinance II of 1986) is hereby repealed.

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<sup>1</sup> This Act was passed by the Punjab Assembly on 26th May, 1986; assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on 31st May, 1986; and, was published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 31st May, 1986, Pages 1235-1239.

<sup>2</sup> Inserted by the Punjab Jinnah Abadis for Non-Proprietors in Rural Areas (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (XLIV of 2001) which was protected and continued under the Provisional Constitutional Order, 1999 (Chief Executive's Order 1 of 1999) as amended by the Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order, 1999 (Chief Executive's Order 9 of 1999) and Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as substituted by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Substituted *ibid.*, for the words "an Assistant Commissioner or a Collector of a sub-division".

<sup>4</sup> Substituted *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Deleted *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Substituted *ibid* for the words "Deputy Commissioner".

<sup>7</sup> Inserted *ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> Substituted *ibid.*, for the words "Deputy Commissioner".

<sup>9</sup> Inserted *ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> Omitted *ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> Re-numbered *ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>13</sup> Substituted *ibid* for the words "a Commissioner".