

THE COLONIZATION OF GOVERNMENT LANDS (PUNJAB) ACT, 1912.

(Punjab Act V of 1912)

[21st June. 1912]

An Act to make better
provision for the Colonization and
Administration of Government Lands in the Punjab.

WHEREAS It, is expedient to make better provision for the Colonization and Administration of Government Lands in the Punjab ; It is hereby enacted as follows:--

1. Title and local extent.-(1) This Act may be called the Colonization of Governments Lands (Punjab) Act, 1912.

(2) [It extends to the whole of the Province of [the Punjab] except the Tribal Areas].

2. Repeal.-The Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, 1893 is hereby repealed.

3. Definitions.- In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,-

'Collector' means the Collector of the district as described in [West Pakistan Land Revenue Act, 1967] and includes (1) any officer appointed by the [Board of Revenue] to perform all or any of the functions and exercise all or any of the powers of the Collector under this Act, and (2) any Colonization Officer or Assistant Colonization Officer appointed as such before the commencement of this Act, whether or not such officer was by notification appointed to perform all or any of the functions of a Deputy Commissioner under the Act hereby repealed.

¹["**Executive District Officer (Revenue)**"] includes any officer appointed by the [Board of Revenue] to perform all or any of the functions and exercise all or any of the powers of a Commissioner under this Act.

'**Colony**' means any area to which this Act shall be applied by order of the [Provincial Government] and, unless the [Provincial Government] otherwise directs any area to which the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, 1893, has been applied.

'**Prescribed**' means sanctioned by [Board of Revenue] under this Act or under the Act hereby repealed.

Improvement' means, with reference to a tenancy, any work which is suitable to the tenancy and consistent with the conditions on which it is held, by which the value of the tenancy has been and constitutes to be increased, and which, if not executed on the tenancy, is either executed directly for its benefit, or is, after execution, made directly beneficial to it ;

Explanation 1. -It includes among other things-

- (a) the construction of wells and other works for the storage or supply of water for agricultural purposes ;
- (b) the construction of works for drainage and for protection against floods ;
- (c) the planting of trees, the reclaiming, enclosing, levelling and terracing of land for agricultural purposes and other works of a like nature
- (d) the erection of buildings required for the more convenient or profitable cultivation of a tenancy ; and
- (e) the renewal or reconstruction of any of the foregoing works, or such alterations therein, or additions thereto, as are not of the nature of mere repairs and as durably increase their value ;

But it does not include such clearances, embankments, levellings, enclosures, temporary wells and water-channels as are made by tenants in the ordinary course of cultivation and without any special expenditure, or any other benefit accruing to land from the ordinary operations of husbandry;

Explanation II- A work which benefits several tenancies may be deemed to be, with respect to each of them, an improvement.

Explanation III-A work executed by a tenant is not an improvement if it substantially diminishes the value of any other part of his landlord's property]

'Tenant' means any person holding land in a colony as a tenant of [Government], and includes the predecessors and successors in interest of a tenant.

'Original tenant' means any male, to whom a tenancy is first allotted by the Collector, and includes the male transferee of such a tenant and any male nominated by the Collector in accordance with the provisions of section 21 to succeed a female, to whom a tenancy was first allotted.

Legal Amendments

1. Substituted by the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

4. Application of the Act. -This Act shall, unless the [Provincial Government] otherwise directs, apply to land to which the provisions of the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act 1893, have been applied and to any other land to which the [Provincial Government] may by notification in the Official Gazette apply it and which at the time of the notification was the property of the [Provincial Government]:

Provided that [unless the [Provincial Government] by general or special order otherwise directs] nothing in sections 20, 21, 22 and 23, or in the proviso to section 14, of this Act shall [*****] apply to tenancies specified in Schedule I of this Act, or to any class of tenancies created hereafter which the [Provincial Government] may declare to be scheduled tenancies under this section.

5. Power to withdraw a colony from one operation of the Act. -The [Provincial Government] may, at any time by notification in the official Gazette, withdraw a colony or any part of a colony from the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Act.

6. Applicability of tenancy laws. Except as provided in section 7, the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887, or any other law relating to tenancy for the time being in force in any part of the [Punjab] shall not be applicable to tenancies under this Act.

7. Applicability of the Punjab Land Revenue Act and Punjab Tenancy Act. -(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the [Punjab] Land Revenue Act, 1967, XVI of 1987, Chapter VII of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887 or the corresponding provisions of any other law relating to tenancy for the time being in force in the area where proceedings under this Act are to be taken, and the rules thereunder, shall apply to all proceedings under this Act:

Provided that nothing in the [Punjab] Land Revenue Act, 1967, the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887, XVII of 1887, or any other law relating to tenancy for the time being in force in the [Punjab] shall be so construed as to vary or invalidate any condition entered in any statement of conditions issued by the Provincial Government.

(2) Nothing in section 6 shall affect the application of the Punjab Tenancy Act, 188, XVIII of 1887, or any other law relating to tenancy for the time being in force, to any matter or dispute arising between Government tenants and their sub-tenants to which Government is not a party.

8. Repealed by W.P Ord. XXXVI of 1969

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CHAPTER II

PROVISIONS RELATING TO TENANTS

10. Issue of statements of conditions of tenancies. -(1) The [Board of Revenue subject to the general approval of the Government] may grant land in a colony to any person on such conditions as it thinks fit.

(2) The [Provincial Government] may issue a statement or statements of the conditions on which it is willing to grant land in a colony to tenants.

(3) Where such statements of conditions have been issued, the Collector may, subject to the control of the [Board of Revenue], allot land to any person, to be held subject to such statement or conditions issued under sub-section (2) of this section, as the Collector may by written order declare to be applicable to the case.

(4) No person shall be deemed to be a tenant or to have any right or title in the land allotted to him until such a written order has been passed and he has taken possession of the land with the permission of the Collector. After possession has been so taken, the grant shall be held subject to the conditions declared applicable thereto.

11. Legal effect of statements of conditions. -Subject to the provisions of this Act, the grant of any tenancy in accordance with any statements of conditions which have been or may hereafter be issued by the [Provincial Government] under the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, III of 1893, or under this Act shall be deemed to be transfer of a land within the meaning of the Crown Grants Act, 1895, and shall be governed by the provisions of the said Act.

12. Temporary absence. -Any condition included in any statement of conditions which imposes an obligation of residence shall not be deemed to have been infringed by reason only of the temporary absence of a tenant who has established a permanent residence in the estate in which his holding is situated.

13. Entries in record-of-rights or in annual record to be equivalent to entries in register issued under Act III of 1893. -Where in any statement of conditions issued before the commencement of this Act reference is made to any register prescribed under the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, III of 1893, then the record-of-rights or the annual record shall, so far as may be, be deemed to be such a register.

14. Position of tenants holding higher to under Act III of 1893. -Any person who at any time before the commencement of this Act was a tenant from [Government] of land to which the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, III of 1893, applied and for which a statement of conditions was issued under that Act, shall, notwithstanding any previous agreement or anything contained in the Punjab Tenancy Act, XVI of 1887, or any other enactment now in force, be deemed to have accepted and to hold the lands of which he is a tenant in accordance with such statement of conditions:

Provided that unless such tenant [not being a Muslim] shall, by deed executed and-registered within twelve months from the date on which this Act comes into force, declare that the succession to his tenancy shall be in accordance with the statement of conditions applicable thereto, the succession to his tenancy shall be regulated by the provisions of sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of this Act.

15. Purchaser to be tenant pending payment in full of purchase money. -A purchaser from [Government] of land who has been placed in possession of the land by order of the Collector shall be deemed to be a tenant of such land until the full amount of the purchase money with any interest due

thereon has been paid and the other conditions set forth in the statement of the conditions of sale issued by the Collector have been fulfilled.

16. False information by a tenant.-If any person who after the commencement of this Act has been put in possession of land in al colony as a tenant shall have given false information intending or having reason to believe that any [Servant of the State] may be thereby deceived regarding his qualifications to become a tenant, he shall be deemed to have committed a breach of the conditions of his tenancy :

Provided that this section shall not apply to persons who have been in possession of a tenancy for more than three years or to any person who has acquired a right of ownership.

17. Exchange. -Subject to any orders that he may receive from the ¹["Executive District Officer (Revenue)], the Collector may allow any tenant to exchange the whole or any part of his tenancy for other land in the colony, and the land so taken in exchange shall, in the absence of any special condition to the contrary recorded in writing by the Collector, be deemed to be held on the same conditions and subject to the same obligations as the surrendered land was held.

Legal Amendments

1. Substituted by the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

18. Rights of tenant not to be attached or sold. -None of the rights or interests vested in a tenant' from Government of land to which this Act applies shall be attached or sold in execution of a decree or order of any Court or in any insolvency proceedings.

19. Transfers of rights to be void. -Except as provided in section 17, none of the rights or interests vested in a tenant by or under the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, III 1893, or this Act, shall, without the consent in writing of the ¹["Executive District Officer (Revenue)"], or of such- officer as he may be written order empower in this behalf, be transferred or charged by any sale, exchange, gift, will, mortgage or other private contract, other than a sub-lease for not more than one year in the case of a tenant who has not acquired a right of occupancy, and seven years in the case of a tenant who has acquired a right of occupancy. Any such transfer or charge made without such consent in writing shall be void, and if (after the commencement of this Act) the transferee has obtained possession, he shall be ejected under the orders of the Collector:

Provided that the right of sub letting conferred by this section shall not release any tenant from a condition requiring him to reside in the state in which his tenancy is situated.

Legal Amendments

1. Substituted by the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

19-A. Succession to the tenancy. -When after the coming into force of the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Act, 1951, any Muslim tenant dies, succession to the tenancy shall devolve on his heirs in accordance with the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat), and nothing contained in sections 20 to 23 of this Act shall be applicable to his case :

Provided that when the tenancy rights are held by a female as a limited owner under this Act, succession shall open out on the termination of her limited interest to all person who would have been entitled to inherit the property at the time of the death of the last full owner had the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) been applicable at the time of such death, and in the event of the death of any of such persons before the termination of the limited interest mentioned above, succession shall devolve on his heris and successors existing at the time of the termination of the limited interest of the female as if the aforesaid such person had died at the termination of the limited in interest of the female and had been governed by the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat):

Provided further that the share, which the female limited owner would have inherited had the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) been applicable at the time of the death of the last full owner shall devolve on her if she loses her limited interest in the property on account of her marriage or remarriage and on her heirs under the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) if her limited interest terminates because of her death.

20. Succession to tenants acquiring otherwise than by succession. - Subject to the proviso to section 14, when, after the commencement of this Act, any original tenant dies the succession to the tenancy shall devolve in the following order upon-

- (a) the male lineal defendants of the tenant in the male line of descent. (The term 'lineal descendants' shall include an adopted son whose adoption has been ratified by a registered deed);
- (b) the widow of the tenant until she dies, or remarries or loses her rights under the provisions of this Act ;

- (c) the unmarried daughters of the tenant until they die or marry, or use their rights under the provisions of this Act;
- (d) the successor or successors nominated by the tenant by registered deed from among the following persons, that is to say, his mother, [his pre-deceased sons' widow, his predeceased grandsons's widow], his married daughter, his daughter's son, his sister, his sister's son, and the male agnate members of his family ; and
- (e) the successor successors nominated by the Collector from among the persons enumerated in clause (d) of this section.

21. Succession to tenants acquiring succession. -When, after the commencement of this Act any male tenant, who is not an original tenant, dies, or any female tenant dies, marries or remarries, the succession to the tenancy shall devolve-

- (a) in the case of a female, to whom the tenancy has been first allotted, on the successor nominated by the Collector from the issue of such female tenant, or from the male agnates of the person, on account of whose services the tenancy was allotted to her ;
- (b) in all other cases, on the person or persons, who would succeed if the tenancy were agricultural land acquired by the original tenant.

22. Acquisition of ownership not to affect nomination of heir. - When a tenant has nominated a successor to his tenancy under section 20 (D) and subsequently acquires a right of ownership in the tenancy, the right of succession of the persons so nominated shall, unless the deed of nomination expressly provides to the contrary, be unaffected by such acquisition of ownership.

23. Revocation of nomination. -When a tenant has, under section 20 (d) of this Act, nominated a successor, he may at any time, whether before or after acquiring ownership, revoke such nomination, but not otherwise than by registered deed.

24. Power of imposing penalties for breaches of conditions. -When the Collector is satisfied that a tenant in possession of land has committed a breach of the conditions of his tenancy, he may, after giving the tenancy an opportunity to appear and state his objections-

- (a) impose on the tenant a penalty not exceeding one hundred rupees; or
- (b) order the resumption of the tenancy :

Provided that if the breach is capable of rectification, the Collector shall not impose any penalty or order the resumption of the tenancy unless he has issued a written notice requiring the tenant to rectify the breach within a reasonable time, not being less than one month, to be stated in the notice and the tenant has failed to comply with such notice.

25. Power of re-entry and provisions as to compensation in certain cases. -Where an order resuming the tenancy has been passed under the last preceding section, the Collector may forthwith re-enter upon the land and resume possession of it, subject to the payment of compensation, to be fixed by the Collector, for uncut and ungathered crops and for the improvements, if any, that may have been made by the tenant:

Provided that if the tenancy be allotted to any other person, the amount of the compensation, if any, paid to the out-going tenant shall be recoverable by the Collector from the incoming tenant.

26. Provisions for re-entry on and compensation for buildings on sites allotted for residential purposes. -In any case where a tenant has been allotted a site for residential purposes in consideration of his tenancy, and such tenancy has been resumed under the provisions of sections 24 and 25 of this Act, the Collector may re-enter and take possession of such site:

Provided that the Collector shall fix and pay to the said tenant reasonable compensation for, or permit him to remove, any buildings or improvements made by him on such site.

27. Saving of certain tenancies and conditions. -(1) Nothing in section 24, 25 or 26 shall apply to-

- (a) the case of land irrigated by the Rakh and Mia Ali Branches of the Chenab Canal allotted before the twelfth day of August 1896, or
 - (b) any breach of a condition regarding arboriculture included in any statement of conditions other than a statement pertaining to tree-planting tenants, [or]
 - (c) any tenancy scheduled under the proviso to section 4, except to such extent as may be specified in the statement of conditions applicable to such tenancy.
- (2) [*****]

28. Sums due to [Government] to be recoverable s arrears of land revenue. -All sums due to [Government] in respect of a tenancy granted in pursuance of the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, III 1893, or under the

provisions of this Act or of the rules and conditions issued thereunder, and all sums due on account of fines, confiscations, costs and penalties, shall be recoverable as if they were arrears of land revenue.

29. Power to a abrogate conditions. -The 4[Board of Revenue subject to the general approval of the Government] may, at any time by notification in the Official Gazette, abrogate any of the limitations and obligations imposed upon tenants as part of the condition of their tenure.

CHAPTER III

PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROPRIETORS

30. Acquisition of proprietary right. -(1) Notwithstanding anything entered in any statement of conditions issued under the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, III of 1893, a tenant who, either in pursuance of any such condition or otherwise by agreements with, or under rules issued by the 5[Provincial Government], has acquired proprietary right in any land included in his tenancy shall in respect of such land cease to be subject to any statement of conditions issued under the above-mentioned Act ; provided always that he shall in respect of such land be bound by the conditions set out in Schedule II of this Act and be bound by the other provisions of this Act applicable to proprietors of land.

(2) If, at any time, the Board of Revenue is satisfied that any person had acquired under this Act tenancy rights in respect of any land by 'means of fraud or mis presentation or was not eligible to have such rights for any reason whatsoever then notwithstanding the acquisition of proprietary rights by such person in such land or the terms and conditions of any agreement with or rules issued by the Provincial Government and without prejudice to any other liability or penalty to which such person may be liable under any law for the time being in force, the Board of Revenue may, after giving such person a reasonable opportunity of showing cause pass an order resuming the land in respect of which proprietary rights have been acquired or reduce the area of such land or pass such order as it may deem fit.

30-A. Rights of alienation in respect of and rule of succession to certain proprietary rights required by female. -(1) Notwithstanding any custom and the provisions of any law to the contrary, when after the commencement of the Colonization of. Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Act, 1944,

proprietary rights in any land are acquired by a female tenant, her rights of alienation of any such land shall be the same-

- (a) if she succeeded to the tenancy directly or indirectly from a male tenant, as if the proprietary rights had been acquired by the last male tenant, and she had succeeded to such rights as his heir ; and
- (b) if the tenancy was first allotted on account of some male person, either to her, or to another female to whom she succeeded either directly or in a continuous line of female succession, as if the proprietary rights had been acquired by such male persons and she had succeeded to such rights as his heir, and in cases falling under clause (a) or clause (b) in the event of such female proprietor dying while in possession of the proprietary rights in question, the said rights shall devolve upon the persons who would be entitled to succeed, if such rights had been acquired by the last male tenant, or the male person on whose account the tenancy was first allotted as the case may be.

(2) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter the law of succession applicable to any female tenant, in respect of proprietary rights in land acquired by her, if the tenancy in such land was acquired by or accrued to her in circumstances other than those specified in sub-section (1).

(3) For the purposes of this section the expression 'any such land' shall be deemed to include any land obtained in exchange for part or all of the land in which proprietary rights have been acquired.

CHAPTER IV

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

31. Mares, camels or their progeny maintained under prescribed conditions not to be attached or sold. -No mare or camel or other animal maintained in accordance with any prescribed statement of conditions and no progeny, if less than eighteen months old, of any mare or camel so maintained, shall be liable to attachment or sale in execution of any decree.

32. Power of re-entry in case of squatters and trespassers. -When the Collector is satisfied, that any person has taken or is in possession of land in a colony to which he has no right or title, the Collector may, in addition to any other powers he may possess,, forthwith re-enter upon the land and resume

possession of it and take possession of all crops, trees and buildings thereon on behalf of [Government] without payment of any compensation whatsoever.

33. Penalties. -If any person, without permission of a Revenue Officer of a grade to be specified by the [Board of Revenue]-

- (a) clears or breaks up for cultivation, or cultivates any land which is owned by, or is in the possession of [Government] and is not included in any tenancy or allotted residential enclosure or which has been entered for the common purposes of a town or village community or section of the same or for a road, canal or water course for
- (b) erects any building on any such land; or
- (c) fells or otherwise destroys standing trees on such land ; or
- (d) otherwise encroaches on any such land ; or
- (e) makes an excavation or constructs a water channel on any such land ; he shall, on complaint made by order of or under authority from the Collector, be punished on conviction by any Magistrate with a fine not exceeding Rs. 200.

Explanation.-The felling of trees planted by an owner or tenant on any village road or water course traversing his holding is not an offence under this section.

34. Additional powers of Collector in regard to offences.-When the Collector is satisfied that an act punishable under section 33 has been committed, he may in lieu of proceeding against the offender under that section or after conviction of the offender under that section-

- (i) in the case of an offence under section 33 (A), confiscate the crops growing on any land cultivated in contravention of this Act or, if the crops have been cut, recover such sums as he may assess as the value thereof from the offender ;
- (ii) in the case of an offence under section 33 (C), recover such sum as he may assess as the value of the trees or tree destroyed ;
- (iii) in the case of an offence under section 33 (b), (d) or (e), cause the building or other encroachment to be demolished or removed or the excavation or channels to be filled up, and levy the costs of so doing from the person responsible for such act.

35. Power to levy a cess for administration of common village expenses. -(1) If in any estate the majority of the tenants and owners of the estate shall apply for the levy of a cess for village purposes, the Collector may order the

payment of such a cess from the proprietors, tenants and inhabitants of the village in such way and at such rates as he holds to be suitable.

(2) Any cess leviable in any estate under this Section shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue.

36. Jurisdiction of Civil Court barred as regards matter arising under the Act. ---A Civil Court shall not have jurisdiction in any matter of which the Collector is empowered by this Act to dispose and shall not take cognizance of the matter in which the [Provincial Government] [Board of Revenue] or Collector or any other Revenue Officer exercises any power vested in it or in him by or under this Act.

37. Public servants indemnified for acts done under this Act. -No suit shall lie against any public servant for anything done by him in good faith under this Act.

38. Legalization of orders passed previous to the Act. -(1) Any act hitherto done or order passed by the '[Provincial Government]' or by an officer holding the post of Colonization Officer, Assistant Colonization Officer or Settlement Commissioner, or exercising the powers of an Assistant Collector or of a Revenue Officer of higher class within any area to which the Government Tenants (Punjab) Act, 1893, has been applied or to which this Act may hereafter be applied, which is not contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to have been done or passed under this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing sub-section, no right of occupancy or right of ownership and no condition applicable thereto shall be invalidated by reasons of-

- (i) in the right having been granted before the particulars regarding it have been entered in a prescribed register ; or
- (ii) the prescribed register not having been signed by the tenant; or
- (iii) the prescribed statement of conditions having been affixed to the prescribed register instead of being prefixed thereto

Provided that if the register has not been signed by the tenant, the statement of conditions applicable to the tenancy shall be deemed to be that which was in force for tenancies of the same description at the time when the land was allotted.

SCHEDULE I

(LIST OF EXECUTED TENANCIES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 4)

A. -In the Lower Chenab Colony the tenancies of tenants holding the conditions applicable to-

- (1) Camel-owning tenants.
- (2) Camel-owning Chaudhries. .
- (3) Village headmen, ordinary.
- (4) Village headmen, mule-breeding.
- (5) Tree-planting tenants.
- (6) Village menials.

B. -In the Lower Jhelum Colony the tenancies of tenants holding on the conditions applicable to-

- (1) Horse-breeding tenants.
- (2) Horse-breeding nazarana-paying tenants.
- (3) Village headmen.
- (4) Tree-planting tenants.
- (5) Village menials.

C. -In the Lower Sohag Para. Colony the tenancies of tenants holding on the conditions applicable to- Village headmen.

SCHEDULE II

(REFERRED TO IN SECTION 30) Conditions applicable to grantees who acquire proprietary right

1. Exceptions of channels, rights to minerals, etc.-The [Government] does not grant to grantee but hereby absolutely excepts and reserves to itself out of and in respect of the said lands (1) all grounds situate in the said lands or any part thereof already marked out, excavated or otherwise utilized for the distributary channels, and (2) all existing rights to and over all mines and minerals, coals, gold-washings, earth-oil and quarries in or under the said lands or any part thereof, together with all easements heretofore enjoyed by the [Government] in respect of the said lands or any part thereof,. And it likewise excepts and reserves the right of the public to use existing thorough-fares traversing the said lands or any pan thereof including a width of 1-1/2 kadam

on either side of survey base line, and also any lines of road which, though not yet made, have been marked out upon the ground.

2. Power of the Government entry to search for minerals, etc.-The grantee shall at all times permit the [Servant of the State] to enter and to all acts and things that maybe necessary and expedient for the purpose of searching for, working, getting or carrying away any such mines and minerals coals, gold-washing, earth-oil and quarries, and for the full enjoyment of the ground and of the rights here in before reserved to the [Government] to and over all mines and coals, gold-washings, earth-oil, quarries and easements in or minerals, under the said lands and all parts thereof.

3. Compensation for damage by entry. -The Government agrees to pay the grantees compensation for all damage occasioned by the exercise of the rights reserved to itself in clauses 1 and 2. Such compensation shall be passed by the Collector/and if the grantee is not satisfied with the finding of the Collector, he may appeal to the ¹["Executive District Officer (Revenue)"].

Legal Amendments

1. Substituted by the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

4. Demarcation of boundaries. -The grantee shall duly comply with such directions as the Collector shall from time to time issue requiring him to construct boundary, marks on the limits of the said lands or any part thereof, and shall keep them when erected in good repairs to the satisfaction of the Collector.

5. In the event of the any dispute arising between the [Provincial Government] and the grantee as to the property and rights hereby reserved to [Government], or as to any matter in any way relating thereto, or as to any of the conditions of the grant, or as to any matter or thing anywise connected therewith, the said dispute shall be referred for the opinion of the ¹["Executive District Officer (Revenue)"] whose decision shall be final and conclusive between the. [Provincial Government] and the grantee.

Legal Amendments

1. Substituted by the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

THE COLONIZATION OF GOVERNMENT LANDS (PUNJAB) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2001

(Pb Ord XXXII of 2001)

[25th October, 2001]

An Ordinance further to amend the
Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) Act, 1912.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) Act, 1912 (V of 1912) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

And whereas under Article 4 of the Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order No.9 of 1999, as amended by the Chief Executive Order No.11 of 2000, the Governor of a Province may issue and promulgate an Ordinance;

Now therefore in exercise of the aforesaid powers and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.-

(1) This Ordinance may be called the Colonization of Government Lands (Punjab) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in sections 3, 17 and 19 of Act V of 1912.- In the said Act, in sections 3, 17 and 19 for the word "Commissioner" the words and brackets "Executive District Officer (Revenue)" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment in sections 3 and 5 of Schedule-II of Act V of 1912.- In the said act, in sections 3 and 5 of Schedule-II for the word "Commissioner" the words and brackets "Executive District Officer (Revenue)" shall be substituted.