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The following Notification No. SO(G)/EPD/7-26/2013, dated 05.08.2016 regarding the Punjab Environmental Protection Council (Procedure) Rules, 2016 is published for general information:

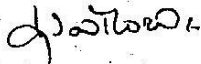
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**Government of the Punjab
Environment Protection Department**

NOTIFICATION: No. SO(G)/EPD/ 7-26 /2013: In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection 3 of Section 3 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, the Punjab Environmental Protection Council (Procedure) Rules, 2016 duly approved by the Council are hereby notified.

1. Short title and commencement: (i) These Rules may be called the Punjab Environmental Protection Council (Procedure) Rules, 2016.
(ii) These Rules shall come into force at once.
2. Definitions: (i) In these Rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.
 - (a) 'Chairperson' means Chairperson of the Council,
 - (b) 'Vice Chairperson' means Vice Chairperson of the Council,
 - (c) 'Member' means a member of the Council
 - (d) 'Act' means the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997,
 - (e) 'Secretariat' means the Environmental Protection Department, and
 - (f) 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Council.(ii) All other words and expressions, used in these Rules but not defined, shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Act.
3. Meetings of the Council: (i) A meeting of the Council shall be called with the approval of the Chairperson, on such date and at such time and place as may be specified by him.
 - (ii) The date of each meeting of the Council shall be communicated to the members by the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting;
 - (iii) The agenda of a meeting of the Council, after having been approved by the Vice-Chairperson, will be communicated to the members at least seven days before the date of meeting;
 - (iv) Any member may propose any matter supported by an explanation memorandum to the Secretary for inclusion in the agenda of a meeting and the Secretary may, with the approval of the Vice Chairperson, include such matter in the agenda of the next meeting,
 - (v) Meetings of the Council shall be presided over by the Chairperson and in his absence, by the Vice Chairperson.

- (vi) One-third of the members of the Council shall constitute the quorum for its meeting.
- (vii) All decisions of the Council shall be taken by the consensus failing which by majority of members present.
- (viii) Meeting of the Council shall be held before the close of the first and the third quarters of each financial year and at such other times as may be required, and
- (ix) Subject to sub-rule (viii), where in the opinion of the Vice-Chairperson, any matter needs to be brought urgently before the Council, and it is not possible to convene a meeting for the purpose, it may be circulated to the members and a decision thereon taken in accordance with the views of the majority of the total membership.
4. Business at the meetings: The business at a meeting of the Council shall be transacted according to the agenda of the meeting; Provided the Chairperson may permit discussion and consideration of any matter not included in the agenda
5. Invitation of experts, etc.: The Secretary may, with the approval of the Vice-Chairperson, invite experts and representatives of other organizations to assist the Council in disposal of its business.
6. Travelling and daily allowance: (i) The ex-officio members shall draw their travelling and daily allowance for attending the meetings of the Council from the Department or Agency from which they draw their salary or other emoluments; and
- (ii) The members, other than the ex-officio members shall draw their travelling allowance and daily allowance for attending the meetings from the Secretariat of the Council at such rates and in such manner as are admissible to an employee of the Provincial Government in BPS-20.
7. Directions of the Council: The Council shall, by notification in the official Gazette, publish the directions required to be given by it in pursuance of subsection (2) of Section 4 of the Act.


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