

The Punjab Water Act, 2019

Chapter I: Preliminary

1. Short Title and Commencement.

- (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Water Act, 2019
- (2) It shall come into force at once
- (3) It extends to the whole of Punjab

2. Definitions

- (1) In this Act unless the context requires otherwise,
 - a) 'Authority' means the Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority established under section 7 of the Act
 - b) 'Act' means the Punjab Water Act, 2019
 - c) 'Commission' means the Punjab Water Resources Commission established under section 3 of the Act
 - d) 'Government' means the Government of Punjab as defined in schedule 5 of the Act
 - e) 'local authority' means a
 - i. land control authority established by statute to regulate or manage land use, or
 - ii. company set up by the Government to provide land based services
 - f) 'meter' means any approved apparatus for measuring or showing the volume of water supplied to, or of effluent discharged from any premises
 - g) 'person' includes an undertaker, an authority or company

Chapter II: Punjab Water Resources Commission

3. Punjab Water Resources Commission

- (1) As soon as may be, the Government shall establish a Punjab Water Resources Commission for the purposes of carrying out the functions assigned or transferred to it under this Act
- (2) The Commission shall comprise the following:
 - i. Chief Minister – Chairman
 - ii. Minister, Irrigation Department- Co-Chairman
 - iii. Minister, Environment Protection Department – Member
 - iv. Minister Housing and Public Health Engineering Department- Member
 - v. Minister, Agriculture Department - Member
 - vi. Minister, Industries Department - Member
 - vii. Minister, Local Government and Community Development - Member
 - viii. Minister, Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries Department-Member
 - ix. Chief Secretary– Vice Chairman
 - x. Secretary, Irrigation Department- Member

- xi. Secretary, Housing and Public Health Engineering Department - Member
 - xii. Secretary, Local Government and Community Development Department - Member
 - xiii. Secretary, Environment Department – Member
 - xiv. Secretary, Agriculture Department - Member
 - xv. Secretary, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department - Member
 - xvi. Secretary, Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries Department - Member
 - xvii. Secretary, Industries Department - Member
 - xviii. Secretary, Finance Department - Member
 - xix. Two water experts to be appointed by the Government – Members
 - xx. One environmental expert to be appointed by the Government- Member
 - xxi. One public health expert to be appointed by the Government- Member
 - xxii. Director General of the Commission- Member/Secretary
- (3) A Member shall attend the proceedings of the Commission in person.

4. Power and Duties of the Commission

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission to take all such actions as it may from time to time consider necessary or expedient for the purpose-
- i. of conserving, redistributing or otherwise augmenting water resources in the province of Punjab;
 - ii. of allocating water resources for domestic, agricultural, ecological, industrial or other purposes in different areas of Punjab;
 - iii. of securing the proper use of water resources in the province of Punjab.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving any water undertaker of the obligations to develop water resources for the purpose of any duty imposed on it by virtue of this Act
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Commission -
- a) To maintain, improve and develop wildlife and fisheries in bodies of water from which water is drawn or is discharged;
 - b) To establish an Advisory Committee for advising it with regard to maintenance and development of water resources, wildlife, fisheries, and flora & fauna in the discharge of its functions.

5. Working of the Commission

- (1) The Commission shall meet at least once every six months.
- (2) The meetings of the Commission shall be chaired by the Chairman and in his absence by the Co-Chairman or Vice Chairman as the case may be.
- (3) The Commission shall determine the allocation of water for domestic, agricultural, industrial, ecological and other purposes every year
- (4) Quorum for a meeting of the Commission shall be 12 members out of which at least three shall be experts

6. Director General of the Commission

- (1) The Commission shall have a Director General who shall be appointed by the Government
- (2) The Director General shall be responsible for the due discharge of the functions of the Commission
- (3) The Director General shall be assisted in his work by such number of officers and staff as may be determined by the Government

Chapter III: Regulation of Water and Sewerage Services

7. Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority

- (1) There shall be a body corporate to be called the Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority for the purposes of carrying out the functions conferred on it by this Act or by any other Act.
- (2) The Authority shall have a Board of Directors which shall comprise of the following:
 - i. Chief Secretary – Chairman
 - ii. Secretary, Housing and Public Health Engineering Department- Member
 - iii. Secretary, Local Government & Community Development- Member
 - iv. Secretary, Irrigation Department - Member
 - v. Secretary, Environment Department – Member
 - vi. Secretary, Industries Department - Member
 - vii. Secretary, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department - Member
 - viii. A water quality expert- Member
 - ix. A public health expert- Member
 - x. Director General of the Authority – Member/ Secretary

8. Duties and Powers

- (1) The Authority shall:
 - a. ensure that the duties and functions of water undertakers are discharged in accordance with the Act and any other law for the time being in force;
 - b. ensure that the duties and functions of sewerage undertakers are discharged in accordance with the Act and any other law for the time being in force;
 - c. modify tariffs set by water and sewerage undertakers, if deemed necessary, as per prescribed procedure.
- (2) The Authority shall exercise and perform the powers and duties mentioned in subsection (1) in the manner that it considers is best calculated
 - a) to further the consumer objective;
 - b) to ensure that the functions of water undertaker and of a sewerage undertaker are properly carried out;

- c) to secure that bodies or companies holding appointments as water undertaker or sewerage undertaker are able to finance the proper carrying out of water and sewerage services under this Act
 - d) to ensure that the activities authorized under the license of water abstraction or license of water disposal are properly carried out in addition to any other duty imposed for the said purposes under any law
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (2)(a) above, the Authority shall have regard to the interests of
- a) individuals who are disabled or chronically sick
 - b) individuals of old age
 - c) individuals with low incomes
 - d) individuals residing in rural areas; and
 - e) customers of companies, holding an appointment of undertaker, whose premises are not eligible to be supplied by a licensed water supplier
- But that is not to be taken as implying that regard may not be had to the interests of other consumers
- (4) Subject to subsection (2) above, the Authority shall exercise and perform the powers and duties mentioned in subsection (1) above in the manner in which it considers is best calculated
- a) to promote economy and efficiency on the part of bodies or companies holding an appointment as an undertaker
 - b) to secure that no undue preference is shown, and that there is no undue discrimination in the fixing, by such companies, of water and drainage charges
 - c) to ensure that the interests of every person who is a customer or potential customer are protected as respects the fixing and recovery of that undertaker of
 - i. charges in respect of any services provided in the course of carrying out the functions of a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker,
 - ii. amounts of any other description which such an undertaker is authorized by or under any law to require such a person to pay
 - d) To ensure that the interests of every such person are protected as respects the other terms on which any services are provided and as respects the quality of those services

9. Director General of the Authority

- (1) The Authority shall have a Director General who shall be appointed by the Government, and shall be responsible for the due discharge of the work of the Authority
- (2) The Director General shall be assisted in his work by such number of officers and staff as is determined by the Government

Chapter IV: Water Undertakers and Sewerage Undertakers

10. Water Undertakers and Sewerage Undertakers:

- (1) The Government may appoint a company, a local government or a statutory authority to be the water undertaker or sewerage undertaker for any area.
- (2) Where the Government appoints a company or a statutory authority, not under the control of the relevant local government, to be the water undertaker or sewerage undertaker for any area it shall obtain prior permission from the relevant local government.
- (3) The appointment of a company, local government or a statutory authority to be a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker shall be by an instrument in writing containing the appointment (including the terms and conditions thereof) and describing the area for which it is made provided that no appointment shall be made beyond the area in which the company, local government or statutory authority may by law operate.

11. Enforcement Orders:

- (1) Where in the case of any company holding an appointment as water undertaker or sewerage undertaker, the Authority is satisfied that:
 - a) such company is contravening:
 - i. any condition(s) of the company's appointment in relation to which it is the enforcement authority, and/or
 - ii. any statutory requirement which is enforceable, and in relation to which it is the enforcement authority
 - b) such company has contravened any such condition or requirement and is likely to do so again;
the Authority shall by a provisional order make such provision as is required for the purpose of securing compliance with that condition or requirement.
- (2) Where an order has been passed under sub-section 1 above, and its noncompliance is likely to have a serious impact on the provision of water or sewerage services including impact on health and hygiene of persons, the Authority shall inform the Government of such order and the consequences of its non-compliance
- (3) Before making a final order or confirming a provisional order, the Authority shall give notice:
 - a) stating that it proposes to make a final order or confirm the provisional order and setting out the effect of the order;
 - b) setting out:
 - i. the conditions or requirements for the purpose of securing compliance of such order;
 - ii. the acts of omission or commission which in its opinion constitute or would constitute contravention of such conditions or requirements;
 - iii. the other facts which in its opinion justify the passing of such order.
- (4) A final or provisional order:

- a) shall require the company, to which it relates, to do or not to do such things as are specified in the order;
 - b) shall take effect at such time, being the earliest practicable time, as is determined by or under the order;
 - c) may be revoked or modified by the Authority or the Government.
- (5) The obligation to comply with a final or provisional order shall be a duty owed both to the Authority and to any person who may be affected by the contravention of such order.

12. Register of Undertakers

- (1) The Authority shall maintain, in paper and in electronic form, a register of the following information:
- a) Every appointment made under this Chapter
 - b) Every termination of any such appointment
 - c) Every variation of the area for which any company holds any such appointment
 - d) The conditions of any appointment
 - e) Enforcement orders
 - f) Every undertaking given to and accepted by the Authority or the Government
 - g) Details of abstraction licenses or disposal licenses granted to water undertakers and sewerage undertakers by the Commission.

13. Power to assign services:

- (1) Subject to sub-section (2), an undertaker may assign water and/or sewerage services to a company registered for the purpose of provision of water and/or sewerage services or a local authority, temporarily and for a specified period, by way of a written agreement lodged with the Authority.
- (2) An undertaker shall obtain prior permission of the Authority and the concerned local government before making an assignment where the undertaker is not the local government itself.
- (3) An assignee shall act on behalf of the undertaker, and the undertaker shall continue to be responsible for the due discharge of services in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the written agreement, the Authority may require the undertaker to perform the services directly where it determines that the assignee is likely to fail or has failed to act according to the provisions of this Act.

Chapter V: Water Supply

14. Duties of Water Undertakers

- (1) It shall be the duty of every water undertaker to develop and maintain an efficient and economical system of water supply within its area and to ensure that all such arrangements have been made for:
 - a. providing supplies of water to premises in that area and for making such supplies available to persons who demand them; and
 - b. for maintaining, improving and extending the water mains and other pipes
- (2) The Government may, by regulation, prescribe such standards of performance in connection with the provision of water as in its opinion ought to be achieved, and such regulations may provide that if a water undertaker fails to meet a prescribed standard it shall pay such amount, as may be prescribed, to any person who is affected by the failure.

15. Duty to provide supplies for domestic purposes

- (1) It shall be the duty of every water undertaker to provide a water main to be used for providing such supplies of water to premises in a particular locality in its area if the water undertaker is required to provide such water main, by a notice, served upon the water undertaker by one or more persons who are entitled under subsection (2) to receive water supply through mains
- (2) The following persons shall be entitled to require the provision of water supply under subsection (1):
 - a. the owner of premises approved by the local authority;
 - b. a housing society duly approved by the local authority;
 - c. the concerned local government
 - d. any other person as specified by regulations
- (3) The water undertaker shall not be in breach of his obligations under subsection (1) if the applicant does not provide an undertaking to pay, to the water undertaker, costs reasonably incurred in providing the main over a prescribed period of time.
- (4) Any dispute between a water undertaker and any other person regarding costs to be paid shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator by agreement between the water undertaker and that person and in default of such agreement the dispute shall be finally and conclusively decided by the Authority.

16. Supply of water for non- domestic purposes

- (1) It shall be the duty of every water undertaker to provide a water main to be used for providing such supplies of water to duly approved industrial premises in a particular locality if the water undertaker is required to provide the main, by a notice, served upon the water undertaker by one or more persons who are entitled under subsection (2) to get water supply through mains.
- (2) The following persons shall be entitled to require the provision of water under sub section (1)

- a. The owner of an industrial premises duly approved by the local authority
 - b. An industrial estate established by the Government
 - c. The concerned local government
- (3) A water undertaker shall not be required by virtue of this section to provide a new supply to industrial premises if:
- a. the supply of water requires him to incur unreasonable expenditure in carrying out works;
 - b. it puts at risk the ability of the water undertaker to meet any of its existing or probable future obligations to supply water for domestic or other purposes;
 - c. there is a contravention in relation to the water fittings used or to be used in connection with the supply of water to those premises or with the use of water in those premises;
 - d. if arrangements of industrial premises for disposal of waste water or trade effluent from such premises are not in accordance with the provisions of this Act or regulations made thereunder
- (4) The water undertaker shall not be in breach of his obligations under subsection (1) if the applicant does not provide an undertaking to pay, to the water undertaker, costs reasonably incurred in providing the main over a prescribed period of time.
- (5) Any dispute between a water undertaker and any other person regarding costs to be paid shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator by agreement between the water undertaker and that person, and in default of such agreement by the Authority.

17. Duty to supply water for other public purposes

- (1) A water undertaker shall, at the request of a sewerage undertaker, road authority or local authority, provide for such of its pipes as are of an appropriate capacity to supply water for cleansing sewers and drains, for cleansing and watering highways, for supplying any public pumps, baths or wash houses, for maintaining parks and green areas and for such other public purposes as may be necessary
- (2) A supply of water provided by a water undertaker under this section shall be provided upon such terms as may be reasonable
- (3) The obligations of a water undertaker under this section shall be enforceable through an enforcement order under section 11 of this Act.

18. Constancy and pressure of water supplies

- (1) It shall be the duty of water undertaker to cause the water in such of its water mains and other pipes, which are used for providing supplies of water for domestic purposes, to be run with such constancy and at such pressure as shall cause the water to reach such height as may be required by the Authority
- (2) Nothing in sub section (1) shall impose any duty on a water undertaker to maintain the constancy or pressure of any supply of water during any period during which it is reasonable for that supply to be cut off or get reduced for the purposes of the carrying out any necessary works

- (3) The obligations of a water undertaker under this section shall be enforceable under section 11 of this Act.
- (4) Where a water undertaker is in breach of a duty under this section, the water undertaker shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine which may extend to Rs 500,000
- (5) In any proceedings against any water undertaker for an offence under subsection (4) above, it shall be a defence for that undertaker to show that it took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence

19. Quality and sufficiency of water supplies

- (1) It shall be the duty of a water undertaker that:
 - a. while supplying water to any premises for domestic purposes to supply only water which is wholesome at the time of supply; and
 - b. so far as reasonably practicable, to ensure, in relation to each source or combination of sources from which that water undertaker supplies water to premises for domestic purposes, that there is in general no deterioration in the quality of water which is supplied from time to time from that source or combination of sources.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, water supplied by a water undertaker to any premises shall not be regarded as unwholesome at the time of supply where it has ceased to be wholesome only after leaving the pipes laid and maintained by the water undertaker
- (3) The obligations of a water undertaker under this section shall be enforceable under section 11 of this Act.
- (4) Where a water undertaker is in breach of a duty under this section the water undertaker shall be guilty of an offence and liable, upon conviction, to a fine which may extend to Rs 500,000.

20. Regulations for preserving water quality

- (1) The Government may, by regulation, require a water undertaker to take all such steps as may be prescribed for securing compliance with section 19 of the Act
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the power conferred under subsection (1), the Government may impose an obligation on a water undertaker to:
 - a. take all such steps as may be prescribed for monitoring and recording whether the water which that water undertaker supplies to premises for domestic purposes is wholesome at the time of supply
 - b. take all such steps as may be prescribed for monitoring and recording the quality of water from any source, or combination of sources which that water undertaker uses or is proposing to use for supplying water to any premises for domestic purposes.
 - c. ensure that a source which that water undertaker is using or is proposing to use for supplying water for domestic purposes is not so used until prescribed requirements for establishing the quality of

water which may be supplied from that source have been complied with

- d. keep records of the localities within which all the premises supplied with water for domestic purposes by that water undertaker are normally supplied from the same source or combination of sources
- e. comply with prescribed requirements with respect to analysis of water samples or with respect to internal reporting or organizational arrangements

21. Power to disconnect service pipes and cut off supplies

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a water undertaker may disconnect a service pipe, which, for the purposes of providing supply of water to any premises, is connected with any water main of that water undertaker or may otherwise cut off a supply of water to any premises if:
 - a. it is reasonable for the disconnection to be made or the supply of water be cut off for the purposes of carrying out any necessary works;
 - b. the occupier of the premises is liable to pay charges, due to the water undertaker, in respect of the supply of water to such premises and has failed to pay such charges before the period of 15 days beginning with the day after he is served with the notice requiring him to pay charges.
- (2) Where a water undertaker exercises its power by virtue of sub-section (1)(a), and effects a disconnection for the purposes of carrying out any necessary works, it shall owe a duty to the occupier of the premises to ensure:
 - a. that such necessary works are carried out with reasonable dispatch; and
 - b. that, only after an emergency water supply has been made available (whether or not through pipes) for domestic purposes, and any supply of water to such premises is not interrupted for more than 24 hours for the purpose of carrying out of those necessary works
- (3) Where a water undertaker has served a notice under subsection (1)(b) on a person, who within the period of 15 days of the receipt of such notice, serves a reply notice on the water undertaker stating that he disputes his liability to pay the charges demanded, the water undertaker shall not exercise its power to disconnect the water supply unless so authorized by the Authority after determination of liability or by a court
- (4) A water undertaker which disconnects a service pipe to any premises or otherwise cuts off a supply of water to any premises in case in which it has no power to do so under this section or fails to restore it, as required by this section, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with fine which may extend to Rs 100,000

22. Offence of supplying water unfit for human consumption

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), where a water undertaker supplies water by means of pipes to any premises and that water is unfit for human consumption, the water undertaker shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding Rs 500,000
- (2) Where a person authorized to stop a supply of water finds that the supply is unfit for human consumption and continues to authorize supply of such unfit water, the person shall be guilty of an offence punishable with fine and/or imprisonment which may extend to three months
- (3) In any proceedings against a water undertaker for an offence under this section it shall be a defense for that undertaker to show that it:
 - a. had no reasonable grounds for suspecting that the water would be used for human consumption;
 - b. took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence in securing that the water was fit for human consumption on leaving its pipes or was not used for human consumption.

23. Provision of water where piped supplies insufficient or unwholesome

- (1) Where:
 - a. it is not practicable, at reasonable cost, for a water undertaker to provide wholesome water in pipes or to maintain such a supply of wholesome water, to any particular premises in its area as is sufficient for domestic purposes;
 - b. it is practicable, at reasonable cost, for the water undertaker to provide such a supply of wholesome water for domestic purposes to those premises otherwise than in pipes;
 - c. the insufficiency or unwholesomeness of the supply of water for domestic purposes is such as to cause a danger to life or health;
 - d. the local authority in whose area those premises are situated notify the water undertaker of that danger and require the water undertaker to provide a supply otherwise than in pipes;it shall be the duty of the water undertaker, for such period as may be required by the local authority and where it is practicable at reasonable cost, to provide water otherwise than in pipes.
- (2) In this section, reference to the provision of a supply of water to any premises otherwise than in pipes shall have effect, in a case in which it is practicable for the water undertaker to provide a supply of water (whether or not in pipes), at reasonable cost, to a place within a reasonable distance of those premises, as including reference to the provision of a supply of water to those premises.

24. Permission to abstract water directly etc.

- (1) Where:
 - a. it is not practicable, at reasonable cost, for a water undertaker to supply water in pipes;

- b. Ground water is not unwholesome such as to cause any danger to life or health of a person
the water undertaker may allow a person, through a sub-license, to abstract water from within his premises or from an area in close proximity thereof for his domestic purposes only.
- (2) A sub license issued under subsection (1) shall be granted in accordance with any conditions that the Commission may impose on such sub licenses specifically or generally.
- (3) Water abstracted under a sub license under sub section 1 above, shall form part of the overall abstraction limit granted to a water undertaker under an abstraction license issued by the Commission.

25. Offences of contaminating, wastage and misuse of water

- (1) If any person who is the owner or occupier of any premises to which a supply of water is provided by a water undertaker, intentionally or negligently, causes or suffers any water fitting for which he is responsible to be or remain so out of order, so in need of repair or so constructed or adapted or to be used:
 - a. that water in a water main or other pipes of a water undertaker or in a pipe connected with such water main or pipe, is or is likely to be contaminated by the return of any substance from those premises to that main or pipe;
 - b. that water that has been supplied by the water undertaker to those premises is or is likely to be contaminated before it is used; or
 - c. that water so supplied is or is likely to be wasted, or having regard to the purposes for which it is supplied, misused or unduly consumed;that person shall be guilty of an offence and liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding Rs 100,000
- (2) Any person who uses any water supplied to any premises by a water undertaker for a purpose other than the one for which it is supplied shall, unless the other purpose is the extinguishment of fire, be guilty of an offence and liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding Rs 200,000.

26. Regulations for preventing contamination, waste etc.,

- (1) The Government may, by regulation, make such provisions as it considers appropriate for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) For securing that water in a water main or other pipes of a water undertaker is not contaminated, and that its quality and suitability for particular purposes is not prejudiced, by the return of any substance from any premises to that main or pipe;
 - (b) For preventing the wastage, undue consumption and misuse of any water at any time after it has left the pipes of a water

- undertaker for the purpose of being supplied by that water undertaker to any premises;
- (c) For securing that water fittings installed and used by persons to whom water is or is to be supplied by a water undertaker are safe and do not cause or contribute to the erroneous measurement of any water or the reverberation of any pipes.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the power contained in subsection (1), regulations made under this section may also make provision for the following:
- (a) For forbidding the installation, connection or use of the pipe related fittings if they have not been approved under the regulations or if they contravene the regulations;
 - (b) For requiring the fittings for the purpose of provision made by virtue of sub section (2) (a) to be of such a size, nature, strength or workmanship, to be made of such materials or in such a manner or to conform to such standards as may be prescribed or approved under the regulations
 - (c) For imposing such other requirements as may be prescribed with respect to the installation, arrangement, connection, testing, disconnection, alteration and repair of the fittings and with respect to the materials used in their manufacture
 - (d) For according, refusing and revoking, by prescribed persons, of the approvals required for the purposes of regulations, and
 - (e) For such approvals and revocations as capable of being made under the Act.
- (3) Without prejudice as aforesaid in sub section (1) and (2), regulations under this section may:
- (a) impose separate or concurrent duties with respect to the enforcement of the regulations;
 - (b) confer powers on a water undertaker or a local authority to carry out works and take other steps, in prescribed circumstances, for remedying any contravention of the regulations;
 - (c) provide for the recovery by a water undertaker or local authority of expenses reasonably incurred by the water undertaker or local authority in the exercise of any powers conferred under sub section (3) (b) above
 - (d) provide for a contravention of the regulations to constitute an offence punishable with fine not exceeding Rs 100,000 or such smaller sum as may be prescribed
 - (e) require the disputes arising because of application of the regulations to be referred to arbitration in suitable cases
 - (f) provide for a right of appeal in appropriate cases

27. Power to Prevent Damage and to Take Steps to Prevent Contamination, Waste etc.,

- (1) Without prejudice to any power conferred upon the water undertaker by regulations under section 20, where a water undertaker, which provides a supply of water to any premises, has reason to believe that:

- (a) the damage to person or property is being or is likely to be caused by any damage to, or defect in, any water fitting used in connection with the supply of water to those premises which is not a service pipe belonging to the water undertaker;
- (b) the water in a water main or other pipe of the water undertaker is being or is likely to be contaminated by the return of any substance from those premises to that main or pipe;
- (c) the water which is in any pipe connected with any such main or other pipe or which has been supplied by the water undertaker to those premises is being or is likely to be contaminated before it is used; or
- (d) the water which has been or is to be so supplied is being or is likely to be wasted or, having regard to the purposes for which it is supplied, misused or unduly consumed;

the water undertaker may exercise the power conferred upon it by sub section (2) in relation to those premises.

- (2) The power conferred by this sub section in relation to any premises is:
 - (a) Where the case constitutes an emergency, power to disconnect the service pipe or otherwise to cut off the supply of water to those premises; and
 - (b) In any other case, power to serve notice on the consumer requiring them to take such steps as may be specified in the notice as necessary to secure the system of the water undertaker and that damage, contamination, wastage, misuse or undue consumption ceases or, as the case may be, does not occur.
- (3) Where a water undertaker, in exercise of the power conferred by virtue of sub section (2)(a), disconnects a service pipe to any premises or otherwise cuts off any supply of water to any premises, the water undertaker shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after the supply is disconnected or cut off, serve a notice on the person specifying the steps which that person is required to take before the water undertaker will restore the water supply to that premises.
- (4) The steps specified in the notice under sub section (3) shall be the steps necessary to secure that, as the case may be, :
 - (a) the damage, contamination, wastage, misuse or undue consumption; or
 - (b) the likelihood of damage, contamination, wastage, misuse or undue consumption,
 shall not recur if the supply is restored; and a water undertaker which fails, without reasonable excuse, to serve the notice in accordance with the requirements of sub section (4) shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding Rs 10,000.
- (5) A notice served for the purposes of sub section (2)(b) shall:
 - (a) specify the period, not being less than seven days beginning with the day after the service of the notice, within which the steps specified in the notice are to be taken by the person; and
 - (b) set out the powers of the water undertaker under sub section (6) and (7).

- (6) Where a water undertaker has served a notice under sub section (2)(b) in relation to any premises, and:
- (a) the case becomes an emergency; or
 - (b) the premises appears to be unoccupied and the steps specified in the notice are not taken before the expiry of the period so specified;
- the water undertaker may disconnect the service pipe to those premises or otherwise cut off the supply of water to those premises; and subsections (3) and (4) above shall apply where a water undertaker exercises its power under this subsection as they apply where such an undertaker exercises its power by virtue of subsection (2)(a) above.
- (7) Where, in a case not falling within sub section (6) (a) or (b), any steps specified in a notice served by the water undertaker under sub section (2) (b) have not been taken by the person by the end of the period so specified, the water undertaker shall have power:
- (a) to take those steps itself; and
 - (b) subject to sub section (8), to recover any expenses reasonably incurred by the water undertaker in taking those steps from the person on whom the notice was served;
- (8) Where any steps are taken by virtue of sub section (7) and it is shown that, in the circumstances of the case, those steps were not necessary as mentioned in sub section (2) or, as the case may be, sub section (4), such water undertaker:
- (a) shall not be entitled to recover any expenses incurred by it in taking those steps; and
 - (b) shall be liable to pay to any other person who took any of those steps an amount equal to any expenses reasonably incurred by that person in taking any of those steps.

28. **Standards of Wholesomeness**

- (1) The Government may, by regulations, make provision that water that is supplied to any premises is or is not to be regarded as wholesome for the purposes of this Chapter, if it satisfies or, as the case may be, fails to satisfy such provision as may be prescribed.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub section (1), regulations under this section may, for the purpose of determining the wholesomeness of any water shall:
- (a) prescribe general requirements as to the purposes for which the water is to be suitable;
 - (b) prescribe specific requirements as to the substances that are to be present in or absent from the water, and as to the concentrations of substances which are or are required to be present in the water;
 - (c) prescribe specific requirements as to other characteristics of the water;
 - (d) provide that the question whether prescribed requirements are satisfied may be determined by reference to such samples as may be prescribed;

- (e) enable the Government to authorize such relaxations of and departures from the prescribed requirements (or from any of them) as may be prescribed, to make any such authorization subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and to modify or revoke any such authorization or condition; and
- (f) enable the Government to authorize a local authority (either instead of the Government or concurrently with it) to exercise any power conferred on the Government by regulations made by virtue of paragraph (e) above.

29. Maps of water mains etc.

- (1) Subject to sub section (4) below, it shall be the duty of the Authority and every water undertaker to keep record of:
 - a. every resource main, water main or discharge pipe used by the water undertaker
 - b. any other underground works, other than a service pipe, which are owned or operated by the water undertaker
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Authority and of every water undertaker to ensure that the contents of any records for the time being kept by it under this section are updated and available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by the public free of charge at an office of the Authority or as the case may be of the water undertaker
- (3) Any information which is required under this section to be made available, by the Authority or a water undertaker, for inspection by the public shall be so made available in the form of a map.
- (4) For the purposes of determining whether any failure to make a modification of any records kept under this section constitutes a breach of the duty, imposed by sub section (1), above, that duly shall be taken to require any modifications of the records to be made as soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of such works, which make the modification necessary; and where records kept under this section are modified, the date of the modification and of the completion of the works making the modification necessary shall be incorporated in the records.
- (5) The duties of a water undertaker under this section shall be enforceable under section 11.

Chapter VI: Provision of Sewerage Services

30. Sewerage functions

- (1) It shall be the duty of every sewerage undertaker to:
 - a. provide, improve, rehabilitate and extend such a system of public sewers (whether inside its area or elsewhere) and so to cleanse

- and maintain these sewers as to ensure that such area is and continues to be effectually drained;
 - b. make provision for the emptying of those sewers and for effectually dealing by means or sewage disposal works or otherwise with the content of those sewers
- (2) It shall be the duty of a sewerage undertaker in performing its duty under sub section (1) to have regard to:
- a. its existing and likely future obligations to allow discharge of effluent into its public sewers
 - b. the need to provide for the disposal of effluent which is so discharged

31. Standards of Performance

- (1) The Government may by regulations prescribe standards of performance in connection with the provision of sewerage services
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the power conferred by sub section (1), the regulations may:
 - a. include in a standard of performance a requirement for a sewerage undertaker in prescribed circumstances to inform persons of their rights and duties by virtue of any such regulations;
 - b. provide for any dispute under the regulation to be referred to by either party to the Authority.

32. Supply of sewerage services for domestic purposes

- (1) It shall be the duty of every sewerage undertaker to provide a public sewer to be used for drainage of premises in a particular locality in its area if the sewerage undertaker is required to provide the sewer by a notice served on the sewerage undertaker by one or more persons who are entitled under sub section (2) to require the provision of the sewer for that locality
- (2) The following persons shall be entitled to require the provision of a public sewer for any locality:
 - a. the owner of a premises in that locality
 - b. a housing authority
 - c. the concerned local government
 - d. any other person as specified by rules
- (3) The sewerage undertaker shall not be in breach of his obligations under sub section (1) if the applicant does not provide an undertaking to pay, to the sewerage undertaker, costs reasonably incurred in providing the main over a prescribed period of time.
- (4) Any dispute between a sewerage undertaker and any other person regarding costs to be paid shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator by agreement between the sewerage undertaker and that person and in default of such agreement the dispute shall be finally decided by the Authority.

33. Performance of Sewerage Functions by Local Authorities etc.

- (1) A local authority may, in accordance with any arrangement which it has entered into for the purpose with any sewerage undertaker, carry out sewerage functions on that undertaker's behalf in relation to such area comprising the whole or any part of that authority's relevant area, together (where that authority are a local authority or an urban development corporation and the arrangements so provide) with parts of any adjacent relevant areas of other relevant authorities, as may be specified in the arrangements.
- (2) Arrangements entered into for the purposes of this section may contain any such provision as may be agreed between the relevant authority and the sewerage undertaker but shall not affect the availability to any person, other than the relevant authority, of any remedy against the sewerage undertaker in respect of the carrying out of the sewerage undertaker's sewerage functions or of any failure to carry them out.
- (3) Where arrangements entered into for the purposes of this section so provide, a relevant authority shall be entitled to exercise on behalf of a sewerage undertaker any power which by or under any enactment is exercisable by the sewerage undertaker for the purposes of, or in connection with, the carrying out of the sewerage undertaker's sewerage functions.

34. Trade effluent

- (1) It shall be the duty of every sewerage undertaker to provide a sewer to be used for the drainage of trade effluent to premises in a particular locality in its area if the sewerage undertaker is required to provide the sewer by a notice served on the sewerage undertaker by one or more persons who are entitled under subsection (2) to require the provision of the sewer for that locality.
- (2) The following persons shall be entitled to require the provision of a pipe for discharge of trade effluent:
 - a. The owner of an industrial premises in a locality duly approved by the local authority.
 - b. an industrial authority managing industrial estates
- (3) The sewerage undertaker shall not be in breach of his obligations under subsection (1) if:
 - a. the person does not provide an undertaking to pay, to the sewerage undertaker, costs reasonably incurred in providing the main over a prescribed period of time;
 - b. the trade effluent is of a nature that shall make it difficult for the sewerage undertaker to discharge its obligations to domestic consumers; or
 - c. the trade effluent cannot be safely carried in the pipes of the sewerage undertaker or needs to be carried separately for specialized treatment

Any dispute between a sewerage undertaker and any other person regarding costs to be paid shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator by

agreement between the sewerage undertaker and that person and in default of such agreement the dispute shall be finally decided by the Authority.

35. Power to disconnect connection for Trade effluent

- (1) A sewerage undertaker may provide for disconnecting a pipe which carries trade effluent if:
 - a. it is reasonable for the disconnection to be made for the purposes of carrying out any necessary works;
 - b. the occupier of the premises is liable to pay charges due to the sewerage undertaker in respect of services to those premises and has failed to do before the period of 15 days beginning with the day after he is served with notice requiring him to do so
- (2) Where a sewerage undertaker exercises its power by virtue of sub section (1) (a) to make a disconnection for the purposes of the carrying out of any necessary works, it shall owe a duty to the consumer to secure:
 - a. that those works are carried out with reasonable dispatch
 - b. that any service is not interrupted for more than 7 days for the purpose of carrying out of those works

36. Permission to dispose of waste water or trade effluent directly

- (1) Where:
 - a. it is not practicable, at reasonable cost, for a sewerage undertaker to provide sewerage pipes;
 - b. it is practicable and safe for the owner or occupier of industrial premises to drain waste water or trade effluent in pipes not owned or operated by the sewerage undertaker;
 - c. the local authority in whose area those premises are situated permits the sewerage undertaker to allow discharge of waste water or trade effluent in pipes not owned or operated by the sewerage undertaker;the sewerage undertaker may allow a person, by a sub-license, to discharge waste water or trade effluent in those pipes
- (2) A sub license issued under sub section (1) shall be granted in accordance with any conditions that the Commission may impose on such sub licenses specifically or generally.

37. Sewer maps

- (1) Subject to sub section (5), it shall be the duty of the Authority and every sewerage undertaker to keep records of the location and other relevant particulars of:
 - a. every public sewer or disposal main operated by the sewerage undertaker or other persons with the permission of the sewerage undertaker;
 - b. any other underground works other than a service pipe which are owned or operated by the sewerage undertaker

- (2) For the purposes of this section, the relevant particulars of a drain sewer or disposal main, in addition to its location, shall include particulars as to:
 - a) whether it is a drain, sewer or disposal main and of the description of effluent for the conveyance of which it is or is to be used, and
 - b) whether it is operated by the sewerage undertaker or, if it is not, whether it is operated with the permission of the sewerage undertakerAnd the records kept by a sewerage undertaker under this section shall be kept separately in relation to the area of each local authority within whose area there is any drain, sewer, or disposal main of which that sewerage undertaker is required to keep records
- (3) It shall be the duty of every sewerage undertaker to:
 - a) provide to the local authorities, without any fee, the copies of the contents of records kept under this section, and with copies of any modifications of those records, as to ensure that every local authority to whose area any of the records relate are at all times informed of the contents of the record, for the time being, relating to their area, and
 - b) ensure that the contents of all the records for the time being kept by the sewerage undertaker under this section are available, at all reasonable times, for inspection by the public free of charge at any office of the sewerage undertaker
- (4) Any information which is required to be kept by this section shall be so provided or made available in the form of a map
- (5) For the purposes of determining whether any failure to make a modification of any records kept under this section constitutes a breach of the duty, imposed by sub section (1) above which make the modification necessary; and where records kept under this section are modified, the date of the modification and of the completion of the works making the modification necessary shall be incorporated in the records.
- (6) The duties of a sewerage undertaker under this section shall be enforceable under section 11.

Chapter VII: Charging for Services Provided by Undertakers

38. Powers of undertakers to charge

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the powers of every water undertaker and of every sewerage undertaker shall include the power to:
 - a. fix charges for any services provided in the course of carrying out its functions and, in the case of a sewerage undertaker, charges to

- be paid in connection with the carrying out of its trade effluent functions; and
- b. demand and recover charges fixed under this section from any person to whom the water undertaker or sewerage undertaker, as the case may be, provides services or in relation to whom it carries out trade effluent functions.
- (2) The powers conferred under sub section (1) shall be exercisable:
- a. By undertakers
 - i. in the case of supply of water after taking into consideration the cost of abstraction, improvement in quality of water and protection of water from contamination till it is supplied to premises; and
 - ii. in the case of sewerage or waste water after taking into consideration the cost of carrying it, treating it and protecting soil and water from the waste water till it is treated; or
 - b. By or in accordance with agreements with persons to be charged.

39. Liability of Occupiers Etc. Charges

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section and except in so far as provision to the contrary is made by any agreement to which the undertaker is a party:
- a. Supplies of water provided by a water undertaker shall be treated for the purposes of this Chapter as services provided to the occupiers, for the time being, of any premises supplied; and
 - b. Sewerage services provided by a sewerage undertaker shall be treated for the purposes of this Chapter as provided to the occupiers, for the time being, of any premises which are drained by a sewer or drain connecting, either directly or through an intermediate sewer or drain, with such a public sewer of the sewerage undertaker as is provided for sewerage water or surface water or both

40. Provisions Relating to Charging by Volume

- (1) Where the Authority so requires, the water undertakers and sewerage undertakers shall put into effect a scheme for the purpose of securing the installation of meters and of making other provision in relation to meters and the premises where they are installed.
- (2) Government may, by regulations, make such provision as it considers appropriate with respect to the connection, disconnection, use, maintenance, authentication and testing of meters and with respect to any related matter.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2), the regulations may:
 - a. regulate the positioning, whether inside or outside of the building or other premises in relation to which the meter is to be used, of any meter or of any pipes or apparatus appearing to any water undertaker or sewerage undertaker to be required for the purpose of facilitating the use of any meter;

- b. make any other provision which appears to the Government to be appropriate with respect to any such pipes or apparatus;
- c. provide for a reading from a meter to be proved in such manner as may be prescribed and for a reading from a meter to be such evidence as may be prescribed of the volume of water supplied to, or of effluent discharged from, any premises;
- d. fix the method of determining the amount of the charges to be paid where it appears that a meter has given, or may have given, an incorrect reading;
- e. require a person who is not a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker to pay the expenses incurred by a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in doing anything under the regulations or to pay contributions towards those expenses;
- f. provide for the payment of compensation in respect of anything done by a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker under the regulations;
- g. require disputes arising under the regulations to be referred to arbitration;

41. Power of Authority to modify charges

- (1) The Authority may modify, through an order, charges where it finds that an undertaker:
- a. has not spread costs over a reasonable period of time
 - b. has charged consumers unfairly
 - c. has not acted in support of the consumer objective

42. Offence of tampering with meters etc.,

- (1) If any person:
- a. so interferes with a meter used by any water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in determining the amount of any charges fixed in relation to any premises to prevent the meter from showing or from accurately showing the volume of water supplied to or of effluent discharged from those premises, or
 - b. carries out any works which he knows are likely to affect the operation of such a meter;
- he shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding Rs 50,000
- (2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under sub section (1) in respect of anything done by him with the consent of the undertaker who uses the meter.

Chapter VIII: Abstraction and Disposal Licenses

43. Abstraction Licenses

- (1) The license to abstract water may be one of the following three types:
 - i. A license to abstract water from one source of supply
 - ii. A license to abstract water from one source of supply for the purpose of transferring to another source of supply
 - iii. A license to abstract water from one source of supply for the purposes of transferring to the same source of supply at another point
- (2) A license to abstract water from one source of supply shall be of one or more of the following seven types
 - i. A license to abstract water for supply to consumers by a water undertaker
 - ii. A license to abstract water for agricultural purposes
 - iii. A license to abstract water for domestic purposes
 - iv. A license to abstract water for industrial purposes
 - v. A license to abstract water for mining purposes
 - vi. A license to abstract water for ecological purposes
 - vii. A license to abstract water for purposes not listed above
- (3) No person shall abstract water from controlled waters without a license
- (4) Abstraction Licenses shall be granted by the authorities listed in Schedule 1 of this Act

44. Disposal Licenses

- (1) The license for disposal of water may be one of the following four types:
 - a. A license for disposal of naturally clean water into controlled waters
 - b. A license for disposal of sewage water into controlled waters
 - c. A license for disposal of trade effluent into controlled waters
 - d. A license for disposal of any other water into controlled waters
- (2) No person shall dispose water into controlled waters without a license
- (3) Disposal Licenses shall be granted by the authorities listed in Schedule 2 of this Act

45. Terms and conditions of licenses

- (1) Every abstraction and disposal license under this Act shall be in the prescribed form and shall be valid for a fixed duration of time
- (2) Every license shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe
- (3) Every license shall provide for the point at which abstraction and disposal shall take place
- (4) Notwithstanding anything contained above a disposal license shall include the following conditions:
 - a. That the disposed of water shall comply with applicable environmental standards
 - b. That samples of the disposed of water shall be collected and tested periodically

- (4) Any person who knowingly contravenes the terms and conditions of a license shall be guilty of an offence punishable with fine which may extend to Rs 200,000.

Chapter IX: Water Resources

46. Drought Orders

- (1) If the Government is satisfied that by reason of an exceptional shortage of rain, a serious deficiency of water in any area exists or is likely to exist then it may, by order, make such provisions as are authorized by this section, which appear to be expedient, with a view to meeting the deficiency
- (2) The power to make an order shall not be exercisable except on an application made by the Commission or a water undertaker which supplies water to premises in that area
- (3) An order made under this section may contain one or more of the following provisions:
- a) Provision authorizing the Commission or the water undertaker or licensee to take water from any source specified in the Order subject to any conditions or restrictions specified in it;
 - b) Provision authorizing the Commission or the sewerage undertaker or licensee to discharge water to any place specified in the order subject to any conditions or restrictions specified in it
 - c) Provision authorizing the Commission to prohibit or limit the taking by any water undertaker or person of water from a source specified in the order if the Commission is satisfied that the taking of water from that source shall seriously affect the supply of water to the Commission, any water undertaker or any other person
 - d) Provision authorizing the Commission to suspend or vary or attach conditions to any consent specified in the order for the discharge of any effluent by any person including any water undertaker or sewerage undertaker
 - e) Provision authorizing the Commission or water undertaker to prohibit or limit the use of water for such purpose as the water undertaker thinks fit.

47. Offences with regard to Drought Orders

- (1) If any person:
- a) takes or uses water in contravention of a prohibition or limitation imposed by or under a drought order or takes or uses water otherwise than in accordance with any condition or restriction so imposed; or
 - b) discharges water otherwise than in accordance with any condition or restriction imposed by or under such an order
- he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.
- (2) If any person:

- a) fails to construct or maintain, in good order, a gauge or other apparatus for measuring the flow of water which he is required to construct or maintain by any drought order; or
 - b) fails to allow some person authorized for the purpose by or under any such order to inspect and examine any such apparatus or any records made thereby or kept by that person in connection therewith or to take copies of any such records
- he shall be guilty of an offence under this section
- (3) In any proceedings against a person for an offence under this section, it shall be a defense for that person to show that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence
- (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable to a fine which may extend to Rs 500,000.

Chapter X: Duties with regard to Environmental and Recreational Purposes

48. Environmental and Recreational Duties

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Government and every authority established under this Act in formulating or considering any proposals:
- a. To further the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty and the conservation of flora and fauna and geological or physio-geographical features or special interest
 - b. To have regard to the desirability of protecting and conserving buildings, sites and objects of archeological, architectural or historic interest
 - c. To take into account any effect which the proposal would have on the beauty or amenity of any rural or urban area or on any such flora, fauna, features, buildings, sites or objects
 - d. To have regard to the desirability of preserving and maintaining for the public freedom of access and visiting any place of natural beauty or building or site or object of archeological, architectural or historic interest
- (2) Without prejudice to any other duty imposed by this Act, it shall be the duty of every authority to promote:
- a. the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty; and
 - b. the conservation of flora or fauna which are dependent on rivers, streams and large bodies of water

Chapter XI: Controlled Waters

49. Controlled Waters: The following shall be controlled waters for the purposes of this Act:

- (a) Waters in rivers and tributaries flowing in the province of Punjab
- (b) Canals falling within the definition of the Canal and Drainage Act, 1873
- (c) Natural reservoirs, or artificial reservoirs larger than 5 acres

- (d) Ground waters
- (e) Storm water in drains
- (f) Jheels and lakes
- (g) Nullahs

50. Offences relating to controlled waters etc.,

- (1) A person shall contravene this section if he causes or knowingly permits:
 - (a) any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter or any solid waste matter to enter into any controlled waters
 - (b) any matter to enter controlled waters by being discharged from a drain or sewer without the requisite treatment
 - (c) any trade effluent or sewage effluent to be discharged, in contravention of any relevant prohibition from a building or from any fixed plant onto or into any land
 - (d) any action which tends (either directly or otherwise) to impede the proper flow of the waters including flood waters
- (2) A person who contravenes this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment which may extend to 3 months or to a fine which may extend to Rs 500,000 or both
- (3) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under sub section (1) if the entry occurs or the discharge is made in accordance with the terms of a license for disposal of water

51. Water Protection Zones

- (1) The Government may declare a particular area as water protection zone with a view to prevent or control the entry of any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter into controlled waters, to prohibit or restrict the carrying on in a particular area of activities which it may consider likely to result in the pollution of any such waters
- (2) The Government may by regulation determine the circumstances in which the carrying on of any activities is prohibited or restricted and to determine the activities to which any such prohibition or restriction applies

52. Offences related to deposits and vegetation

- (1) A person shall be guilty of an offence under this section if without the consent of the Canal Officer he removes from any part of the bottom, channel or bed or any inland waters, a deposit accumulated by reason of any dam, weir or sluice holding back the waters
- (2) A person shall be guilty of an offence under this section if without consent of the Canal Officer he causes or permits a substantial amount of vegetation to be cut or uprooted in any inland water or to be cut or uprooted near to any such water
- (3) The Government may make regulations for the conditions and manner in which consent may be granted

Chapter XII: Miscellaneous

53. Power of Investigation

- (1) The Authority may appoint one or more persons as technical assessors for the purpose of conducting an investigation whether any duty or other requirement imposed on an undertaker by or under this Act is being, has been or is likely to be contravened.
- (2) It shall be the duty of an undertaker to provide such assistance as may be required by a person appointed under sub section (1) for the purposes of an investigation mentioned above
- (3) Any person appointed under subsection (1) may:
 - a. enter any premises for the purpose of carrying out any such investigation as is mentioned in sub section (1)
 - b. carry out such inspections, measurements and tests on premises and take away such samples of water or of any land and such fittings and other articles as may be required
 - c. at any reasonable time require any water undertaker to supply him with copies of, or extracts from the contents of any record kept for the purpose of complying with any duty or other requirement imposed on that undertaker
- (4) Any undertaker which fails to comply with the duty imposed under subsection (2) above shall be guilty of an offence punishable with fine which may extend to Rs 200,000

54. Prosecution of offences:

- (1) Offences under this Act shall be cognizable on the complaint of the persons mentioned in Schedule 3 of the Act
- (2) A prosecution for an offence under this section shall not be instituted except by the public prosecutor

55. Amendments

The provisions contained in the Acts mentioned in schedule 4 shall stand amended as indicated therein

56. Rules

Government may by notification in the Gazette make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

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**Schedule 1
(see section 43)**

Licenses

A license to abstract water from one source of supply for the purpose of transferring to another source of supply

A license to abstract water from one source of supply for the purposes of transferring to the same source of supply at another point

A license to abstract water for supply to consumers by a water undertaker

A license to abstract water for agricultural purposes

A license to abstract water for domestic purposes

A license to abstract water for industrial purposes

A license to abstract water for mining purposes

A License to abstract water for ecological purposes

A license to abstract water for other purposes

Body empowered to grant License

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Canal Officer of the area in consultation with the District Officer of the Agriculture Department

Water Undertaker in whose area the abstraction will take place; where no undertaker is appointed, by the Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission in consultation with the Forest Department

Punjab Water Resources Commission

**Schedule 2
(see section 44)**

Licenses

A license for disposal of clean water into controlled waters

A license for disposal of sewage water into controlled waters

A license for disposal of trade effluent into controlled waters

Body empowered to grant License

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Punjab Water Resources Commission

A license for disposal of any other water into controlled water

Punjab Water Resources Commission

Schedule 3
(See section 54)

Section Person on whose complaint the offence is cognizable

18	Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority
21	Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority Person who has been supplied unfit water
24	Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority, Office authorized by the Punjab Water Resources Commission
35	Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority
43	Officer authorized by the Punjab Water Resources Commission
40	Officer authorized by the Punjab Water Resources Commission
41	Water undertaker
44	Person who has granted the license
45	Canal Officer Wildlife Officer
46	Officer authorized by the Punjab Water Resources Commission
49	Canal officers authorized by the Irrigation Department
52	Punjab Water Services Regulatory Authority

Schedule 4
(see section 55)

Act/Ordinance	Section/clause	Amendment
The Punjab Irrigation and Drainage Authority Act, 1997	8	To stand repealed
Lahore Development Authority Act, 1973	29	To stand repealed
Punjab Development of Cities Act, 1976	28	To stand repealed

Schedule 5
(see section 2)

Government in Section 3, 6, 46, 51, 52	Means the Government in the Irrigation Department
Section 9	Housing, Urban Development & Public

Health Engineering Department

Section 10, 14	Local Government & Community Development Department
Section 11 (2), 12	Irrigation Department, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Local Government & Community Development Department, Housing, Urban Development & Public Health Engineering Department, Environment Department, Industries Department
Section 16	Industries Department
Section 20, 26, 28	Housing, Urban Development & Public Health Engineering Department in consultation with the Local Government & Community Development Department
Section 31	Local Government & Community Development Department in consultation with the Irrigation and Primary & Secondary Healthcare Departments
Section 40	Housing, Urban Development & Public Health Engineering Department in consultation with Local Government & Community Development Department
Section 48	Government in every department
Section 56	Irrigation Department in consultation with the Local Government & Community Development Department, Housing, Urban Development & Public Health Engineering Department and Industries Departments