

**PART I**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PUNJAB  
**NOTIFICATION**

The 21st October, 2016

No. 35-Leg./2016.-The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 18th Day of October, 2016, is hereby published for general information:-

**THE PUNJAB LAWS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 2016.**

(Punjab Act No. 28 of 2016)

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*to make special provisions for resolving the problems associated with the development of unauthorized colonies and thereby leading to infrastructure issues in the State of Punjab within a period of six months and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.*

Whereas phenomenal increase in the population owing to migration has put tremendous pressure on land and infrastructure in Punjab resulting in developments which are not in consonance with the master plan of cities and towns and the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulations Act, 1995, in the State;

Whereas the Government has constituted a Committee of Experts to look into the various aspects of unauthorized colonies and suggest a comprehensive strategy to deal with them;

Whereas a strategy is proposed to be prepared by the Government in the State of Punjab in accordance with the Punjab Housing and Habitat Policy for Urban Housing to all;

Whereas action for violation of the provisions of the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, 1995 and the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulations Act, 1995, is causing avoidable hardship and irreparable loss to a large number of people;

Whereas some time is required for making orderly arrangements for solving problems of areas under unauthorized colonies;

Whereas it is expedient to have a law to provide temporary relief to the people of the State of Punjab against such action for a period of six months

