NO. 35-Leg/2017.- The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 18th day of December, 2017, is hereby published for general information.

THE PUNJAB LAND IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017
(Punjab Act No. 25 of 2017)
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further to amend the Punjab Land Improvement Scheme Act, 1963.
BE it enacted by Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Sixty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called Punjab Land Improvement Schemes (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Punjab Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1963, after section 14, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

"14-A (1) Where-

(a) the Department intends to lay underground pipeline or repair or renovation, as the case may be, of existing underground pipeline through holding of any other land holders for the purpose of irrigation; or

(b) a farmer or a group of farmers intend to lay an underground pipeline or repair or renovation, as the case may be, of existing pipeline through the holding of any other land owner for the purpose of irrigation on his holding or as the case may be, their holdings; and

the matter is not settled by mutual agreement, then the District Level Committee may, be order, allow the Department or the farmer
or the group of farmers, as the case may be, of existing pipeline, at least
three feet beneath the surface of the land along the demarcated line on
payment of such compensation arising out of crop damage or damage to
any structure to the land owner. The District Level Committee shall
determine the amount of compensation to be paid as per prevalent market
prices to the land holder through whose land the pipeline is to be laid or
repaired or renovated and its decision shall be binding upon all parties.

(2) The Department or the farmer or the group of farmers, as the case may
be, shall submit a written application to the District Level Committee detailing the
land owner’s details through which the pipeline shall be laid or repaired or
renovated and line demarcated for laying or pipeline along with the damage as
shall be caused to crop or any structure that is in way of demarcated line.

(3) The Department or the farmer or the group of farmers, as the case may
be, permitted to avail any of the facilities referred to in sub-section (1) shall not,
by virtue of the said facility, acquire any other right in the holding through which
such facility is granted.

(4) The Department or the farmer or the group of farmers, as the case may
be, to whom such facility is granted, shall also ensure that the land be restored up
to the satisfaction of the land holder after laying of underground pipeline.

14-B (1) Constitution of
District Level
Committees.
In every district, there shall be constituted a Committee to be called
the District Level Committee for granting compensation, to the
Department or the farmer or the group of farmers, as the case may
be, consisting of the following, namely:-

(i) Deputy Commissioner Chairman
(ii) Divisional Soil Conservation Officer Convener
(iii) District Revenue Officer Member
(iv) Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (B&R) Member
(v) Divisional Forest Officer Member

(2) The Convener shall convene the meeting of the District Level
Committee on receipt of request to lay underground pipeline or repair or renovation, as the case may be existing pipeline.

(3) Four members including the Chairman and the Convener shall form the quorum for a meeting of the District Level Committee.

(4) All questions before the District Level Committee shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority of the members present and voting. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote:--

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