

INTRODUCTION

- Minorities Affairs Department was created during the financial year 1994-95 for promotion of the welfare of the Minorities, through which the Minority Communities could vent out their grievance and seek necessary relief.
- In wake of 18th Constitutional amendment, Minorities Affairs Department became functional during the financial year 2010-2011.

MANDATE

• Minorities Affairs Department was established in F.Y 1994-95 and in the wake of 8th Constitutional amendment became functional under the Rules of Business 1986 i.e :

- Safeguarding the Rights of Minorities.
- Promotion of Welfare of Minorities.
- Promotion of sense of belongingness in the Minorities.
- Protection of Minorities against discrimination.
- Matters pertain to Interfaith Harmony Policy.
- Co-ordination with Federal Government on all matter of Minority Affairs.

LEGISLATION

1. THE SINDH HINDUS MARRIAGE (AMENDED) ACT, 2018.

- The Act has been enacted.
- The main objective of the act to provide a formal process of registration of Marriage for Hindus and restrained early age marriages.
- In pursuance of this legislation, the Rules were framed / notified on 27th November, 2019.

LEGISLATION

2. The Sindh Minorities Rights Commission Bill-2019.

- This bill is meant for to provide a platform to look into various grievances of the Minority Communities.
- To monitor and suggest the mechanism for accelerating pace of socio-economic development.
- To lays down mechanism for promotion and protection of the identity of minorities at provincial level.
- To formulate Commission who examine the policy and review all Laws.
- The bill is recently passed by the August House Sindh and in under process.

LEGISLATION

3. The Sindh Evacuee Trust Properties (Management and Disposal) Bill, 2019.

- The bill is meant to provide for the management & disposal of Evacuee Trust Properties attached to charitable, religious or educational Trusts or religious.
- The bill is recently passed by the August House Sindh.

LEGISLATION

4. The Criminal Law (Protection of Minorities) Bill-2019.

- To restrain forced conversion.
- Recognize the right of freedom of religion.
- Recognize the right of freedom to marry and freedom of choice.
- Recognize the importance of tolerance, peace and respect for all religions and persons.
- The bill is in pipe line.

LEGISLATION

5. The Sindh Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Act, 2013.

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- This Act was passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 15th March, 2013 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 28th March, 2013.
- **The Act is meant to protect the Properties of Minority Communities for their communal use.**
- To formulate Provincial Commission for the Minorities under the section-3.
- The purpose of Commission is to issue NOC meant for buy, sell and transfer the communal properties on request of an applicant.
- The Provincial Commission rules, 2019 has been formulated with the consultation of Law Department.
- The draft rules is under consideration of Non-Muslims Welfare Committee Sindh for further formal approval for placed before the Provincial Cabinet Sindh.