

Assignment

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Punjab Food Authority Act 2011 – Assignment

Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8

Section 3: Establishment of the Food Authority

The Punjab Government establishes the Punjab Food Authority through a notification in the official Gazette. It is a corporate body with perpetual succession and a common seal. The Authority can enter contracts, acquire or dispose property, sue or be sued in its name. Its primary purpose is to ensure the safety, hygiene, and quality of food items in Punjab.

Section 4 – Composition of the Food Authority

This section explains how the Authority is structured. It consists of a chairperson and members from relevant departments such as Health, Local Government, Food, Agriculture, and Consumer Representatives. Experts from food science and industries may also be included. The composition ensures representation from all sectors linked to food safety and public health.

Section 5 – Functions of the Food Authority

The main function of the Authority is to regulate and monitor food businesses to ensure safe and healthy food supply to consumers. Key duties include setting food safety standards, conducting inspections, licensing food businesses, monitoring quality control, and creating awareness among the public regarding food safety laws.

Section 7 – Powers of the Authority

The Authority can enforce rules and take legal action against violations of the Act. It has the power to inspect food outlets, seize unsafe items, impose fines, and prosecute offenders. It may also conduct food sampling, collect evidence, and suspend or cancel licenses of non-compliant businesses.

Section 8 – Meetings of the Authority

Meetings are to be held at times and places fixed by the Chairperson. Decisions are made through majority voting, but the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote in case of a tie. The section also ensures that proper records of meetings are maintained for accountability and transparency.