

PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

BILL NO. 8-PLA-2023

**THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF CHIEF WHIP IN
PUNJAB LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BILL, 2023**

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BILL

to provide for the salaries and allowances of the Chief Whip in the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Salaries and Allowances of Chief Whip in Punjab Legislative Assembly Act, 2023. Short title and commencement.

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

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,- Definitions.

(a) "Legislative Assembly" means the Punjab Legislative Assembly;

(b) "Chief Whip" means that member of the Legislative Assembly, who is, for the time being, declared by the majority party to be the Chief Whip in the Legislative Assembly, of the party forming the Government and recognized as such by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and

(c) "Speaker" means the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

3. The Chief Whip shall be paid a salary, sumptuary allowance and compensatory allowance as are admissible to a Minister under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947. Salary, sumptuary allowance and compensatory allowance.

- Rent free Government house at the State headquarter or the house rent allowance and other allowances.
4. The Chief Whip shall be provided with a rent free Government house at the State headquarter or the house rent allowance and other allowances, as are admissible to a Minister under sub-sections (2), (2-A), (2-B) and (2-C) of section 2 of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947, and the rules framed thereunder.
- State car.
5. (1) The Chief Whip shall be provided with a State car as admissible to a Minister under sub-section (3) of section 2 of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947.
- (2) If the Chief Whip does not avail of or surrenders his State car and wishes to use his private vehicle for official purpose, he shall be paid such allowance, as admissible to a Minister under sub-section (3-A) of section 2 of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947.
- Travelling and daily allowance to Chief Whip.
6. The Chief Whip shall be entitled to travelling allowance, daily allowance as per the Punjab Ministers' Travelling Allowance Rules, 1953 made under the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947.
- Medical and other facilities to Chief Whip.
7. The Chief Whip and the members of his family shall be entitled to the same medical facilities as are admissible to a Minister under the Punjab State Legislature Officers, Ministers and Members (Medical Facilities) Act, 1965, and the rules framed thereunder.
- Travelling concession.
8. The Chief Whip shall be entitled to the same facilities for travelling concession as are admissible to a Minister under section 2-BB of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947.
- Constituency, secretarial and postal facilities allowance.
9. The Chief Whip shall be entitled to constituency, secretarial and postal facilities allowance and office allowance in constituency, as are admissible to a Minister under section 2-BBB of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947.
- Chief Whip not to draw salary or allowances as Member of Legislative Assembly.
10. No Chief Whip in receipt of a salary or allowance under this Act shall be entitled to receive any sum out of the funds provided by the Legislative Assembly by way of salary or allowance in respect of his membership of the Legislative Assembly.
- Amenities to Chief Whip.
11. The Chief Whip shall be entitled to have the same telephone facility, as is admissible to a Minister under sub-section (4) of section 2 of the East Punjab Ministers' Salaries Act, 1947.

12. The Chief Whip shall be having the rank of a Cabinet Minister of the State Government. However,-

Rank of a
Cabinet
Minister.

- (a) the State Government shall not meet income tax liabilities of the Chief Whip as being done in respect of Cabinet Minister of the State; and
- (b) the Chief Whip shall not be entitled to any discretionary grants as being given to a Cabinet Minister of the State.

13. The date on which any person became or ceased to be the Chief Whip shall be published in the Official Gazette, and any such notification shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that he became, or ceased to be the Chief Whip on that date for all the purposes of this Act.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per the decision taken by the Government of Punjab, a Chief Whip of majority party in Punjab Vidhan Sabha is to be provided with Salary, Allowances and other facilities. The Chief Whip will be having the rank of a Cabinet Minister of the State Government. Accordingly "The Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Whip in Punjab Legislative Assembly Act, 2023" is to be enacted.

2. Hence, this Bill.

INDERBIR SINGH NIJJAR,
Minister for Parliamentary Affairs,
Punjab.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

"The Salaries and Allowances of the Chief Whip in Punjab Legislative Assembly Bill, 2023" aims at providing Salary, Allowances and other facilities to the Chief Whip of majority party in Punjab Vidhan Sabha as admissible to the Cabinet Minister of the State. It also aims at providing a rank of a Cabinet Minister of the State Government to the Chief Whip of majority party.

2. This Bill involves financial implications. With this amendment, there will be an additional expenditure of approximately Rs. 14.66 lac per annum on account of providing additional Salary, Allowances and other facilities to the Chief Whip of majority party in Punjab Vidhan Sabha as admissible to the Cabinet Minister of the State; as compared to what he was getting as an M.L.A. Chief Whip will also be entitled to a free Government accommodation and a State car.

The Governor has, in pursuance of clause (1) and (3) of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, recommended to the Punjab Legislative Assembly, the introduction and consideration of the Bill.

CHANDIGARH
THE 20th MARCH, 2023

SURINDER PAL
SECRETARY.

N.B. – The above Bill was published in the Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary), dated the 20th March, 2023 under the proviso to rule 121 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).