

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3803**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 2026/ SHRAVANA 20, 1948 (SAKA)

ACTS ENACTED BY PUNJAB AND HARYANA

3803. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Acts enacted by the States of Punjab and Haryana that are presently applicable in the UT of Chandigarh, separately, along with the subject matter of each such Act;

(b) the legal framework and criteria adopted by the Central Government for extending or adapting laws enacted by the State Legislatures of Punjab and Haryana to Chandigarh;

(c) the details of the Acts of Punjab and Haryana extended to Chandigarh during the last five years, like the Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020, that was extended recently along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a uniform policy or framework governing the extension, amendment and repeal of Punjab and Haryana laws applicable to Chandigarh, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) and (c): As per the information provided by the Union territory of Chandigarh, 238 Acts enacted by the State of Punjab and 7 Acts enacted by the State of Haryana are presently applicable in the Union territory of Chandigarh. The Act-wise details, including those Acts extended to the

Union territory of Chandigarh during the last five years are given in Annexure-I.

(b): Section 87 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 empowers the Central Government, to extend to the Union territory of Chandigarh, any enactment which is in force in a State on the date of the notification. Proposals for extension of State enactments are initiated by the Chandigarh Administration on the basis of local requirements.

(d): The extension of any enactment to the Union territory of Chandigarh is considered on the basis of local requirements and in accordance with the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966. A separate policy is not considered necessary, as an established procedure already exists for extension of Acts, each of which is assessed on its own merits in view of its distinct policy objectives and legal implications.

[See reply to part (a)]

**ACTS ENACTED BY THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA PRESENTLY
APPLICABLE IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH**

A. ACTS ENACTED BY THE STATE OF PUNJAB (238)

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
1	The Punjab Laws Act, 1872
2	The Punjab District Boards Act, 1883
3	The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887
4	The Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887
5	The Punjab General Clauses Act, 1898
6	The Punjab Riverian Boundaries Act, 1899
7	The Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900
8	The Punjab Minor Canals Act, 1905
9	The Punjab Forests (Sale of Timber) Act, 1913
10	The Punjab Pre-emption Act, 1913
11	The Redemption of Mortgages (Punjab) Act, 1913
12	The Punjab Excise Act, 1914
13	The Punjab Fisheries Act, 1914
14	The Punjab Medical Registration Act, 1916
15	The Punjab Military Transport Act, 1916
16	The Punjab Juvenile Smoking Act, 1918
17	The Punjab Village and Small Towns Patrol Act, 1918
18	The Punjab Courts Act, 1918
19	The Restriction of Habitual Offenders (Punjab) Act, 1918
20	The Punjab Limitation (Custom) Act, 1920
21	The Punjab Custom (Power to Contest) Act, 1920
22	The Punjab Town Improvement Trust Act 1922
23	The Punjab Local Option Act, 1923
24	The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1924
25	The Good Conduct Prisoner's Probational Release Act, 1926
26	The Punjab Borstal Act, 1926
27	The Punjab Regulation of Accounts Act, 1930

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
28	The Punjab Registration (Validating) Act, 1930
29	The Punjab Municipal (Executive Officers) Act, 1931
30	The Punjab Nurses Registration Act, 1932
31	The Punjab Relief Indebtedness Act, 1934
32	The Punjab State Aid to Industries Act, 1935
33	The Punjab Debtor's Protection Act, 1936
34	The Punjab Copying Fees Act, 1936
35	The Punjab Registration of Money Lenders Act, 1938
36	The Punjab Debtor's Protection Amendment Act, 1938
37	The Punjab Restitution of Mortgaged Lands Act, 1938
38	The Suits Validation (Punjab Amendment) Act , 1938
39	The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Act, 1939
40	The Provincial Insolvency (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1939
41	The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1940
42	The Punjab Electricity (Emergency Powers) Act, 1941
43	The Punjab Suppression of Indecent Advertisements Act, 1941
44	The Press and Registration of Books (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1942
45	The Music in Muslim Shrines Act, 1942
46	The Suits valuation (Punjab Amendment) Act , 1942
47	Epidemic Diseases (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1944
48	The United Provinces Requisition of Motor Vehicles (Emergency Powers) Act, 1947
49	The East Punjab Home Guards Act, 1947
50	The East Punjab Police (Protection of Railways) Act, 1947
51	The East Punjab Extension of Limitation Act, 1947
52	The East Punjab Ministers Salaries Act, 1947
53	The East Punjab Movable Property (Requisitioning) Act, 1947
54	The Punjab University Act, 1947
55	Epidemic Diseases (East Punjab Amendment) Act, 1947
56	The East Punjab Cotton (Statistics) Act, 1948
57	The East Punjab Molasses (Control) Act, 1948

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
58	The East Punjab Livestock and Birds Contagious Diseases Act, 1948
59	The Indian Forest (East Punjab Amendment) Act, 1948
60	The East Punjab Enumeration of Dwellings Act, 1948
61	The East Punjab Factories (Control of Dismantling) Act, 1948
62	The Punjab Minimum Wages Act, 1948
63	The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act, 1948
64	Punjab Tenancy (East Punjab Validation of Orders, Proceedings and Acts) Act, 1948
65	The East Punjab (Removal of Religious and Social Disabilities) Act, 1948
66	The East Punjab (Exchange of Prisoners) Act, 1948
67	The East Punjab War Awards Act, 1948
68	The East Punjab Special Tribunal (Continuance) Act, 1948
69	The East Punjab Opium Smoking Act, 1948
70	The East Punjab Agricultural Pests and Diseases and Noxious Weeds Act, 1949
71	The East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) Act, 1949
72	The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings Act, 1949
73	The East Punjab Displaced Persons (Land Re-settlement) Act, 1949
74	The East Punjab Utilization of Lands Act, 1949
75	The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 1949
76	The East Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies Act, 1949
77	The East Punjab Conservation of Fire Wood Supplies Act, 1949
78	The East Punjab Drugs (Control) Act, 1949
79	The East Punjab Damaged Areas Act, 1949
80	The Local Authorities Loans (East Punjab Amendment) Act, 1949
81	The East Punjab Conservation of Manure Act, 1949
82	The East Punjab Children Act, 1949
83	The Punjab Local Authorities Census Expenses Contribution Act, 1950
84	The Punjab Contingency Fund Act, 1950
85	The Punjab Abolition of Village Cess (Kuri Kamini) Act, 1950

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
86	The Punjab Special Tribunal (Change of composition) Act, 1950
87	The Punjab Merged States (Laws) Act, 1950
88	The Punjab Prohibition of Smoking (Cinema and Theatre Halls) Act, 1951
89	The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1952
90	The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952
91	The Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952
92	The Cattle Trespass (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1952
93	The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Act, 1952
94	The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Act, 1952
95	Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Act, 1952
96	The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation Act, 1952
97	The Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reform) Act, 1952
98	The Punjab Silk worm Seed Control Act, 1953
99	The Punjab Livestock Improvement Act, 1953
100	The Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of Purchase and Supply) Act, 1953
101	The Punjab Vaccination Act, 1953
102	Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees (Repealing) Act, 1953
103	The Punjab Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Act, 1953
104	The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Power) Act, 1953
105	Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Act, 1953
106	The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Act, 1952
107	The Punjab Abolition of Ala Malkiyat and Talukdari Rights Act, 1953
108	The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act, 1953
109	Evacuee Interest (Separation) Supplementary Act, 1953
110	The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953 (temporary lifespan of the Act- initially enacted for 5 years, replaced with 10 years in 1958, replaced with 15 years in 1962)- still existing on papers.
111	The Punjab Security of the State Act, 1953
112	The Punjab Sikh Gurdwaras Board (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1953

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
113	The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Act, 1954
114	The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1954
115	The Punjab State Tubewell Act, 1954
116	The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954
117	The Pepsu Abolition of Alla Malikiyat Rights Act, 1954
118	The Pepsu Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Act, 1954
119	The Pepsu Townships Development Board Act, 1954
120	The Sikh Gurdwaras Committee Election (Validation) Act, 1954
121	The PEPSU General Clauses Act, 1954
122	The Punjab Entertainment Duty Act, 1955
123	The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1955
124	Punjab District Boards (Tax Validating) Act, 1955
125	The Punjab Departmental Enquiries (Powers) Act, 1955
126	Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Act, 1955
127	The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessment) Act, 1955
128	The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Act, 1955
129	The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1955
130	The Punjab Registration (Validating) Act, 1955
131	The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Act, 1956
132	The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Act, 1956
133	The Punjab Industrial Housing Act, 1956
134	The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Act, 1956
135	The Punjab Revenue Appeals and Proceedings (Disposal and Restoration) Act, 1956
136	The Nazool Lands (Transfer) Rules, 1956
137	The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Act, 1956
138	Ambala District Board Tax Validation Act, 1956
139	The Punjab Court of Wards (Repeal) Act, 1956
140	The Punjab Registration (Validating) Act, 1956
141	The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1956

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
142	The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers Punjab Act, 1956
143	The Press and Registration of Books (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1957
144	The Punjab Warehouses Act, 1957
145	The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Act, 1957
146	The Punjab Backward Classes (Grants of Loans) Act, 1957
147	The Punjab Mechanical Vehicles (Bridge Tolls) Act, 1957
148	The Punjab Laws (Application) Act, 1957
149	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 1) Act, 1957
150	The Punjab Laws (Extension No.2) Act, 1957
151	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 3) Act, 1957
152	The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Act, 1957
153	The Punjab Court of Wards (Validation of Exercise of Powers) Act, 1957
154	The Punjab Courts Laws (Extension) Act, 1957
155	The Punjab Distressed Persons (Facilities for Loans) Act, 1958
156	The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Act, 1958
157	The Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958
158	The Punjab Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958
159	The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Charges) Act, 1958
160	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 4) Act, 1958
161	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 5) Act, 1958
162	The Nangal Township (Periphery) Control Act, 1958
163	The Essential Commodities (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1959
164	The Punjab Wild Life Preservation Act, 1959
165	The Punjab Co-operative Sugar Mills (Further Extension of Tenure of Boards) Act, 1959
166	The Cattle Trespass (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1959
167	The Punjab Reclamation of Land Act, 1959
168	The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Act, 1959
169	The Punjab Local Authorities (Aided Schools) Act, 1959
170	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 6) Act, 1959
171	Evacuee Interest (Separation) Second Supplementary Act, 1960

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
172	Evacuee Interest (Separation) (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1960
173	The Punjab Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Act, 1960
174	The Punjab Primary Education Act, 1960
175	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 7) Act, 1960
176	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 8) Act, 1960
177	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 9) Act, 1960
178	The Punjab Non-trading Companies Act, 1960
179	The Punjab Official Languages Act, 1960
180	The Punjab Registration (Validating) act, 1960
181	The Punjab Repealing Act, 1960
182	The Punjab Co-operative Societies Act 1961
183	The Punjab Fruit Nurseries Act, 1961
184	The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961
185	The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961
186	The Punjab Abolition of Village Cess (Malba) Act, 1961
187	The Punjab Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1961
188	The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961
189	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 10) Act, 1961
190	The Punjab Compulsory Service Act, 1961
191	The Indian Easements (Punjab Extension) Act, 1961
192	The Punjabi University Act, 1961
193	The Talwara Town Ship (Periphery) Control Act, 1961
194	The Punjab Agricultural University Act, 1961
195	The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1962
196	The Punjab Land Revenue Special Assessment (Exemption) Act, 1962
197	The Punjab Temporary Taxation Act, 1962
198	The Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962
199	The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 11) Act, 1962
200	The Punjab Corneal Grafting Act, 1963
201	The Punjab Anatomy Act, 1963
202	The Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners Act, 1963

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
203	The Punjab State Faculty of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine, 1963
204	The Punjab Land Improvement Schemes, Act, 1963
205	The Punjab Development of Damaged Areas (Validation) Act, 1963
206	The Punjab Thur and Sem Lands (Reclamation) Act, 1963
207	The Punjab Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1963
208	The Punjab Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Development Act, 1963
209	The Punjab Dramatic Performances Act, 1964
210	The Punjab Urban Estates (Development and Regulation) Act, 1964
211	The Punjab Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1964
212	The Punjab Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Act, 1964
213	The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965
214	The Punjab State Legislature Officers, Ministers and Members (Medical Facilities) Act, 1965
215	The Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Act, 1965
216	The Punjab Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1965
217	The Punjab Salaries and Allowances (Validation) Act, 1966
218	The Provincial Small Cause Courts (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1966
219	The Punjab Aided Schools (Security of Service) Act, 1969 (Punjab Act No. 19 of 1969)
220	The Punjab Land Reforms Act, 1972 (Punjab Act No. 10 of 1973)
221	The Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service of Employees) Act, 1974
222	The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Haryana Amendment Act, 1976 (Haryana Act No. 25 of 1976)
223	The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1976 (extended to Chandigarh on 01.08.1978)
224	The Punjab Cycle-rickshaws (Regulation of License) Act, 1976 (Punjab Act No. 41 of 1976)
225	The Punjab Agriculture Credit Operations and Miscellaneous Provisions (Banks) Act, 1978 (Punjab Act No. 5 of 1979)

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
226	The Punjab Privately Managed Recognised Schools Employees (Security of Service) Act, 1979 (Punjab Act No. 18 of 1979)
227	The Punjab Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Act 1983 (Punjab Act No. 1 of 1985)
228	Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994
229	Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 as extended to UT Chandigarh in the year 1994 (Act No. 45 of 1994)
230	The Punjab Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Act, 2000 (Punjab Act No. 9 of 2000)
231	Punjab VAT Act
232	Punjab Police Act, 2007 as extended to the UT Chandigarh
233	Punjab Right to Service Act, 2011 as extended to UT Chandigarh (Punjab Act No. 24 of 2011) and the amendment made vide Punjab Act No. 10 Of 2014
234	The Prison (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2011, Punjab Act No. 23 of 2016
235	The Punjab Human Smuggling Act, 2012 (Punjab Act No. 2 of 2013) and the Amendment made vide Punjab Act No. 11 of 2014.
236	The Punjab Regulation of Fee of Unaided Educational Institution Act, 2016 (Punjab Act No. 47 of 2016)
237	Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 (Punjab Act No. 1 of 2020)
238	Punjab Abadi Deh (Record of Rights) Act, 2021 (Punjab Act No. 8 of 2021)

B. ACTS ENACTED BY THE STATE OF HARYANA (7)

Sl. No.	Name of the Act
1	The Haryana Housing Board Act, 1971
2	The Haryana Prevention of Beggary Act, 1971
3	Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1974 (extended to UT Chandigarh)
4	The Haryana Relief of Agricultural Indebtedness Act, 1976 (Haryana Act No. 18 of 1976)
5	The Haryana Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2008 (Haryana Act No. 6 of 2008)
6	The Haryana Backward Classes (Reservation in Services and Educational Institutions) Act, 2016 (Haryana Act No 15 of 2016)
7	Haryana Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2022 (Haryana Act No. 14 of 2022)

[See reply to part (c)]

ACTS OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA EXTENDED TO THE UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Sl. No.	Name of the Act	Brief purpose/reason for extension
1.	The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2018 (Punjab Act No. 18 of 2018)	It was extended to address the absence of a legal framework for prohibiting hookah bars and to protect public health, particularly by preventing tobacco addiction among youth.
2.	The Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1974.	It was extended to prevent unlawful strikes in essential public utility services and to protect the general public from the resulting disruption.

3.	The Haryana Backward Classes (Reservation in Services and Admission in Educational Institutes) Act, 2016	It was extended to provide reservation for OBCs in public services and admissions to higher educational institutions in Chandigarh, in compliance with the Supreme Court's direction to implement such reservation in a phased manner up to 27%.
4.	The Punjab shops and commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2025	These were extended to promote a business-friendly environment, generate employment opportunities and reduce regulatory and compliance burdens on small shops, industries and establishments.
5.	The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2020	
6.	The Industrial disputes (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2020	
7.	The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2001 (Punjab Act No. 14 of 2001)	They were extended to strengthen the framework governing stamp duty on property transactions and ensure greater transparency in property valuation and duty collection in Chandigarh.
8.	The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2003 (Punjab Act No. 15 of 2004)	
9.	The Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Act, 2012 (Punjab Act No. 2 of 2013)	They were extended to regulate travel agents and curb human smuggling and immigration-related fraud, thereby protecting students and youth seeking education and employment opportunities abroad.
10	The Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling (Amendment) Act, 2014 (Punjab Act No. 11 of 2014)	

11	The Punjab Abadi Deh (Record of Rights) Act, 2021 (Punjab Act no. 8 of 2021)	It was extended to establish a transparent and modern framework for surveying and recording ownership rights in Abadi Deh areas, thereby reducing disputes, improving land administration and supporting planned urban development in alignment with the NAKSHA Programme.
12	The Haryana Fire and Emergency Services Act, 2022 (Haryana Act No. 14 of 2022)	It was extended to provide an updated and comprehensive framework for modern, efficient and citizen-centric fire and emergency services in Chandigarh, in keeping with evolving urban requirements and the objectives of Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business.
13	The Assam Tenancy Act, 2021 (Assam Act No. XXXI of 2021)	It was extended to replace the outdated rent-control framework with a modern tenancy regime suited to present-day socio-economic conditions, balancing landlord-tenant rights and providing transparent and time-bound dispute resolution in alignment with the Model Tenancy Act, 2021.
14	The Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 (Punjab Act No. 1 of 2020)	It was extended to promote Ease of Doing Business through a self-declaration-based framework providing faster, time-bound approvals, reduced inspections and lower regulatory burden, particularly for MSMEs and other eligible enterprises.
