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Legal Notice – Through Email

To,

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
2. Principal Secretary to Governor of Punjab, Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh.
3. Administrative Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Languages, Punjab.
4. Director, Language Department Punjab, Bhasha Bhawan, Sheran Wala Gate, Patiala. E-mail: dir.lang@punjab.gov.in , Phone: 0175-2214469.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala – 147002
6. The Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala – 147002

Subject: **Continued Non-Compliance with Section 3-B of the Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Act, 2008 by Punjabi University, Patiala Despite Assurances – Demand for Full Implementation in All Official and Academic Documents**

Sir/Madam,

Under instructions from our client Sh. Mitter Sain Goyal S/o Sh. Sehaj Ram Gupta, resident of House No. 610, I Block, GNI Public School, Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar, Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana, Administrator of Punjabi Bhasha Pasar Bhaichara, along with Sh. Davinder Singh Sekha, member of the said organization, and on our own behalf, we hereby serve you with this legal notice as a continuation of our earlier communication regarding statutory non-compliance on your part.

Earlier, we had served you with a legal notice bearing Ref. No. 111 dated 21.03.2025, highlighting the continued and unlawful use of English in official functioning of Punjabi University, Patiala, in clear violation of Section 3-B of the Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Act, 2008, which mandates the use of Punjabi in all official work of universities situated in Punjab.

In response to the said notice, your office through the Registrar issued a reply vide Letter No. 1431 dated 14.07.2025, wherein it was informed that a meeting of the Standing Committee had been held on 13.06.2025, during which, keeping in view the legal notice served by us, it was unanimously recommended that all official documents including admission forms, degrees, and internal as well as external communications shall be prepared in both Punjabi and English.

We appreciated the prompt response of the University and the steps shown to be taken in the right direction to ensure compliance with the law and to honour the foundational purpose of Punjabi

University, which was established with the sole objective of promoting Punjabi language, literature, and culture.

However, after monitoring and reviewing the current status of the University's implementation, including through your official website and online portals, it has come to our knowledge that while certain areas have begun adopting Punjabi or bilingual formats, several key documents continue to be issued in English only, which is a continuing and willful violation of the provisions of Section 3-B of the Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Act, 2008.

Specifically, tenders issued by the University are still being published exclusively in English, and similarly, syllabi and course outlines of various departments remain available only in English, without any parallel Punjabi version being provided on the official website which is in direct contravention with the provisions laid down in Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Act, 2008.

This partial compliance is not only disappointing but also unacceptable, particularly in the case of Punjabi University, which was created with the unique purpose of fostering the Punjabi language. Allowing English to dominate even a portion of the official and academic work not only weakens the purpose of the University's existence but is also illegal in view of the binding statutory language.

You are hereby called upon through this legal notice to ensure that all tenders and other procurement-related notices are henceforth issued in Punjabi, either exclusively or bilingually with equal prominence. Additionally, all syllabi, curriculum documents, and

academic content hosted on public platforms must be made available in Punjabi as well, in line with the legislative mandate.

We further call upon you to issue a formal clarification or circular declaring your intent and timeline for full compliance with the language policy under Section 3-B of the Act, including rectification of all existing non-compliant documents presently in circulation.

Should you fail to take corrective measures within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of this legal notice, we shall be constrained to initiate appropriate legal proceedings, including filing a petition under public interest before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, seeking enforcement of the language policy and accountability for deliberate and continued non-compliance.

We hope that you shall treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves and take urgent and appropriate action without compelling us to resort to legal remedies.

A copy of this notice has been retained in our office for further necessary use. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this legal notice by return email or any written communication.

Thanking you,

Yours Well Wisher,



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