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**"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore, the 31st January 2024

NOTIFICATION

No.SOR(LG)8-1/2023.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 202 of the Punjab Local Government Act 2022 (XXXIII of 2022), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Registration of Christian Divorce Rules 2024.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- (1) In the rules, unless the subject or context requires otherwise:

- (a) "Act" means the Punjab Local Government Act 2022 (XXXIII of 2022);
- (b) "affidavit" means an affidavit attested by the Oath Commissioner appointed under the Oaths Act, 1873 (X of 1873) or by a Notary appointed under the Notaries Ordinance, 1961 (XIX of 1961);
- (c) "applicant" means the husband or wife, as the case may be, who apply for registration of divorce;
- (d) "Assistant Director" means the Assistant Director of Directorate General in the Tehsil concerned;
- (e) "Certificate" means the Certificate issued by the Union Council concerned;
- (f) "Deputy Director" means the Deputy Director of the Directorate General in the District concerned;
- (g) "divorce" means the dissolution of marriage under sections 10 and 14, nullity of marriage under sections 18 and 19 or judicial separation under sections 22 and 23 of the Divorce Act;
- (h) "Divorce Act" means the Divorce Act, 1869 (IV of 1869);
- (i) "Form" means the Form appended to the rules; and
- (j) "rules" means the Punjab Registration of Christian Divorce Rules 2024.

(2) A word or expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Act and Divorce Act.

3. Submission of application.- (1) The applicant shall apply for registration of divorce on the Form-I to the Secretary Union Council concerned after the expiry of six months from the date of decree of

divorce, or, where an appeal has been filed against any such decree, after the dismissal of such appeal, as the case may be.

Explanation: For purposes of the rules, all defunct local governments including the Union Councils and Municipal Committees shall continue to perform their functions under section 205 of the Act.

(2) An application under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) attested copy of the Computerized National Identity Card;
- (b) certified copy of the decree;
- (c) affidavit that no appeal is pending in any court of law under the Divorce Act; and
- (d) certified copy of order of dismissal of appeal, if applicable.

(3) The Secretary Union Council concerned, upon submission of an application, shall issue receipt to the applicant on the Form-II.

4. Approval.- (1) The Secretary Union Council concerned, within three days, upon receipt of the application, shall forward the same to the Assistant Director concerned.

(2) The Assistant Director concerned, after examining the application shall, accept or reject the application within three days on the Form-III.

(3) In case an application under sub-rule (2) is rejected, the Assistant Director concerned shall record the reasons for such rejection on the Form-III.

(4) The Secretary Union Council concerned shall send copy of decision under sub-rule (3) to the applicant at the given address.

5. Issuance of Certificate.- (1) In case an application under sub-rule (2) of rule 4 is accepted, the Certificate shall be issued to the applicant under the signature and seal of the Assistant Director and Secretary Union Council concerned.

(2) The Certificate so issued under sub-rule (1), shall be communicated to the applicant on the Form-IV.

6. Appeal.- (1) In case an application is rejected under sub-rule (2) of rule 4, the applicant, within a period of fifteen days from the receipt of order as mentioned under sub-rule (4) of rule 4, may prefer an appeal to the Deputy Director concerned.

(2) For disposal of appeal preferred under sub-rule (1):

- (a) Secretary Union Council concerned shall assist the Deputy Director concerned; and
- (b) representative of NADRA may be called for assistance, if required.

(3) The Deputy Director concerned shall decide the appeal within fifteen days of filing of such appeal.

(4) The decision of the Deputy Director concerned shall be final.

SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT"

(MUHAMMAD ASIF BALAL LODHI)
SECRETARY
Government of the Punjab
Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department

FORM-I
(Sub-rule (1) of Rule 3)
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CHRISTIAN DIVORCE

Diary No. <i>(for official use)</i>		Date of Application	
Applicant Name:			
Gender:			
CNIC:			
Residential Address:			
Decree Awarded by Court			
Decree obtained for Divorce under Section Divorce Act, 1869 (Tick the relevant)	a. Dissolution of marriage under section 10 and 14 b. Nullity of marriage under section 18 and 19 c. Judicial separation under section 22 and 23		
Number and date of Issuance of Decree			
Appeal Filed (Tick the relevant Box)	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Date of Dismissal of Appeal (in case an appeal was Filed)			
Documents Enclosed (Please Tick):			
a. Attested Copy of National Identify Card of applicant. b. Certified copy of decree. c. Affidavit that no appeal against decree is pending in any court of law; or d. Certified copy of order of dismissal of appeal against the Decree.			
I hereby certify that the information provided and documents enclosed are correct to the best of my knowledge:			
			Signature of the Applicant
			Date

FORM-II
(Sub-rule (3) of Rule 3)
**RECEIPT OF APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION
OF CHRISTIAN DIVORCE**

TO BE FILLED BY SECRETARY UNION COUNCIL

Diary No. _____

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

CNIC: _____

Signature of Secretary Union Council
No. / Name of Union Council
Tehsil and District
Date

FORM-IV
(Sub-rule (2) of Rule 5)
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

DIVORCER'S DETAILS
Name: Nationality: CNIC No: Religion: <u>Passport No:</u> Father's Name: CNIC No: Address: Tehsil: District:
DIVORCEE'S DETAILS
Name: Nationality: CNIC No: Religion: <u>Passport No:</u> Father's Name: CNIC No: Address: Tehsil: District:
Name of Court Awarding Final Decree: Date of Decree: Decree awarded for: Dissolution of marriage under section 10 and 14 Nullity of marriage under section 18 and 19 Judicial separation under section 22 and 23 Period of divorce (In case of judicial separation under section 22 and 23): Authority Granting Divorce: ADLG Tehsil: _____ District: _____ <u>Date of Order:</u> Entry Date: Issue Date:
Signature & Seal Name Secretary Union Council U.C No. _____ U.C Name _____ Tehsil _____ District _____