



The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Act, 1956

Act 36 of 1956

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NOISES) ACT, 1956.

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(PUNJAB ACT NO. 36 OF 1956)

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Year	No.	Short title	Whether repealed or otherwise affected by legislation
1956	36	The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Act, 1956.	<p>Extended to the territories which immediately before the 1st November, 1956, were comprised in the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union by Punjab Act, 5 of 1957²</p> <p>Amended by Punjab Act 42 of 1957³</p> <p>Amended by Punjab Act 35 of 1960⁴</p> <p>Amended by the Haryana Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968⁵</p> <p>Amended by Haryana Act 7 of 1970⁶</p> <p>Amended by Haryana Act 5 of 1978⁷</p>

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, 1956, page 184.
2. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, 1957, page 339.
3. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, 1957, page 1658.
4. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, 1960, page 1965.
5. See *Haryana Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, dated the 29th October, 1968.
6. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Haryana Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, page 70, dated 5-2-1970.
7. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Haryana Government Gazette (Extraordinary)*, dated the 24th February, 1978, page 204.

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ACT

**to control the use and play of instruments such as
loud-speakers, microphones and amplifiers**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Seventh
Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

Short title and
commence-
ment.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Act, 1956.

²[(2) It shall come into force ¹[in such areas of the Principal territories] and on such dates as the state Government, may by notification in the Official Gazette, direct ³[and in the transferred territories on the 3rd April, 1957].

Definition.

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

"Instrument" means a loud-speaker, an amplifier and such other apparatus for the play of sounds as may be declared to be an instrument under this Act by the State Government.

Restriction on
use of instru-
ments.

⁴[3. No person shall use or operate any instrument—

(i) in or upon any premises at such a pitch or volume as to be audible beyond the precincts thereof ; or

(ii) in or upon any street or bazar or open space,

except under the written permission of the District Magistrate or any officer authorised by him in this behalf and under such conditions as may be attached to it.]

1. Substituted for the words "in such areas" by Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

2. This Act came into force on the 2nd January, 1957 *vide* Punjab Government Notification No. 9232-3H-56/10575-C/49 published in Punjab Government Gazette Part I, 1957, page 30.

3. Added by *ibid*.

4. Substituted by Haryana Act 5 of 1978.

4. No person shall use or operate any instrument between ten o'clock in the night and six o'clock in the morning except with the written permission of the District Magistrate or any officer authorised by him in this behalf and under such conditions as may be attached to it. Limitation on
the use of
instruments.

¹[4A. No permission under section 3 or section 4 shall be given unless the application for permission bears a court fee stamp of the value calculated at the rate of ²[seven rupees and fifty paise] for every day or part thereof in respect of which the permission is sought: Fee.

Provided that where the permission is either refused or given for a period which is less than the one applied for, the amount of fee shall be refunded wholly or proportionately as the case may be.]

5. Whoever contravenes the provisions of the Act shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both. Penalty.

³[6. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, an offence punishable under this Act shall be cognizable. Offences to be
cognizable.

1. Section 4A added by Punjab Act 35 of 1960.

2. Substituted for the words "five rupees" by Haryana Act 7 of 1970.

3. Section 6 added by Punjab Act 42 of 1957.