

The Zakat Fund Ordinance, 1982

(Ordinance NO. VI OF 1982)

An Ordinance to establish Zakat Fund.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provisions for the establishment of a Zakat Fund and for matters connected therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the 24th March, 1982, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Chief Martial Law Administrator is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

- Short title** 1. This Ordinance may be called the Zakat Fund Ordinance, 1982.
- Definitions** 2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
- (a) "Board" means the Zakat Board constituted under section 5;
 - (b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;
 - (c) "Fund" means the Zakat Fund established under section 3;
 - (d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance;
 - (e) "Shariah" means the Code of Islamic Laws.
- Zakat Fund** 3. (1) There shall be established a Fund to be called the Zakat Fund which shall consist of voluntary payment of Zakat by the Muslims.
- (2) The moneys credited to the Fund shall be kept in non-interest bearing accounts of such scheduled banks as may be decided by the Board.
- (3) All payments to the Fund shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed.

**Utilisation
of the Fund**

4. The moneys credited to the Fund shall be utilised for the purposes for which moneys payable as Zakat may be utilised under the Shariah.

Board

5. (1) There shall be a Board to be called the Zakat Board which shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) a Chairman ¹[and a Vice-Chairman] to be appointed by the Government from among eminent Muslim Scholars;

(b) the Secretary, Religious Affairs Division, ex-officio;

(c) the Director-General, Islamic Foundation, ex-officio ²[, who shall also be its Secretary];

(d) ³[nine] eminent Muslim Scholars to be appointed by the Government.

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(2) The Chairman ⁵[, the Vice-Chairman] and other appointed members shall hold office for a term of three years.

(3) The Chairman ⁶[, the Vice-Chairman] and other appointed members may be removed from office by the Government at any time without assigning any reason.

**Functions
of the
Board**

6. The Board shall-

(a) formulate policies for the management and administration of the Fund;

(b) sanction expenditure from the Fund for the purposes for which the moneys credited to the Fund may be utilised;

(c) do such other acts and things as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

**Meetings of
the Board**

7. (1) The meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as may be prescribed:

Provided that until so prescribed, such meetings shall be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Chairman.