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¹ACT No. III OF 1973

[31st January, 1973]

An Act to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan Science Foundation.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan Science Foundation and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Science Foundation Act, 1973.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Foundation;

(b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Foundation; and

(c) "Foundation" means the Pakistan Science Foundation established under this Act.

3. Establishment of the Foundation.—(1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Pakistan Science Foundation to promote and finance scientific activities having a bearing on the socio-economic needs of the country.

(2) The Foundation shall be a body corporate by the name of the Pakistan Science Foundation, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The head office of the Foundation shall be at Islamabad.

4. Functions of the Foundation.—(1) The Foundation shall function as a financing agency for—

(i) the establishment of comprehensive scientific and technological information and dissemination centres;

(ii) the promotion of basic and fundamental research in the universities and other institutions on scientific problems relevant to the socio-economic development of the country;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1973, Ext., Pt. III, p. 27.

- (iii) the utilisation of the results of scientific and technological research including pilot plant studies to prove the technical and economic feasibility of processes found to be promising on a laboratory scale;
- (iv) the establishment of science centres, clubs, museums, herbaria and planetaria;
- (v) the promotion of scientific societies, associations and academies engaged in spreading the cause of scientific knowledge in general or in the pursuit of a specific scientific discipline or technology in particular;
- (vi) the organisation of periodical science conferences, symposia and seminars;
- (vii) the exchange of visits of scientists and technologists with other countries;
- (viii) the grant of awards, prizes and fellowships to individuals engaged in developing processes, products and inventions of consequence to the economy of the country; and
- (ix) special scientific surveys not undertaken by any other organization and collection of scientific statistics related to the scientific effort of the country.

(2) The Foundations shall also—

- (i) review the progress of scientific research sponsored by it and evaluate the results of such research;
- (ii) maintain a National Register of highly qualified and talented scientists of Pakistan, including engineers and doctors, in or outside the country and to assist them, in collaboration with the concerned agencies in finding appropriate employment; and
- (iii) establish liaison with similar bodies in other countries.

(3) In the performance of its functions, the Foundation shall be guided on questions of policy by the instructions, if any, given to it by the Federal Government which shall be the sole judge as to whether a question is a question of policy.

5. Board of Trustees. The general direction, conduct and management of the affairs of the Foundation, including administration of its funds, shall vest in a Board of Trustees consisting of the following members namely:—

Whole-time members

- (i) the Chairman;
- (ii) one eminent scientist;
- (iii) the Director of Finance;