

THE PAKISTAN STUDY CENTRES ACT, 1976



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¹ACT No. XXVII OF 1976

[11th May, 1976]

An Act to provide for the establishment of Pakistan Study Centres in the Universities for the study of languages, literature, social structure, customs, attitudes and motivation, of the people of various regions of Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient for national cohesion, to provide for the establishment of Pakistan Study Centres in the Universities for the study of languages, literature, social structure, customs, attitudes and motivation, of the people of various regions of Pakistan;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

- **1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Study Centres Act, 1976.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
 - (3) It shall come into force at once.
 - **2. Definitions.** In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—
 - (a) "Board" means a Board of Governors referred to in sub-section (1) of section 6;
 - **(b)** "Centre" means a Pakistan Study Centre established under section 3 and, except in that section and section 4, includes the Institute;
 - (c) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission;
 - (d) "Director" means the Director of a Centre or Institute;
 - (e) "Institute" means the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, University of Islamabad;
 - (f) "regulations" means regulations made under section 12; and
 - (g) "rules" means rules made under section 11.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1976, Ext., Pt. Ill, p. 334.

3. Establishment of Centre and the Institute. As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government may by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Pakistan Study Centre in a University specified in the notification and the National Institute of Pakistan Studies in the University of Islamabad.

4. Functions of Centre. A Centre shall—

- (a) engage in the study of languages, literature, social structure, customs, attitudes and motivation, of the people of various regions of Pakistan;
- **(b)** establish under-graduate, graduate, post-graduate degree and other programmes in the relevant discipline in accordance with the standard and requirements of the University in which the Centre is established;
- (c) promote co-operation in inter-disciplinary relationship with other centres, teaching and research establishments;
- (d) arrange conferences, seminars and refresher courses for the development of teaching and research;
- (e) promote teaching and research in particular subjects as assigned to it by the Federal Government in consultation with the University in which the Centre is established.

5. Functions of Institute. The Institute shall—

- (a) engage in high-level teaching and research;
- (b) train research workers;
- (c) establish M. A., M. Phil, Ph.D. and other programmes, in the relevant discipline in accordance with the standard requirements of the University of Islamabad;
- (d) promote co-operation in inter-disciplinary relationship with other centres, teaching and research establishments:
- (e) arrange conferences, seminars and refresher courses for the development of teaching and research; and
- **(f)** conduct teaching and research in such particular field as is assigned to it by the Federal Government in consultation with the University of Islamabad.
- **6. Board of Governors.**—(1) The management, overall control and supervision of the affairs of a Centre established in a University shall vest in a Board of Governors consisting of the following members, namely:—
 - (a) Vice-Chancellor of the University, who shall also be its Chairman;
 - **(b)** a representative of the Commission;
 - (c) a representative of the Pakistan History Commission;
 - (d) a representative of the Ministry of Education;