



THE PUBLIC ORDER (MEETINGS) ORDINANCE, 1958



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ORDINANCE NO. IX OF 1958.

[1st July, 1958]

An Ordinance to make provision for the preservation of public order on the occasion of public meetings and to prevent disturbance thereat.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the preservation of public order on the occasion of public meetings and to prevent disturbance thereat;

AND WHEREAS the National Assemble is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render immediate action necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 69 of the Constitution and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Public Order (Meetings) Ordinance, 1958.

(2) It extends to the ¹[Karachi Division].

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. In this Ordinance,—

(a) “meeting” means a meeting held for the purpose of the discussion of matters of public interest or for the purpose of the expression of views on such matters;

(b) “public meeting” includes any meeting in a public place and any meeting which

¹ Subs. by A.O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for “Federal Territory of Karachi” which had been subs. by the Repealing and Amending Ordinance, 1961 (1 of 1961), s. 3 and 2nd Sch., for “Federal Capital”.