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BALOCHISTAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT.
NOTIFICATION.

Dated Quetta, the 07th October, 2022.

No.PAB/Legis:V(32)/2022/9046. The Balochistan Development and Supervision of Curricula, Textbooks and Maintenance of Standards of Education Bill, 2022 (Bill No.32 of 2022), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 24th September, 2022 and assented to by the Governor Balochistan, on 03rd October, 2022 is hereby published as an Act of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly.

**THE BALOCHISTAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISION OF
CURRICULA, TEXTBOOKS AND MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS OF
EDUCATION ACT, 2022 ACT No. XXVII OF 2022.**

AN

ACT

to provide for Provincial Supervision of Curricula, Textbooks and Maintenance of Standards of Education.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the building up of provincial and national cohesion by promoting social and cultural harmony and designing curricula relevant to the nation's changing social and economic needs, compatible with the basic national ideology and providing massive shift from general education to more purposeful quality education based on science, information technology and agro technology and entrust the province to prepare, develop and supervise curricula and textbooks for various classes and maintenance of standards of education:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

**Short title,
extent and
commencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called "the Balochistan Development and Supervision of Curricula, Textbooks and Maintenance of Standards of Education Act, 2022".

(2) It extends to whole of Balochistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

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

- (a) “**Act**” means the Balochistan Development and Supervision of Curricula, Textbooks and Maintenance of Standards of Education Act, 2022;
- (b) “**Agency**” means any department or organization or directorate of the Government and includes a corporation or other autonomous or semi-autonomous body set up by the Government or Department, Bureau, Section, Commission, Administrative Division or District Board, Office or Unit of the Government, NGO or Private Institution;
- (c) “**Competent Authority**” means an authority appointed as such under section 3;
- (d) “**Government**” means the Government of Balochistan;
- (e) “**Institution**” means a special education centre for all kinds of disabilities, non formal education centers, schools, college or university of general, technical, special and non formal education and includes such other educational establishment or organization in public and private sector, as the Balochistan Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, specify to the purposes of this clause from time to time;
- (f) “**Prescribed**” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (g) “**Standards of Education**” includes standards of school, college, university, non formal and special education; and
- (h) “**Textbook**” means a book or work which is printed, published or sold for introduction in institution as material for study, by or under the authority or with the approval of Competent Authority. It includes every volume, part of division of a volume and pamphlet in any language and every sheet of music, map, chart or plan, separately printed or lithographed and also includes its translation in any language.

**Appointment,
powers and
duties of the
Competent
Authority.**

3. (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint one or more Competent Authorities as prescribed, for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Competent Authority may for carrying out the purposes of this Act, -

- (a) prepare or cause to be prepared, schemes of studies, curricula, manuscripts of textbooks, standards of education and schedules or strategy for their introduction in various classes of an institution in connection with the implementation of the education policy of the Government;
- (b) approve manuscripts of textbooks produced by any person or agency and standards of education before they are prescribed in various classes of an institution;
- (c) regulate and control printing, publication and sale of textbooks; other reference materials and also ensure maintenance of standards of education:

Provided that the Competent Authority shall not permit the publication of guess papers; get through guides or sub-standard reference material, detrimental for examination and assessment purposes; or of any material which contains anything repugnant to the injunction of Islam or the defence, integrity or solidarity of Pakistan;

- (d) direct any person or agency, in writing, to delete, amend or withdraw any portion or whole of the curriculum, textbook or reference material prescribed for any class of the institution within a period specified in such directive; and

- (e) prohibit any person or agency in writing to produce, print, publish or sell any book/textbook and any reference material prescribed for any class of an institution within a period specified in such directive.

(3) No reference material shall be published without prior permission of the Competent Authority.

(4) Action, for achieving the purpose of this Act, on the directives of the Competent Authority under section 3, sub-section (2), clause (d), shall be taken as soon as possible by the person or agency or institution and an implementation report shall be submitted to the Competent Authority within such period as may be laid down in the directive.

Penalty.

4. If any person, responsible for the conduct of the affairs of any agency, to which a directive has been issued under section 3, sub-section (2), clause (d), fails to carry it out, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend upto two years and shall also be guilty of gross misconduct; and such person or agency shall be disqualified by order of the Competent Authority for a period which may extend up to five years.

Jurisdiction of try offences.

5. No court other than a court of Magistrate 1st class having territorial jurisdiction where the cause of action occurred, shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Act except upon a complaint in writing made by an officer duly authorized by the Competent Authority.

Indemnity.

6. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against Competent Authority or any person acting on its behalf for anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.

Powers to make rules.

7. The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purpose of this Act.

Regulations.

8. Subject to the Act and the rules framed thereunder, the Competent Authority may, with the prior approval of the Government, make regulations for all matters not provided for in the rules for which provision is necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Act and the rules.

Removal of Difficulties.

9. If any difficulty arises in given effect to any of the provisions of this Act the Government may give such directions as it may consider necessary for the removal of such difficulty.

Repeal and Saving.

10. (1) The Federal supervision of Curricula, Textbooks and Maintenance of Standards of Education Act 1976, (Act No. X of 1976) in its application to the extent of the province of Balochistan is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the enactments mentioned in sub-section (1) anything done, action taken, obligation, liability, penalty or punishment incurred, inquiry or proceeding commenced, officer appointed or person authorized, jurisdiction or powers conferred, rules made and orders issued under any of the said enactments shall, if not inconsistent with the provision of this Act, be continued and, so far as may be, be deemed to have been respectively done, taken, incurred, commenced, appointed, authorized, conferred, made or issued under this Act.

(TAHIR SHAH KAKAR)

Secretary.

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(ABDUL REHMAN)

Special Secretary (Legis:)

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3. The Secretary Government of Balochistan, Secondary Education Department, Quetta.
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5. The Director General, Public Relations, Balochistan, Quetta.
6. The System Analyst, Balochistan Provincial Assembly.
7. P.S. to Secretary, Balochistan Provincial Assembly.

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