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An Act to prescribe measures for the teaching, promotion and use of Sindhi language.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Article 267 of the Interim Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan provides that without prejudice to the status of the national languages, Provincial Legislature may by law prescribe measures for the teaching, promotion and use of a Provincial language in addition to a national language;

AND WHEREAS the Sindhi language is used in the offices and departments of Government;

AND WHEREAS the Sindhi language was compulsory subject of study in educational institutions but this was discontinued by verbal orders of Martial Law Authorities;

AND WHEREAS it is the natural aspiration and desire of the Province of Sind to promote the teaching and use of the Sindhi language;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

Short title, commencement and extent.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sind (Teaching, Promotion and Use of Sindhi Language) Act, 1972.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall extend to the Province of Sind.

Definition.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say——

(a) "Assembly" means the Provincial Assembly of Sind;

(b) "Government" means Government of Sind;

(c) "Department of Government" means any department of Government and shall include, an autonomous body, a local council or local authority;

(d) "Institution" means School, College, University or any other educational institution.

Provincial Language.

3. Sindhi shall be used as the Provincial Language of the Province of Sind.

Teaching of Sindhi.

4. (1) Sindhi and Urdu shall be compulsory subjects for study in classes IV to XII in all institutions in which such classes are held.

(2) The introduction of Sindhi as compulsory subject shall commence at the lowest level namely class IV and by stages to be prescribed, be introduced in higher classes upto class XII.

Promotion of Sindhi.

5. Government may constitute and set up Academies and Boards for cultural advancement and promotion of the Sindhi language.

Use of Sindhi.

6. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Government may make arrangements for progressive use of Sindhi language in offices and departments of Government including Courts and Assembly.

Power to make rules.

7. (1) Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for——

(a) the introduction of the Sindhi language as compulsory subject for study by stages;

(b) the constitution and setting up of Academies and Boards and their powers and functions;

(c) the progressive use of the Sindhi language in *inter alia,* the offices and departments of Government, Assembly, Courts and institutions, etc.