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PART IV

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SIND

NOTIFICATION

Karachi, the 4th March, 1976

No. PAS/Legis/Bill-5/76.—The Sind Seed Corporation Bill, 1976 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sind on the 24th February, 1976 and assented to by the Governor of Sind on 2nd March, 1976 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sind:—

THE SIND SEED CORPORATION ACT, 1976

SIND ACT NO. II OF 1976

(First published after having received the assent of the Governor of Sind in the Gazette of Sind (Extra-ordinary), dated 4th March, 1976.

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ACT

to provide for the establishment of a Corporation for production, procurement, processing, marketing and distribution of seed for the Province of Sind.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Preamble Corporation for production, procurement, processing, marketing and distribution of seed for the Province of Sind;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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CHAPTER I

Preliminary

Short title and commencement

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Sind Seed Corporation Act, 1976.
- (2) It shall come into force on such day as Government may, by notification, appoint.
- (3) Government may, by notification, exempt any area or any kind of seed from operation of all or any of the provisions of this Act.

Definitions.

- 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—
 - (a) "Corporation" means the Sind Seed Corporation established under section 3;
 - (b) "Government" means the Government of Sind;
 - (c) "Managing Director" means the Managing Director of the Corporation and includes any person discharging the duties of the Managing Director for the time being;
 - (d) "member" means the member of the Corporation and includes its Chairman; and
 - (e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations made under this Act.

CHAPTER II

Constitution of the Corporation.

Establishment of the Corporation.

- (1) There shall be established a Corporation to be called the Sind Seed Corporation for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Corporation shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable and may by the said name, sue or be sued.
- (3) The Headquarters of the Corporation shall be at Karachi or such other place as Government may fix by notification.

Constitution of the Corporation

- 4. (1) The Corporation shall consist of such number of official and non-official members, as Government may appoint; provided that adequate representation shall be given to farming and seed trading communities.
- (2) One of the members may be nominated by Government as Chairman of the Corporation.
- (3) The Managing Director shall be the Secretary of the Corporation.

- (4) An Official member appointed by virtue of his office shall cease to be member on vacating such office.
- (5) A non-official member shall hold office for a period of three years unless he resigns by addressing a letter to Government or, removed earlier, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by Government.
- (6) A member appointed in the casual vacancy shall hold office for the un-expired portion of the term.
- 5. Government may allow such remuneration, fees, allowances or Fees, aiother privileges to non-official members as it may determine.

Iowances to non-official members.

6. The executive authority of the Corporation shall vest in the Chair- Executive man or, in his absence, in a person nominated by Government.

Authority.

7. (1) Government shall appoint a person as Managing Director Managing possessing such qualifications and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Director.

- (2) The Managing Director shall, be a whole time Officer of the Corporation and, exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him.
 - (3) Government may remove the Managing Director if he-
 - (a) refuses or fails to discharge or becomes incapable of discharging his responsibilities under this Act;
 - (b) has, abused his position as Managing Director; or
 - (c) has directly or indirectly acquired or attempted to acquire without permission in writing of Government any share or interest in any property, scheme, project or other concern of the Corporation.

(4) The Managing Director shall be liable to such disciplinary action and in such manner as may be prescribed L:7

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8. (1) The Corporation may for efficient performance of its functions Appointment of Officers

appoint such Advisers, Officers including Director, Deputy Director, Addi- Advisers and tional Directors, Assistant Directors and other staff possessing such profes-sional, technical, ministerial or secretarial qualifications and experience and Corporation on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

of Officers.

- (2) The officers, employees and staff of the Corporation shall be liable to such disciplinary action and in such manner as may be prescribed.
- 9. The Corporation may, in such manner as may be prescribed, consti- Financial, tute such financial, technical and advisory Committees, as may be deemed necessary, for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

and Advisory Committee.

Delegation of powers.

- 10. (1) The Corporation may, by general or special order and subject to such conditions as it may impose, delegate to the Chairman, Managing Director, Member, or its Officer or employee, any of its powers, or functions under this Act or the rules and regulations made thereunder.
- (2) The Chairman or Managing Director may delegate to any Officer or employee of the Corporation any of his powers under this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder, not being power delegated to him under sub-section (1)

Meetings of the Corporation.

- 11. (1) The meetings of the Corporation shall be held at such time and place as may be prescribed.
- (2) The meetings of the Corporation shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence by such member as may be nominated by him and failing such nomination by such member as may be chosen by the mem) bers present at such meeting.
- (3) One-third of the total members shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Corporation.
- (4) Any matter required to be decided by the Corporation shall be decided in a meeting of the Corporation by vote of majority of members present in such meeting.
- (5) Each member shall have one vote and in the case of tie, the Chairman shall exercise a casting vote.
- (6) No act or proceeding of the Corporation shall be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy in, or any defect in the Constitution of, the Corporation.

Power to Associate, 12. The Corporation may, for carrying out any purpose of this Act. associate with a person or body of persons whose assistance or advice it desires to avail of, on such terms and for such period as it may deem fit.

Government to give directions!

- 13. (1) Government may require the Corporation to furnish to it any document, return, statement, estimate, statistics, or any other information regarding any matter, under the control of the Corporation.
- (2) Government may, from time to time, give such directions as it considers necessary for the guidance of the Corporation.

CHAPTER III

Power and Functions of the Corporation.

Powers and functions of the Corporation.

- 14. The Corporation may-
 - (a) take such measures as may be necessary for marketing and distribution of seed;
 - (b) prepare and implement a plan for setting up seed industry in the Province and take all such measures as may be necessary for promotion of such industry;

- (c) provide or cause to be provided information, advice and consultancy services relating to seed industry and matters connected therewith;
- (d) carry out or cause to be carried out experiments in the field of seed propagation and multiplication;
- (e) procure requisite personnel, funds and equipment and mobilise other resources in and outside the Province for achieving goals set by it;
- (f) provide or cause to be provided facilities for professional training in production, procurement, processing, marketing and distribution of seed and related fields within and outside the Province;
- (g) co-operate with Government, non-Government and international agencies in all such activities which may lead to the attainment of the objectives of the Corporation;
- (h) procure, produce, import or multiply such species of seed as may be notified by Government;
- (i) arrange for multiplication, procurement, processing, bagging and storage of certified seed;
- (j) under-take or cause to be undertaken marketing of certified seed through public and private sector;
- (k) arrange for export of the certified seed in excess of domestic requirements;
- (l) take over and manage seed farms on such terms and conditions as may be deemed fit;
- (m) make suitable arrangements for the multiplication of seeds on private farms under its supervision;
- (n) make suitable arrangements for the certification of seed in such manner as may be prescribed;
- (o) render technical advice and other services to the registered growers;
- (p) contribute towards the cost of any studies, services, experiment or technical research connected with the functions of the Corporation and undertaken or done by any other person, agency or body;
- (q) enter into co-operation with seed Corporations in other Provinces;
- (r) receive advice from the Provincial and National Seed Councils and render advice to such Councils;
- (s) arrange for adopting and propagating prescribed seed standards;
- (t) give aid for developing pure seed production farms,

Powers of Corporation

- 15. The Corporation shall have power-
 - (a) to acquire property, movable or immovable;
 - (b) to dispose off any property vested in it;
 - (c) to incur expenditure for carrying out purposes of the Corporation;
 - (d) to procure necessary equipment for its proper functioning;
 - (e) to enter into and perform contracts;
 - (f) to establish field offices, centres and institutions;
 - (g) to require any grower to furnish any information, record, report or plan or other material relating to any matter under this Act;
 - (h) to make inspections of seed farms;
 - (i) to take such action as may be necessary or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Corporation.

CHAPTER IV

Finance, Audit and Accounts.

Audit and Accounts.

- 16. (1) There shall be a separate fund of the Corporation known as the Sind Seed Corporation Fund.
 - (2) The fund shall consist of-
 - (a) grants and subsidy received from Government;
 - (b) loans raised or obtained by the Corporation;
 - (c) sale proceeds, fees, commissions and other charges for services rendered under the Act;
 - (d) all other sums receivable by the Corporation; and
 - (e) donations.
- (3) The amounts credited in the Fund shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Corporation.
- (4) The Corporation may invest its funds in any security of Federal Government or Provincial Government or any other security approved by the Corporation.

Powers of the Corporation to borrow money. 17. The Corporation shall, subject to any general or special order of Government, have power to obtain loan from banks or other sources and for this purpose it shall be deemed to be a local authority under the Local Authorities Act, 1914 (Act IX of 1914):

Provided that no foreign loan shall be obtained without the previous sanction of Government,

Budget,

18. The annual Budget of the Corporation shall be prepared and approved in such manner as may be prescribed.

19. (1) The Corporation shall maintain or cause to be maintained its accounts and records in such from and in such manner as may be prescribed.

Accounts and Acc

- (2) The Corporation shall repare or cause to be prepared annual balance sheet showing the profit and loss account, as may be prescribed.
- (3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited at least once in every financial year by such firm of Chartered Accountants as may be approved by Government.
- (4) A statement of the audited accounts under sub-section (3) shall be furnished to Government within four months after the end of every financial year.
- 20. All sums due to the Corporation from any person shall be recovery of dues.

 Recovery of dues.
- 21. Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Rules. Act.
 - 22. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules, the Corpora-Regulations, tion may make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
 - (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may provide for—
 - (i) the meetings of the Corporation;
 - (ii) conduct of business in such meetings;
 - (iii) terms and conditions of service of officers, Advisers and staff of the Corporation other than the Managing Director;
 - (iv) constitution of financial, technical and advisory committees.

By order of the Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Sind.

JAMALUDDIN ABRO, Secretary, Provincial Assembly of Sind.

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