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[11th June, 2014]

An Act to honor and recognize the services of persons who sacrifice their lives in act of terrorism while performing duty and to provide compensation to their legal heirs in the Province of Sindh;

WHEREAS it is expedient to honor and recognize the services of persons who sacrifice their lives in act of terrorism while performing duty and to provide compensation to their legal heirs in the Province of Sindh;

Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Shaheed Recognition and Compensation Act, 2014.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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

Definitions.

(a) “competent authority” means the Chief Minister, Sindh;

(b) “Government” means the Government of Sindh;

(c) “law enforcement agency” means the Sindh Police, Sindh Prisons, Pakistan Rangers (Sindh), Frontier Constabulary and intelligence organization deployed in the Province of Sindh and working in aid of the Government;

(d) “legal heirs” means the father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother and wife;

(e) “person” means a government servant posted to or serving under Government and includes personnel of Sindh Police Department or official of any law enforcement agency transferred to serve under or working for the Government;

(f) “Shaheed” means a person who offered sacrifice of his life in line of duty in counter terrorism or becomes victim of an act of terrorism operation or targeted and killed by terrorists group and declared Shaheed in the manner prescribed by Government;

(g) “posthumous” means an award to a person who laid his life during duty; and

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(h) "rules" means the rules made under this Act.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law, for the time being in force, Government shall have power and shall be deemed to always have had the power to award compensation to the person who laid **his or her** life in act of terrorism while performing his duty. **Civil Award.**

(2) Grant Posthumous promotion to next grade to person embracing *shahadat*.

(3) Government may, for the purpose of recognition the services of the Shaheed person, recommend to Federal Government for grant of Civil, Military or Police award or medal as it may deem appropriate.

(4) Government shall, from time to time, determine the award compensation in shape of monetary grant to the legal heirs of the Shaheed person. **Award of Compensation.**

(5) Government shall, in addition to the financial compensation under sub-section (4), appoint at-least two members of the family being the legal heirs of Shaheed person into service of Government in relaxation of the conditions of qualifications and age, to the extent as Government may deem appropriate.

4. (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict or limit the power of Government to take any further step for the welfare of families of Shaheed persons or members of Sindh Police in form of national and international scholarship to their children or legal heirs, medical cover to injured or the dependent of Shaheed person or financial aid or any welfare grant or award including allotment of plot or land to the legal heirs of Shaheed person. **Power of Government to take steps for the welfare of families of Shaheed person.**

(2) Government may establish a fund for welfare of families of Shaheed.

5. Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Power to make rules.**

6. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, Government may make such order not inconsistent with the provision of this Act for removing the difficulty. **Removal of difficulty.**