

SIND ORDINANCE NO. XI OF 1972

**THE SIND (TEACHING, PROMOTION AND USE OF SINDHI LANGUAGE) ACT,
(APPLICATION) ORDINANCE, 1972**

[22nd July, 1972]

An Ordinance to make certain provision in relation to the application of the Sind (Teaching, Promotion and Use of Sindhi Language) Act, 1972.

WHEREAS clause (2) of Article 267 of the Interim Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan provides that without prejudice to the status of the National languages, a Provincial Legislature may by law prescribe measures for the teaching, promotion and use of a Provincial Language in addition to a national language;

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS Urdu is a national language and is spoken by a substantial section of the people;

AND WHEREAS it is considered expedient for the purposes of clarification and removal of doubts to make certain provision in relation to the application of the Sind (Teaching, Promotion and use of Sindhi Language) Act, 1972 (Act II of 1972), hereinafter referred to as the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly is not in session and the Governor of Sind is satisfied that conditions exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action;;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by clause (1) of Article 135 of the Interim Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Governor of Sind is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance, namely :-

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

Short title and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of Sind.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act, for a period of twelve years from the commencement of this Ordinance:--

No discrimination on linguistic basis

(a) No person, otherwise qualified for appointment or promotion to any civil service, or a civil post in

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connection with the affairs, of the Province of Sind,
shall be discriminated against only on the ground of
want of knowledge of Sindhi or Urdu Language;

(b) No person who, immediately before the
commencement of this Ordinance, was serving in the
civil service, or a civil post in connection with the
affairs, of the Province of Sind, shall be removed from
service only on the ground of want of knowledge of
Sindhi or Urdu Language.

3. Application of the Act shall be in a manner that shall
not prejudice the use of Urdu.

**Application of
the Act to
eliminate
discrimination
against Urdu**