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[30th January, 2004]

An Act to provide for the eradication and curbing the menace of involuntary donation or forced "Chanda" in the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for eradication and curbing the menace of involuntary donation or forced "Chanda" in the Province of Sindh.

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh (Eradication and Curbing the Menace of Involuntary Donation or Forced Chanda) Short title and commencement. Act, 2003.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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

- (a) "donor" means the individual, a group of individuals, an institution or a body corporate;
- (b) "door step" includes a residential or commercial premises, business office, factory, shop including market premises and vendors push carts;
- (c) "fund" includes the donation or contribution whether in money or kind;
- (d) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules.

3. No involuntary fund or forced Chanda shall be collected from a donor.

4. Collection of funds by any person at the door step of a donor is prohibited.

5. Any fund or forced Chanda collected in contravention of the provisions of this Act shall be forfeited to Government.

6. Whoever contravenes the provisions of this Act shall be **Punishment.** punished with simple imprisonment which may extend to three months and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

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7. No court shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Act except upon a complaint made in writing by a donor within thirty days of the commission of the offence, before a Judicial Magistrate having territorial jurisdiction.

8. Government may, by notification in the official gazette **Power to make** make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Power to make rules.**

9. The Sindh (Eradication and Curbing the Menace of **Repeal.** Involuntary Donation or Forced Chanda) Ordinance, 2002 is hereby repealed.