



## THE PREVENTION OF SEDITIOUS MEETINGS ACT, 1911



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# THE PREVENTION OF SEDITIOUS MEETINGS ACT, 1911

<sup>1</sup>Act No. X OF 1911

[22nd March, 1911]

## **An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the prevention of public meetings likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of public tranquility.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the prevention of public meetings likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of public tranquility; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title and extent-** (1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Seditious Meetings Act, 1911.

(2) It extends to <sup>2</sup>[the whole, of Pakistan], but shall have operation only in such <sup>3</sup>[Province or parts of a Province] as the <sup>4</sup>[Provincial Government] may from time to time notify in the <sup>5</sup>[official Gazette].

**2. Power of provincial Government to notify proclaimed areas .—**(1) The <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] may, <sup>7</sup>\* \* \* by notification in the <sup>8</sup>[official Gazette], declare the whole or any part of a Province, in which this Act is for the time being in operation, to be a proclaimed area.

(2) A notification made under sub-section (1) shall not remain in force for more than six months, but nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to prevent the <sup>6</sup>[Provincial Government] <sup>7</sup>\* \* \* from making any further notifications in respect of the same area from time to time as it may think fit.

**3. Definition.—**(1) In this Act, the expression " public meeting " means a meeting which is open to the public or any class or portion of the public.

(2) A meeting may be a public meeting notwithstanding that it is held in a private place and notwithstanding that admission thereto may have been restricted by ticket or otherwise.

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1911; Pt. V p 100; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1911, Pt. V, p. 100; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1911, Pt. VI, pp. 362 and 452.

This Act has been amended to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory see, Ordinance No. XXVII of 1981, s. 5 and 4th Sch.

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for "all the Provinces and the Capital of the Federation" which had been subs. by A. O., 1949, Arts. 3(2) and 4, for "the whole of British India".

<sup>3</sup>Subs. by the Repealing and Amending Ordinance, 1961 (1 of 1961), s: 3 and 2nd Sch., for 'Provinces or parts of Provinces.

<sup>4</sup>Subs. by A.O., 1937 for "G. G. in C."

<sup>5</sup>Subs. *ibid.*, for "Gazette of India".

<sup>6</sup>Subs. *ibid.*, for "L. G."

<sup>7</sup>The words "with the previous sanction of the G. G. in C." rep., *ibid.*

<sup>8</sup>Subs. *ibid.*, for "Local Official Gazette".