



THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES (COMMON WEALTH COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES), ACT, 1957



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REPRESENTATIVES) ACT, 1957.**

¹ACT NO. XXIX OF 1957

[30th April, 1957]

An Act to declare and confer certain immunities on representatives in Pakistan of Commonwealth Countries and on certain other persons.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare and confer certain immunities upon representatives in Pakistan of Commonwealth Countries and on certain other persons and to provide for certain other matters ;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Diplomatic Immunities (Commonwealth Countries Representatives) Act, 1957.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., dated the 11th April, 1957, Ext., p. 737.

2. Definitions. In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:—

- (a) “chief representative” means a person whether known by the title of High Commissioner or by any other title, who for the time being is recognized by the Government of Pakistan as the chief representative in Pakistan of a Commonwealth Country for the purposes of this Act ;
- (b) “envoy” means the envoy of a foreign sovereign power duly accredited in Pakistan ;
- (c) “member of the family” of a person means his wife and his unmarried children below the age of twenty one, when resident with him ;
- (d) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act ;
- (e) “staff” of a chief representative includes every person employed by the chief representative but not servants employed by a member of the staff ;
- (f) “the official staff” of a chief representative means officials employed in a representative capacity directly under the orders of the chief representative.

3. Immunity of chief representative. A chief representative is and shall be entitled to the immunity from suit and legal process, and to the inviolability of residence, official premises and official archives, to which he would be entitled if he were an envoy.

4. Immunity of member of staff or family.—(1) Subject to sub-section (2) a person who is,—

- (a) a member of the family of a chief representative,
 - (b) a member of the staff of a chief representative, or
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