



THE PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION (RE-ORGANIZATION) ACT, 1996



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¹ACT XVII OF 1996

An Act to provide for re-organisation of telecommunication system

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for re-organisation of telecommunication system in Pakistan by establishing the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, the Frequency Allocation Board, National Telecommunication Corporation and the Pakistan Telecommunication Employees Trust, regulation of telecommunication industry, transfer of telecommunication services to private sector and for matter connected therewith or incidental thereto ;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1.Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Telecommunications (Re-organisation) Act, 1996.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) ¹[Access Promotion Contribution (APC)] means the payments made by LDI Licensees to LL Licensees or to the Universal Service Fund pursuant to the rules made under this Act;]

¹[(ab) “appropriate Government” means—

(i) in relation to a right of way owned or manage by any person, local authority within its territory, corporation or other public bodies created by or under any provincial law, the respective Provincial Government; and

(ii) in relation to any, right or way owned or managed by any person, local authority not within any province or corporation or other bodies created by or under any Federal law, the Federal Government;

(ac) “Approved Crypto Apparatus” means the hardware or software or combination of both, or the ciphering facilities, used for conversion of plain text into cypher text and *vice versa* and of which Federal Government has granted approval and the Electronic Certification Accreditation Council established under section 18 of the Electronic Transaction Ordinance, 2002 ([LI of 2002](#)), has granted accreditation certificate for its use for private sector;

¹Applied to FATA by SRO 717 (1)/2001, dt: 18-10-01

²Subs. and ins. by Act II of 2006, s. 2.

- (ad)** “Authority” means the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority established under section 3;]
- (b)** "basic telephone services" means the provision of any telecommunication service which consists of—
- (i)** two-way live voice telephone service, in digital form or otherwise, over any public fixed switched network or between base stations or switches or modes of any public mobile switched network;
 - (ii)** real-time transmission or reception of facsimile images over a public fixed switched network;
 - (iii)** international telephony service; and
 - (iv)** the lease of circuits for the provision of the services specified in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii);
- (c)** "Board" means Frequency Allocation Board established under section 42;
- (d)** "Company" means the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited established and incorporated in accordance with section 34;
- (e)** "Corporation" means the Pakistan Telecommunication Corporation established under the Pakistan Telecommunication Corporation Act, 1991 (XVIII of 1991);
- (f)** "effective date" for the Authority, Board, Company, National Telecommunication Corporation, or the Trust means the date on which property, right and liabilities of the Corporation are vested under section 35 in the Authority or, as the case may be, Board, Company, National Telecommunication Corporation or the Trust;
- ¹[(fa)** “Federal Government” means the Federal Government in the Ministry of information Technology and Telecommunication Division, unless for any specific purpose specified otherwise by notification in the official Gazette notification or amendment in the Rules or Business, 1973;]

¹Subs & ins by Act II of 2006,s.2