



THE PAKISTAN TOURIST GUIDES ACT, 1976



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¹ACT No. XXVI OF 1976

[11th May, 1976]

An Act to provide for the regulation and control of the profession of tourist guides.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to provide for the regulation and control of the profession of tourist guides;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Tourist Guides Act, 1976.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan and applies to all tourist guides wherever they may be.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) "Committee" means the Tourist Guide Regulatory Committee set up under section 3 ;

(b) "licence" means licence issued under section 4;

(c) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

(d) "rules" means rules made under this Act; and

(e) "tourist guide" means a person licensed as such under section 4.

3. Committee.—(1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government shall set up a committee to be known as the Tourist Guide Regulatory Committee consisting of a Chairman and such other members as the Federal Government may appoint.

(2) The Chairman and other members of the Committee shall hold office during the pleasure of the Federal Government on such terms and conditions as the Federal Government may determine.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1975, Ext., Pt. III, p. 1462.

(3) The Committee shall perform the following functions namely:—

- (a) advise the Federal Government in the implementation of the provisions of this Act and the rules;
- (b) assist the Federal Government in the preparation of the code of conduct for tourist guides; and
- (c) such other functions as are in consonance with provisions of this Act and which the Federal Government may entrust to it.

4. Licensing of tourist guides.—(1) Any person operating or intending to operate as tourist guide shall apply to the Federal Government on the prescribed form for grant of a licence.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-section (1), the Federal Government may, after holding the prescribed tests and on payment of the prescribed fee by the applicant, issue to the applicant, if he qualifies in such tests, a licence in the prescribed form.

(3) The Federal Government shall maintain a register in which the names and addresses of all tourist guides shall be entered.

(4) The licence shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled under section 6, remain valid for a period of three years and may be renewed after every three years in the prescribed manner on payment of the prescribed fee.

5. Code of conduct. The Federal Government shall, in consultation with the Committee, prescribe a code of conduct for tourist guides.

6. Suspension or cancellation of licence.—(1) The Federal Government may, after affording a tourist guide an opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him, suspend or cancel the licence of the tourist guide if he—

- (a) violates the terms and conditions of the licence; or
- (b) violates the code of conduct.

(2)(a) A tourist guide aggrieved by the decision or order under sub-section (1) of an officer or authority other than the Federal Government may prefer an appeal to the Federal Government within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner and the orders of the Federal Government in such appeal shall be final.

- (b) The Federal Government may at any time of its own motion or an application of any tourist guide aggrieved by any decision or order passed by the Federal Government under this Act or the rules, within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner, pass such order as it think fit:

Provided that no order against a tourist guide shall be passed unless he has been given an opportunity of showing cause against it and of being heard.

7. Prohibition to act as a tourist guide. Except as otherwise provided in the Act, no person shall hold himself out or act, as a tourist guide unless he holds a licence.