



# THE VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES (REGISTRATION AND CONTROL) ORDINANCE, 1961



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### THE SCHEDULE.

**THE VOLUNTARY SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES  
(REGISTRATION AND CONTROL) ORDINANCE, 1961**

ORDINANCE NO. XLVI OF 1961.

[2nd December, 1961]

**An Ordinance to provide for the registration and control of voluntary social welfare agencies.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the registration and control of voluntary social welfare agencies, and for matters ancillary thereto ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the seventh day of October, 1958, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance :—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance, 1961.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>1</sup> as the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf.

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

- (a) “agency” means a voluntary social welfare agency, and includes any branch of such agency ;
- (b) “governing body” means the council, committee, trustees or other body, by whatever name called, to whom, by the constitution of the agency, its executive functions and the management of its affairs are entrusted ;
- (c) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under section 19 ;
- (d) “register” means the register maintained under section 4, and “registered” shall mean registered under this Ordinance ;
- (e) “Registration Authority” means <sup>3</sup> \* \* \*an officer authorized by the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], by notification in the official Gazette, to exercise all or any of the powers of the Registration Authority under this Ordinance ;
- (f) “voluntary social welfare agency” means an organization, association or undertaking established by persons of their own free will for the purpose of rendering welfare services in any one or more of the fields mentioned in the Schedule and depending for its resources on public subscriptions, donations or Government aid.

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<sup>1</sup>I.e. the 6th May 1962, see SRO 591 (K)/62, dt 24-5-62.

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by A.O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for “Central Government”.

<sup>3</sup>The original words “the Director of Social Welfare, Government of Pakistan, and includes” omitted *ibid*.

**3. Prohibition against establishing or continuing an agency without registration.** No agency shall be established or continued except in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**4. Application for registration, etc.**—(1) Any person intending to establish an agency, <sup>1\*</sup> shall, in the prescribed form, and on payment of the prescribed fee, make an application to the Registration Authority, accompanied by a copy of the constitution of the agency, and such other documents as may be prescribed.

(2) The Registration Authority may, on receipt of the application, make such enquiries as it considers necessary, and either grant the application, or, for reasons to be recorded in writing, reject it.

(3) If the Registration Authority grants the application, it shall issue, in the prescribed form, a certificate of registration to the applicant.

(4) The Registration Authority shall maintain a register, containing such particulars as may be prescribed, of all certificates issued under sub-section (3).

**5. Establishment and continuance of agency.**—(1) An agency <sup>1\*</sup> shall be established only after a certificate of registration has been issued under sub-section (3) of section 4.

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**6. Appeal.** If the Registration Authority rejects an application for registration, the applicant may, within thirty days from the date of the order of the Registration Authority, prefer an appeal to the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government], and the order passed by the <sup>2</sup>[Provincial Government] shall be final and given effect to by the Registration Authority.

**7. Conditions to be complied with by registered agencies.**—(1) Every registered agency shall—

- (a) maintain audited accounts in the manner laid down by the Registration Authority ;
- (b) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed, submit its Annual Report and audited accounts to the Registration Authority and publish the same for general information ;
- (c) pay all moneys received by it into a separate account kept in its name at such bank or banks as may be approved by the Registration Authority; and

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<sup>1</sup>Omitted by the Federal Laws (Revision and Declaration) Ordinance, 1981 (27 of 1981), s. 3 and Sch.,II.

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by A.O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for "Central Government".

(d) furnish to the Registration Authority such particulars with regard to accounts and other records as the Registration Authority may from time to time require.

(2) The Registration Authority, or any officer duly authorized by it in this behalf, may at all reasonable times inspect the books of account and other records of the agency, the securities, cash and other properties held by the agency, and all documents relating thereto.

**8. Amendment of the constitution of registered agency.**—(1) No amendment of the constitution of a registered agency shall be valid unless it has been approved by the Registration Authority, for which purpose a copy of the amendment shall be forwarded to the Registration Authority.

(2) If the Registration Authority is satisfied that any amendment of the constitution is not contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the rules made thereunder, it may, if it thinks fit, approve the amendment.

(3) Where the Registration Authority approves an amendment of the constitution, it shall issue to the agency a copy of the amendment certified by it, which shall be conclusive evidence that the same is duly approved.

**9. Suspension or dissolution of governing bodies of registered agencies.**—(1) If, after making such enquiries as it may think fit, the Registration Authority is satisfied that a registered agency has been responsible for any irregularity in respect of its funds or for any maladministration in the conduct of its affairs or has failed to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance or the rules made thereunder, it may, by order in writing, suspend the governing body.

(2) Where a governing body is suspended under sub-section (1), the Registration Authority shall appoint an administrator, or a caretaker body consisting of not more than five persons, who shall have all the authority and powers of the governing body under the constitution of the agency.

(3) Every order of suspension under sub-section (1) shall be placed by the Registration Authority before a Board, consisting of not more than five persons, constituted by the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] for the purpose, which shall have the power to make such order as to the reinstatement, or the dissolution and reconstitution, of the governing body, as it may think fit.

(4) The governing body against whom an order of dissolution and reconstitution is made under sub-section (3) may appeal to the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government], within thirty days from the date of such order, and the decision of the <sup>1</sup>[Provincial Government] shall be final and shall not be called in question in any Court.

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