



THE MARRIAGE FUNCTIONS (PROHIBITION OF OSTENTATIOUS DISPLAYS AND WASTEFUL EXPENSES) ORDINANCE, 2000



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Ordinance No. II of 2000

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AN ORDINANCE whereas it is expedient to provide for the prohibition of ostentatious displays and wasteful expenses on marriages and ceremonies related thereto;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly and the Senate stand suspended in pursuance of the Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999 and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999 as amended including the Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order No. 9 of 1999, the President, on the advice of the Chief Executive, is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Marriage Functions (Prohibition of Ostentatious Displays and Wasteful Expenses) Ordinance, 2000.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Interpretation. For the purposes of this Ordinance the expression "marriage" shall include all ceremonies, preceding and succeeding the formal wedding whether religious or civil rituals such as *nikah*, *rukhsati*, *walima*, *mehndi*, *rasme-hina*, and other functions and celebrations connected with marriage and related festivities.

3. Prohibition of ostentatious celebrations.—(1) Subject to sub-section (2) no person celebrating his marriage or the marriage of any other person shall

(a) decorate or cause to be decorated any house or building including any space appertaining thereto, street, road or other place whether owned by him or otherwise with lights or illumination;

(b) explode or allow any one to explode cracker or other explosive device including firing by firearm; or

(c) display or allow any one to display fire-works.

(2) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall prohibit the use of such lights as are ordinarily necessary to lit the house or any other place being the site of marriage.