



THE AIRPORTS SECURITY FORCE ACT, 1975



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THE AIRPORTS SECURITY FORCE ACT, 1975

¹ACT No. LXXVII OF 1975

[13th December 1975]

An Act to provide for the constitution and regulation of the Airports Security Force.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the constitution and regulation of the Airports Security Force for ensuring security of all aerodromes, airports, aircraft and civil aviation installations, and for the maintenance of law and order therein, and for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto ;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER-I

1. Short title, extent, application and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Airports Security Force Act, 1975.

(2) It extends to all aerodromes and airports, all civil aviation stations, centres or offices in Pakistan, all Pakistan air services and activities relating to civil aviation.

(3) It shall apply to all members and officers of the Force wherever they may be.

(4) It shall come into force at once.

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

- (a) "aerodrome" means any area of land or water designed, equipped, set apart or commonly used or intended to be used, either wholly or in part, for affording facilities for the landing, departure and movement of aircraft and includes all buildings, sheds, vessels, piers, installations and equipments, and other structures thereon or appertaining thereto, but does not include any aerodrome which is exclusively used by the Pakistan Air Force or any portion of an aerodrome which is used by the Pakistan Air Force ;
- (b) "aircraft" means any machine which can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, other than the reactions of the air, against the earth's surface, and includes balloons, whether captive or free, airships, kites, gliders and flying machines ;
- (c) "airport" means an aerodrome at which facilities have, in the opinion of the Federal Government, been sufficiently developed to be of importance to civil aviation ;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1975, Ext., Pt.III, p.1027.

- (d) "air service" means a service of aircraft for any purpose of civil aviation, whether aerial work, public transport or otherwise ;
- (e) "air side" means the movement area of an aerodrome, adjacent terrain and buildings or portions thereof, access to which is controlled by the ¹[Force] ;
- (f) "competent authority" means any officer or authority designated as such by the Federal Government ;

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- (h) "Force" means the Airports Security Force constituted under section 3 ;
- (i) "Force Commander" means the Commander incharge of the Force ;

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- (k) "member" means a person, other than an officer, who is appointed to the Force and has signed an affirmation in the form set out in the First Schedule ;
- (l) "officer" means a person who is so appointed to the Force and has signed an affirmation in the form set out in the First Schedule ;
- (m) "operator" means a person, organisation or enterprise engaged in or offering to engage in aircraft operation ;
- (n) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations ;
- (o) "purposes of civil aviation" include all purposes connected with civil aviation and with air navigation, except purposes of defence by air ;
- (p) "regulations" mean regulations made under this Act ; and
- (q) "rules" mean rules made under this Act.

¹Subs. and omitted by the Air Ports Security Force (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1984 (35 of 1984), s.3.

CHAPTER II

3. Power to constitute and maintain the Airports Security Force and its functions.— (1) The Federal Government may constitute and maintain a force to be called the Airports Security Force for performing the following functions, namely :—

- (a) ensuring security of all airports, aerodromes, aircraft and civil aviation installations¹[within the limits of airports and aerodromes] and for safeguarding civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference or threats of such interference ;
- (b) ensuring security of all structures, equipments, material and installations belonging to operators and other Government or non-Government organizations within the limits of airports and aerodromes ;

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- (e) ensuring the proper conduct of persons at airports and aerodromes¹* * * including control of surface vehicles and drivers within the limits of airports and aerodromes ;
- (f) ensuring security of aircraft passengers, baggage, cargo and mail within the limits of airports and aerodromes ;
- (g) general maintenance of law and order within the limits of airports and aerodromes in conjunction with the police and taking cognizance of all offences committed at the airports and aerodromes under any law for the time being in force ; and
- (h) such other functions as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, require the Force to perform.

(2) In the discharge of their functions, the officers and members shall be guided by, and act in accordance with, this Act,²* * * and the rules and regulations.

4. Constitution of the Airports Security Force.- (1) The head of the Force shall be a Force Commander appointed by the Federal Government.

(2) The Force shall consist of such ranks and number of officers and members and shall be constituted in such manner as may be prescribed by rules.

(3) The officers and members shall receive such pay, pension, allowances and other remuneration and shall enjoy such leave and other privileges as may be prescribed by rules from time to time.

¹Ins. and omitted by the Air Ports Security Force (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1984 (35 of 1984),s.4.

²Certain words which were previously subs. by Ord. 27 of 1981, s.3 and Sch.II have been omitted by the Airports Security Force (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1984 (35 of 1984),s.4

(4) Every officer and member shall receive on his appointment a certificate in the form set out in the Second Schedule under the seal of the ¹[Force Commander] or such other officer as the ¹[Force Commander] may authorise in this behalf and by virtue of holding such certificate he shall be vested with the powers, functions and privileges of an officer or member.

(5) Any person who ceases, for any reason, to be an officer or member shall forthwith surrender the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) to any officer authorised by the Force Commander in this behalf.

(6) Officers and members of the Force shall wear such uniforms as may be prescribed by regulations.

5. Administration of the Force.—(1) The administration of the Force shall vest in the Force Commander who shall administer it in accordance with the provisions of this Act, rules and such orders and instructions as may be made or issued by the Federal Government from time to time.

(2) The Force Commander shall exercise his powers and perform his functions under the general supervision ²[and direction of the Federal Government].

CHAPTER III

6. Powers and duties of officers and members.— (1) An officer or member shall—

- (a) take effective measures for ensuring security of all airports, aerodromes, aircraft and civil aviation installations ³[within the limits of airports and aerodromes] and for safeguarding civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference;
- (b) safeguard aircraft passengers, baggage, cargo and mail within the limits of aerodromes and airports ;
- (c) prevent unauthorised persons and vehicles from access to the air-side or other areas important to the security of the aerodromes or airports ;
- (d) require the operations of aircraft registered in Pakistan to conform to the prescribed civil aviation security requirements ;
- ³[(e) take effective measures for preventing hijacking, sabotage, placement of car bombs, letter bombs and dangerous articles and carriage of arms and ammunitions into the restricted areas of the airports, aerodromes and aircraft except as authorised by him, and shall, as soon as he detects any contraband on the person or in the baggage of any person checked by him, notify it to the customs staff available at the airport or aerodrome for appropriate action under the Customs Act, 1969 ([IV of 1969](#));]
- (f) use such arms and ammunition and equipment as may be authorised by the Force Commander ⁴[or an officer authorised by him] for the purposes of this Act ;
- (g) search and arrest without warrant any person who he suspects of endangering, or attempting to endanger, or having endangered, the safety of an aerodrome or airport or an aircraft or a civil aviation installation and may use such force as may be necessary in the discharge of his duties aforesaid ; and

¹Subs. by ord 27 of 1981, s.3 and Sch.II.

²Subs. by the Airports Security Force (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1984 (35 of 1984),s.5

³Ins. and subs, *ibid.*, s. 6.

⁴Ins. *ibid.*