



# THE PROTECTION OF COMMUNAL PROPERTIES OF MINORITIES ORDINANCE, 2002

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## ORDINANCE NO. V OF 2002

[22nd January, 2002]

An Ordinance to protect the properties of minority communities meant for their communal use

WHEREAS in view of prevailing circumstances, it is the demand of the minority communities to protect their properties meant for their communal use ;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exists which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and the Provisional Constitution Order No.1 of 1999, read with the Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order No.9 of 1999, and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

**1. Short title, extent, commencement and application.**-(1) This Ordinance may be called the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2002.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

(4) It shall apply to properties belonging to the minority communities in Pakistan meant for their communal use.

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

(a) “*Commission*” means the National Commission for Minorities.

(b) “*Property*” means places of worship, monasteries, seminaries, vicarages, dharamshalas, gaoshalas, burial places, community centers, social welfare, educational, health and recreational institutions meant for communal use of minority communities and includes side buildings, vacant places, lands, residential places or offices annexed to the said properties.

**3. Ban on sale or transfer of minority communities properties.**-(1) No property of a minority community meant for its communal use shall be bought, sold or transferred by any person without N.O.C from the Federal Government :

Provided that nothing contained herein shall apply to a property bought, sold or transferred for a Housing Scheme, meant for a minority community approved by a Provincial or Federal Government.