



THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE ACT, 1974



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¹ACT NO. XXIV OF 1974

[22nd April 1974]

An Act to provide for the establishment of centres of excellence in the universities for conducting high-level teaching and research.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of centres of excellence in the universities for conducting high-level teaching and research;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement. —(1) This Act may be called the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) "Board" means a Board of Governors referred to in sub-section (1) of section 5;

(b) "Centre" means a Centre of Excellence established under section 3;

(c) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission established or to be established under the law providing for the establishment of such Commission;

(d) "Director" means the Director of a Centre;

(e) "regulations" means regulations made under section 11; and

(f) "rules" means rules made under section 10.

3. Establishment of Centre. As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Centre of Excellence in a University specified in the notification.

4. Functions of Centre. A Centre shall—

(a) engage in goal-oriented high-level teaching and research;

(b) train research workers;

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1974, Ext., Pt. III, p. 214.

- (c) establish M.Phil, ¹[Ph. D. and other] programmes in the relevant discipline in accordance with the standard and requirements of the University in which the Centre is established;
- (d) promote co-operation in inter-disciplinary relationship with other teaching and research establishment;
- (e) arrange conferences, seminars and refresher courses for the development of teaching and research; and
- (f) conduct teaching and research in such particular discipline as is assigned to it by the Federal Government ²[in consultation with the University in which the Centre is established].

5. Board of Governors.— (1) The management, overall control and supervision of the affairs of a Centre established in a University shall vest in a Board of Governors consisting of the following members, namely:—

- (a) Vice-Chancellor of the University, who shall also be its Chairman.
- (b) A representative of the Commission.
- (c) A representative of the Pakistan Science Foundation.
- (d) A representative of the Ministry of Education.
- (e) Dean of the Faculty of the University.
- ³[(f) Two experts in the subject to be nominated by the Federal Government on the recommendation of the commission.
- (g) One expert in the subject to be nominated by the Syndicate of the University.
- (h) One expert in the subject to be nominated by the Academic Council of the University.
- (i) One expert in the subject to be nominated by the National Education Council.
- (j) Director of the Centre.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the Board shall have the power to—

¹ Subs. by the Centres of Excellence (Amdt.) Act, 1976 (9 of 1976), s. 2, for “and Ph.D.”

² Added *ibid.*,

³ Subs. by the Centres of Excellence (Amdt.) Act, 1976 (9 of 1976), s. 3, for clauses (f) and (g).

⁴ Added *ibid.*,