



THE PAKISTAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION ACT, 1973



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¹ACT No. XXXII OF 1973

[9th February, 1973]

An Act to establish a Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a broadcasting Corporation to ensure effective operation and growth of broadcasting as a function-oriented public service medium, general improvement in the quality of programmes, speedy implementation of projects and better utilisation of talent, and for matters connected therewith;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation Act, 1973.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the twentieth day of December, 1972.

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

(a) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Corporation;

(b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;

(c) "Corporation" means the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation established under section 3;

²[(d) "Member" means a Member of the Board;]

(e) "regulation" means a regulation made under this Act;

(f) "rule" means a rule made under this Act;

(g) "station" means any production, receiving, or transmitting unit, fixed or mobile.

CHAPTER II ESTABLISHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF THE CORPORATION

3. Establishment of the Corporation.—(1) As from the commencement of this Act, there shall be established a Corporation to be called the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1973 Ext., Pt. III, p. 420.

²Subs. by Ord. 94 of 02, ss. 2-3.

(2) The Corporation shall be a body corporate by the name of the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to hold and dispose of property, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

CHAPTER III MANAGEMENT

¹[“**4. Board.**-(1) The general direction and the administration of Corporation shall vest in a Board, to be constituted in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2).

(2) The Board shall consist of the following :-

(i)	Secretary to the Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Information and Media Development.	Chairman
(ii to v)	One eminent person each from the four provinces relating to media and management to be appointed by the Federal Government.	Members
(vi)	Additional Foreign Secretary.	Member
(vii)	Additional Secretary Finance.	Member
(viii)	Director General, ISPR.	Member
(ix)	Managing Director, PTVC.	Member
(x)	Director General, PBC.	Member
(xi)	A representative of the Interior Division.	Member

(3) The Chairman and Members mentioned at clauses (vi) to (xi) of sub-section (2) shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Board.

(4) The Members appointed under clauses (ii) to (v) of sub-section (2) shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment but in no case for more than two consecutive terms. They may, by giving in writing to the Federal Government a notice of not less than one month, resign their offices:

¹Subs. by Ord. 94 of 02, ss. 2-3.

Provided that the resignation shall not take effect until it has been accepted by the Federal Government.

(5) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-section (1) the Board shall have full powers with regard to-

- (a) the preparation of the annual revenue budget of the Corporation and approval of the budget and expenditure not included in its annual budget for capital and development expenditure;
- (b) the formulating and implementing of all programmes and policies; and
- (c) the making of plans for infrastructural and technological development within the country and for promotion of the Corporation's interest abroad.”]

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6. Removal of Directors. The Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, remove a ¹[Member] if—

- (a) he refuses or fails to discharge, or becomes, in the opinion of the Federal Government, incapable of discharging his responsibilities as a ¹[Member] ;
- (b) he is adjudged an insolvent by a competent court; or
- (c) he is declared to be disqualified for employment in, or has been dismissed from, the service of Pakistan; or
- (d) he is convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude.

7. Meetings of the Board.-(1) The Board shall meet at such time and such place as may be prescribed by regulations:

Provided that not less than one meeting of the Board shall be held ¹[at least once in a quarter]

(2) To constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board, the Chairman, or in his absence a ¹[Member] authorised by him, and two other ¹[Members] shall be present.

(3) The Chairman, or in his absence a ¹[Member] authorised by him, shall preside at the meetings of the Board.

8. Director General.—(1) There shall be a Director-General of the Corporation who shall be appointed by the Federal Government on such salary and terms and conditions as the Federal Government may determine and shall be the chief executive of the Corporation.

¹Omitted and Subs. by Ord. 94 of 02, ss. 5-7.