



THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF RESEARCH IN WATER RESOURCES ACT, 2007



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THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF RESEARCH IN WATER RESOURCES ACT, 2007

Act No. I OF 2007

[14th April, 2007]

An Act to provide for establishment of the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for establishment of the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources to conduct, coordinate and promote research in water resources and for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER 1

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Act, 2007.

(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 the Board of Governors of the Council;

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

(c) "Council" means the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources;

(d) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Council;

(e) "Member" means a member of the Board;

(f) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

(g) "President" means the President of the Board;

(h) "regulations" means regulations made under this Act;

(i) "rules" means rules made under this Act;

(j) "Secretary" means Secretary of the Council;

(k) "Technical Advisory Committee" means the Technical Advisory Committee of the Council; and

(l) "water resources" means various fields of hydraulics and hydrology, namely, water supply, irrigation, drainage and reclamation, flood control, inland navigation and related problems prevalent in Pakistan.

3. Establishment of the Council.— (1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources shall be * established by the Federal Government in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate by the name of the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources having perpetual succession and a common seal, with powers, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and hold property and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The headquarter of the Council shall be at Islamabad.

(4) Until the Council is established under this Act, notwithstanding its dissolution by section 25, it shall continue to function and while so functioning be deemed to be the Council established under this Act.

CHAPTER II

FUNCTIONS OF THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF RESEARCH IN WATER RESOURCES

4. Functions of the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources.The functions of the Council shall be to—

- (a) conduct, organize, coordinate and promote research on all aspects of water resources including irrigation, drainage, reclamation, navigation, drinking water, industrial water, and sewerage management and to set up national research centers wherever necessary;
- (b) design, develop and evaluate water conservation technologies for irrigation, drinking and industrial water;
- (c) initiate national water quality monitoring programme including urban and rural areas of Pakistan and develop technologies for providing safe drinking water to the public;
- (d) conduct and coordinate research on desertification, drought and flood mitigation;

*For establishment of Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Please see S.R.O 44(K.E.)/2007 dated 28-06-2007.

- (e) develop and maintain national water resources database for use by the planning, implementing agencies and public; or advise the government and submit policy recommendations regarding water quality, development, management, conservation and utilization of water resources;
- (f) advise the government and submit policy recommendations regarding water quality, development, management, conservation and utilization of water resources;
- (g) publish scientific papers, reports and periodicals, as well as to arrange seminars, workshops and conferences on water related issues;
- (h) establish liaison with other related national and international research and development organizations, universities and non government organizations;
- (i) undertake contractual research, provide consultancy services and collaborate with other organizations in the public and private sector;
- (j) provide financial and technical support to universities and research institutions for collaborative research projects and fellowships;
- (k) design and develop water related technologies and items of utility for various users according to market demand and undertake design and development projects on contract;
- (l) undertake human resources development through training in skills related to the specialized functions of the Council; and
- (m) commercialize its research and development results from sale of products, patents and services as well as collaboration with other organizations.

5. Management. The management of the Council shall consist of—

- (a) Board of Governors;
- (b) Chairman; and
- (c) Executive Committee.

6. Board of Governors. The overall control, direction and superintendence of the affairs of the Council shall vest in a Board of Governors which may exercise all powers, perform all functions and do all acts and things which may be exercised, performed or done by the Council.

7. Composition of the Board of Governors.— (1) The Board of Governors shall consist of following, namely:—

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| (a) Minister for Science and Technology | <i>President</i> |
| (b) Secretary, Scientific and Technological Research Division | <i>Vice-
President</i> |
| (c) Representative from Ministry Finance, not below the rank of Joint Secretary | <i>Member</i> |