



# THE ARCHIVAL MATERIAL (PRESERVATION AND EXPORT CONTROL) ACT, 1975



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# THE ARCHIVAL MATERIAL (PRESERVATION AND EXPORT CONTROL) ACT, 1975.

<sup>1</sup>Act No. XLVIOF1975

[24th April, 1975]

## An Act to provide for the preservation, and control of the export, of archival material.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the preservation, and control of the export, of archival material of national significance;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Archival Material (Preservation and Export Control) Act, 1975.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(a) "Advisory Committee" means the Advisory Committee constituted under the Government of Pakistan, Education Division, Notification No. F. 8-5/74-AD (Arch), dated the 10th June, 1974, or any other committee that may be set up by the Federal Government for the purpose;

(b) "archival material" means any book, pamphlet, brochure, letter, hand-out, gazette, newspaper, journal, file, manuscript, whether written, printed or typed, which is not less than twenty-five years old and is of, historical significance to Pakistan;

*Explanation.*—For the purpose of this clause, a book, pamphlet, brochure, letter, hand-out, gazette, newspaper, journal, file or manuscript shall be deemed to be of historical significance to Pakistan if—

(i) its subject matter is the political situation in or religious or communal matters relating to South Asia, or

(ii) it is, or contains, the original of a letter written by or to the Quaid-e-Azam or the All-India Muslim League, or

(iii) it is, or contains, the original of a letter written to the President or other office-bearer of the All-India Muslim League or any other political, social or cultural organisation concerning itself with the Muslims of South Asia, and includes an enclosure or appendix to any such book, pamphlet, brochure, letter, handout, gazette, newspaper, journal, file or manuscript;

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1975, Ext., Pt. III, p. 167.