



THE CUTTING OF TREES (PROHIBITION) ACT, 1992



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ACT NO. XVIII OF 1992

An Act to provide for the prohibition of cutting of trees near the external frontiers of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the prohibition of cutting of trees or causing damage to trees near the external frontiers of Pakistan and matters ancillary thereto ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Short title, extent and commencement. This Act may be called the Cutting of Trees (Prohibition) Act, 1992.

(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) 'authorised officer' means an officer authorised by a Provincial Government;

(b) 'field' means a *khasra* number as defined in the Provincial law relating to land revenue;

(c) 'first zone' means an area adjacent to and beyond the external frontier of Pakistan extending towards Pakistan to a line at four kilometers measured from the external frontiers of Pakistan;

(d) 'second zone' means an area adjacent to and beyond the first zone extending towards Pakistan to a line at four kilometers measured from the first zone ; and

(e) 'tree' means a large plant with a self-supporting trunk.

3. Cutting of trees etc. Prohibited.—(1) Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall, without the prior written approval of the authorised officer, cut, fell or damage or cause to be cut, felled or damaged any tree growing—

(i) in the first zone, if the number of remaining trees in any field falls short of the number to be calculated at the rate of fifteen trees per acre ; and