



THE FOREIGN CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS (REGULATION OF FUNCTIONING) ACT, 1975



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¹ACT No.LXXIX OF 1975

[13th December, 1975]

An Act to provide for the regulation of the functioning of foreign cultural associations.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation of the functioning of foreign cultural associations,

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Foreign Cultural Associations (Regulation of Functioning) Act, 1975.

(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) "foreign cultural association" means an association, by whatever name called, having as its object the promotion of cultural and friendly relations between Pakistan and a foreign country and includes a branch of such association; and

(b) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under section 15.

3. Formation of foreign cultural associations.— (1) No foreign cultural association shall be formed with the object of, or engage itself in, propagating any opinion, or acting in any manner, prejudicial to the ideology, integrity, security, constitution or system of Government of Pakistan or Pakistan's relations with any foreign country or contrary to morality or any law for the time being in force.

(2) A foreign cultural association shall have only one head office, but may, with the prior permission in writing of the Federal Government, set up a branch at the principal seat of a Provincial Government.

(3) Every foreign cultural association shall appoint its President with the approval of the Federal Government in the prescribed manner.

(4) No new foreign cultural association shall be set up or shall start functioning unless registered by the Federal Government and such registration may be granted subject to such conditions as the Federal Government may specify.

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1975 Ext., Pt.III, p.1359.

(5) An existing foreign cultural association shall apply in the prescribed manner for registration within one month of the coming into force of the rules to be made under this Act and the Federal Government may grant registration subject to such conditions as it may specify.

4. Responsibilities of foreign cultural association.— (1) Every foreign cultural association shall—

- (a) maintain audited accounts in the prescribed manner;
- (b) pay all moneys received by it into a separate account kept in its name at the bank which is a scheduled bank within the meaning of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956 ([XXXIII of 1956](#));
- (c) submit to the Federal Government such information relating to its accounts and affairs as the Federal Government may from time to time require.

(2) Any officer authorised in this behalf by the Federal Government may at all reasonable times inspect the books of account and other records of a foreign cultural association, the securities, cash and other properties held by the association, and all documents relating thereto.

5. Dissolution of foreign cultural association.— (1) No foreign cultural association shall be dissolved otherwise than in accordance with its constitution or with the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3).

(2) Not less than sixty per cent of the members of a foreign cultural association may make an application to the Federal Government in the prescribed manner for making an order for the dissolution of the association.

(3) If an application is made to it under sub-section (2), or if it has reason to believe that a foreign cultural association has acted or is acting in contravention of its constitution or of the provisions of section 3, the Federal Government may, by order in writing after giving the association an opportunity of being heard, direct that the association shall stand dissolved on and from such date as may be specified in the order.

(4) Where an order of dissolution has been made otherwise than on an application made under sub-section (2), the foreign cultural association to which the order relates or any member thereof aggrieved by the order may apply to the Federal Government for a review of the order; and the order of the Federal Government passed after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard shall be final and shall not be questioned, or be permitted to be questioned, by or before any court.

(5) Subject to any order of the Federal Government in review under sub-section (4), the dissolution of a foreign cultural association in pursuance of an order of the Federal Government under sub-section (3) shall be deemed to be a dissolution in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the association and the affairs of association shall be wound up in accordance with those provisions.