

**THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, SIKH RELIGIOUS  
ENDOWMENT ACT, 1944.  
(Act I of 1945).**

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**THE <sup>1</sup>[KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA] SIKH  
RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENT ACT, 1944.**

**ACT IOF 1945.**

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*An Act to provide for the better administration of Sikh Gurd-waras, Dharamsalas and religious endowments in the <sup>3</sup>[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa].*

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the better administration of Sikh Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas and Religious Endowments in the <sup>4</sup>[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa], it is hereby enacted as follows: — Preamble.

**CHAPTER— I.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the <sup>5</sup>[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] Sikh Religious Endowment Act, 1944. Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of the <sup>6</sup>[Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa].

(3) It shall come into force at once.

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

(1) "Board" means Provincial Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee constituted under the provisions of this Act.

(2) "Committee" means the District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee constituted under the provisions of this Act.

(3) "Custodian" means any office-holder to whom either solely or along with others, the control of the management or performance of the public worship in a Gurdwara and of the rituals and ceremonies observed therein is entrusted and includes a Granthi or any other person in charge by whatever designation known.

(4) "Gurdwara" means any place by whatever designation known which has been or is being used partially or wholly for public

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<sup>1</sup>. Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011.

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<sup>5</sup>. Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011.

<sup>6</sup>. Subs vide the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. IV of 2011.

worship of Guru Granth Sahib whether by right, sufferance, custom or usage.

- (5) "Dharamsala" means any institution by whatever designation known either founded or maintained by persons believing in Sikhism, for the public religious congregation, running of lungers, stay of travelers or any other charitable purpose.
- (6) "Sikh Endowment" or "Endowment" means all property belonging to or given or endowed for the support of Dharamsalas, Gurdwaras, or the performance of worship or charity connected therewith and includes all income derived from such properties and all gifts or properties made to the Trustees, Custodian or any such person in charge of such institutions as such, and shall also include a Samadh which is sacred to the memory of any of the ten Gurus of Sikhs or connected religiously with any life incident of any of the ten Gurus or Sikh religious personage.
- (7) "Trustee" means any person by whatever designation known in whom solely or along with others the administration of the management of the affairs of a Sikh . endowment is vested.
- (8) "Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or Rules made thereunder.
- (9) For the purpose of this Act a person shall be considered to believe in Sikhism, if he professes the Sikh religion or, in the case of a deceased person, who professed the Sikh religion or was known to be a Sikh during his life times. If any question arises as to whether any living person is or is not a Sikh, he shall be deemed respectively to be or not to be a Sikh, accordingly as he makes or refused to make in such manner as the Provincial Government may prescribe the following declaration:—

"I solemnly affirm that I am a Sikh, that

I believe in the Guru Granth Sahib, that

I believe in ten Gurus and that I have no other religion".

## **CHAPTER—II.**

3. There shall be constituted a Committee styled as District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee in each district of the Province, which shall exercise jurisdiction over all Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas and Sikh Endowments in the district.

District Gurdwara  
Parbandhak  
Committee.

4. The Office of the Committee shall be the headquarters of the district.

Offices of the  
Committee.

5. Each Committee shall consist of nine members except in the case of Peshawar District where the number shall be 13, elected in the manner hereinafter provided: Composition of District committee.
- Nine members in the case of Peshawar Committee and six in the case of other Committee to be elected by all the Sikh voters in the electoral roll of the district for Provincial <sup>1</sup>[.....] Assembly in the manner prescribed by the Provincial Government, and the remaining shall be coopted from the Sikh residents of the district by elected members of each Committee at a meeting specially called for the purpose.
6. The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be four except in the case of Peshawar where it shall be five. Quorum.
7. The term of office of Committee shall be five years. Term of office of Committee.
8. Within a fortnight after the completion of the co-option a special meeting of the Committee shall be called to elect a President and a Vice-President from amongst its members. The President and Vice-President shall hold offices for the term of the Committee unless they are or any of them is removed by two-third of the majority at a meeting specially called for the purpose. Election of office bearers.
9. The Committee may appoint one of its members or some other Sikh as its Secretary for such period as it may fix provided that if a member is appointed as Secretary he shall not receive any remuneration. Secretary of the Committee.
10. Except in the case as otherwise provided in the Act, all decisions at a meeting of the Committee or Board shall be by majority of voting. In case of equality of votes, the member presiding shall have a second or a casting vote. Decisions of the Committee.
11. The Committee may appoint such staff on such salaries, allowances or other conditions of service as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on its duties and functions under the Act. Staff of Committee.
12. Punishment and dismissal of staff shall vest with the Committee in conformity with the rules prescribed therefor by the Board and approved by the Provincial Government, provided that such punishment or dismissal shall be subject to revision of the Board whose decision shall be final. Punishment of Staff.
13. (1) Every Committee shall be a body, corporate by the name of the Committee of management of the Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas, or Sikh endowments under its management and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued in its corporate name. Powers and functions of the Committee.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a Committee shall have full powers of control over the office-holders, Custodians, Trustees or any

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<sup>1</sup>. The word "Legislative" omitted by W.P. Laws (Adoptation) Order, 1964.

other persons by whatever designation known in charge of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or other Sikh endowment, and all properties and incomes of whatever description belonging to the Gurdwara, Dharamsala or other Sikh endowments, its management and of enforcing the proper observance of all ceremonies and Sikh observances in connection with the Gurdwaras or Dharamsalas, and of taking all such measures as may be necessary to ensure the proper management of the Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas or Sikh endowments and the efficient administration of the property, income and endowments thereof; and shall also perform all or any of the following functions:—

- (a) exercise the power of superintendence over all endowments situated within its jurisdiction;
- (b) sanction, disapprove or modify the budget prepared by the Trustee, Custodian or any other person by whatever designation known in charge of an endowment under its supervision; except in the case of duly elected bodies;
- (c) prepare and settle its own budget;
- (d) undertake all that is necessary for the propagation of tenets of Sikhism, maintenance and upkeep of religious places, and look after the comfort of worshippers, travelers of religious endowments;
- (e) make recommendation to the Board for its help and support in places where the Committee cannot meet the expense;
- (f) enter into and inspect endowment properties situated within its jurisdiction;
- (g) administer its funds whether realized by donation, contributions or from any other source in the way it deems proper;
- (h) maintain a complete and authentic record of all the rights, titles and all monetary endowments of such religious endowments with full particulars relating to—
  - (i) their income,
  - (ii) the origin of their titles and rights,
  - (iii) the name of person in possession of such titles;
- (i) institute and defend suits and proceedings in a Court of Law relating to all matters connected with administration of the endowments;
- (j) keep regular accounts of its receipts and disbursements;

- (k) submit monthly reports about the administration of the endowments to the Board;
- (l) subject to the provisions of this Act, the Committee shall be bound to obey all the directions of the Board.

14. (1) Every Trustee or Custodian in charge of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment shall pay annually to the Committee a contribution in money out of the income of the Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment under its charge.

Contribution by Trustee or Custodian.

(2) The proportion which such contribution shall bear to the annual income of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment shall be fixed for such Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment by the Board, after considering the income of such Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment, provided that it shall not exceed one-tenth of the annual income:

Provided further that any offering or subscription for a specific purpose for which consent of Board is obtained shall not be treated as income for this purpose.

(3) Out of such contributions the Committee shall pay one-half to the Board.

(4) The Board shall be competent to exempt any Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh endowment from payment of the contribution under sub-clause (2) if it finds that such institution cannot afford to make such contributions.

15. The Committee or Board may delegate any of their powers to its President, Vice-President, or Secretary, provided that such delegation shall be by two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting specially called for the purpose.

Delegation of Powers.

### CHAPTER—III.

#### PROVINCIAL GURDWARA PARBANDHAK COMMITTEE.

16. There shall be constituted a Provincial Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee which shall exercise powers over all Committees constituted under this Act.

Provincial Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.

17. The Board shall be constituted of <sup>1</sup>[19] members selected in the manner hereinafter provided:—

Composition of the Board.

- (a) <sup>2</sup>[...].

<sup>1</sup>. Substituted by W.P. (Adaptation of Laws) Order, 1958, s. 3. Sch. VI.

<sup>2</sup>. Clause (a) omitted by. W.P. (Adaptation of Laws) order, 1958 s. 3. Sch- VI.



- (b) Five members to be elected by the Peshawar Committee.
- (c) Two members to be elected by each of the five remaining Committees.
- (d) Four members to be co-opted by these <sup>1</sup>[15[ members out of the Sikh residents of the <sup>2</sup>[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] .

18. The Office of the Board shall be at Peshawar. Officer of Board.

19. Within a fortnight after the completion of the co-option a special meeting of the Board shall be called to elect a President and a Vice-President from amongst its members. The President and Vice-President shall hold offices for the term of the Board until they are or any of them is removed by two-thirds majority at a meeting specially called for the purpose. Election of President and vice President of the Board.

20. The Board may appoint one of its members or some other Sikh as its Secretary for such period as it may fix, provided that if a member is appointed as Secretary he shall not receive any remuneration. Secretary of the Board.

21. The Board may appoint such staff on such salaries, allowances or other conditions of service as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Staff of Board.

22. The Quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be 10. Quorum.

23. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board, may frame bye-laws on any of the following matters, namely: — By-laws.

- (a) The books, registers and account to be maintained by the Board, a Committee, or by Trustees, or Custodians under the provisions of this Act.
- (b) The custody and investment of the funds of the Board, a Committee, or Trustees or Custodians in charge of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or a Sikh Endowment.
- (c) The form and the manner in which the budget of the Board a Committee, Trustee or Custodian in charge of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or a Sikh endowment be prepared.
- (d) The manner in and the time at which the statements, , reports and returns shall be submitted as required by the Act or prescribed by the rules thereunder.

(2) All bye-laws framed under this Act shall be published in the official Gazette.

<sup>1</sup>. Substituted by W.P. (Adaptation of Laws) Order, 1958 S.3 Sch-VI for the figures “17” .

<sup>2</sup>. Subs. vide Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2011.

24. The Board shall exercise the powers of general supervision over the Committee, Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas and other Sikh Endowments, and may perform all or any of the following functions: — Powers and functions of the Board.

- (a) Prepare and settle its own budget.
- (b) Call for the budget of any Committee that the Board by a resolution deems proper and amend if it thinks necessary.
- (c) Help a Committee in all its functions as it thinks proper when approached to do so.
- (d) Arrange for the audit of its own accounts and the accounts of the Committees and of Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas and Sikh Endowments in the Province by such auditors as it may appoint.
- (e) Take over direct control of any Gurdwara, Dharamsala or other Sikh Endowment from any Committee, Trustee or Custodian, provided that such a resolution is passed by three-fourth majority in a meeting specially called for the purpose.

#### **CHAPTER—IV**

#### **REGISTRATION**

25. (1) All Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas and Sikh Endowments shall be registered at the office of the Committee of the district in which they are situated. Method of registration.

(2) Within three months of the formation of a Committee, the Trustee or Custodian shall make an application for the registration of the Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment in his charge. In case of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment coming into existence after the formation of the Committee, its Trustee or Custodian shall, within three months of his taking over charge, make an application for registration thereof.

(3) The application under this section shall be accompanied by a statement containing the following particulars:—

- (a) A full description of the Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment, as the case may be.
- (b) The annual income and its source with scheme of administration, if any.
- (c) The approximate expense including Government dues, salaries of employees, etc.

(4) On receipt of such application, the Committee may require the applicant to supply further information that it may deem necessary before registration.

26. (1) The Committee shall maintain a Register of all Gurdwaras, Dharamsalas and Sikh Endowments which shall contain in the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) the names of Trustees or Custodians;
- (b) particulars of property, income, expense and system of administration; and
- (c) such other particulars as may be prescribed.

(2) A copy of the entries and statements mentioned in clause (1) shall be submitted by the Committee to the Board within a fortnight of the registration.

#### CHAPTER— V.

27. (1) The Board or a Committee in whose jurisdiction a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or a Sikh Endowment is situated but has not been registered within the prescribed period, may apply to the principal court of original civil jurisdiction within whose jurisdiction such Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment is situated praying that such institution be declared Gurdwara, Dharamsala or a Sikh Endowment as the case may be, for the purposes of this Act. Legal Proceeding.

(2) The Court in which such application is instituted under the provisions of sub-section (1) shall by notice to be published in such a manner as it may consider fit call upon persons having interest in such Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment to show cause why such place or institution be not declared as Gurdwara, Dharamsala or a Sikh Endowment as prayed for and shall fix a date not less than one month from the date of the publication of the notice.

(3) The application shall be registered and heard in the manner prescribed by the Civil Procedure Code for a suit subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) and the Court shall give a declaration if it comes to the conclusion that the place or institution is a Gurdwara, Dharamsaia or a Sikh Endowment, as defined by sub-sections (4), (5) and (6) of Section 2 of this Act. For the purposes of Court Fees, it shall be treated as miscellaneous application.

28. An appeal shall lie against the order under Section 27 (3) to the Appeal.  
<sup>1</sup>[High Court].

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<sup>1</sup>. Subs, by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, A. L. O., 1975.

**CHAPTER—VI.****AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.**

29. (1) The accounts of the Board and the Committees will be audited annually by the auditors appointed under Section 24 (d). Audit of accounts.

(2) The auditor shall submit the report to the Board.

(3) The audit report shall *inter alia* specify cases of irregular or improper expenditure or loss or waste of money or other property caused by neglect or misconduct of the Trustee or any other person in charge of the Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment.

30. At a special meeting convened for the purpose, the Board shall examine the auditors' report and take such action as it deems proper and shall submit a copy thereof to the Provincial Government with its own opinion. Examination of Auditors Report.

31. For the purpose of any audit or any examination of accounts, the auditor may demand, in writing, from a Trustee, member or servant of a Committee or of the Board or any other person by whatever designation known in charge of an endowment, production before him of all books, deeds, vouchers, documents or papers, to answer all question which he may deem necessary, and may require any person holding or accountable for such books, deeds, vouchers, documents or papers, to answer all questions which may be put to him with respect to the same. Assistance to Auditors.

**CHAPTER—VII.**

32. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Trustee, or Custodian in whom the administration and management of Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh endowments vest at the commencement of the Act shall continue to manage and administer such endowments. Trustees and Custodians

33. A Trustee, Custodian or any person in charge of an endowment shall cease to hold such office if he— Disqualification of Trustees, etc.

- (a) ceases to be a Sikh, or is a non-Sikh.,
- (b) becomes insane, or
- (c) is convicted by any court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude, or
- (d) is found to the satisfaction of the Committee—
  - (i) leading an immoral life,
  - (ii) to be addicted to the use of intoxicants, or

- (e) persistently commits defaults in the submission of accounts, reports and returns prescribed by the Board or Committee, or
- (f) is guilty of improper dealing with the properties in his charge.
- (g) becomes insolvent, or
- (h) is guilty of gross neglect of duty, or
- (i) is guilty of keeping mode of worship contrary to the Sikh religious principles and practices.

34. If the office of a Trustee or a Custodian falls vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, the successor shall be governed by custom or practice applicable to the institution, failing that by the order of the Board. Duties of Trustees, etc.

35. (1) Should a Committee be incompetent to perform or persistently make default in the performance of the duties imposed on it by law or exceed or abuse its powers, the Board may, by a resolution passed by two-third of the majority of the members, declare the Committee to be superseded in a meeting specially called for the purpose. Supersession and penalties.

(2) When a Committee is so superseded, the following consequences shall ensue:—

- (a) All members of the Committee shall from the date of the passing of the resolution vacate their seats.
- (b) All powers and duties of the Committee, may until the Committee is reconstituted, be exercised and performed by such persons as the Board may appoint in that behalf.
- (c) All property vested in the Committee shall, until the Committee is reconstituted, vest in the Board.

(3) The Board may, if it thinks it, at any time reconstitute another Committee by a resolution passed by two-third of the majority of the existing members at a meeting specially called for the purpose:

Provided no supersession shall last for more than the remaining life time of the Committee so superseded.

36. (1) If a Trustee, or a Custodian fails without reasonable excuse, of which the burden of proof shall rest on him, to— Penalties.

- (a) apply for registration of Endowment under Section 25, or
- (b) submit statements, particulars of accounts and returns as required by this Act, or

- (c) supply information of particulars as required by the Committee, or
- (d) give assistance in enquiries and investigation when called upon to do so by the Board or a Committee, or by the auditors or officers of the Committee working under the orders of the Committee, or
- (e) to deposit any surplus income in respect of Endowment in any recognized Bank when directed by the Board to do so, or
- (f) comply with the directions issued by the Board under Section 24,

such Trustee or Custodian shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment of either description for a period which may extend to one year or fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000 or with both.

(2) No magistrate shall take cognizance of an offence under subsection (1) otherwise than on complaint made by a person duly authorized by the Board in this behalf.

(3) The offence under this section shall be triable by a Magistrate of the First Class, and shall be compoundable.

#### **CHAPTER—VII.**

37. The fund of the Committee shall consist of the following:— Committee Funds.
- (a) All sums received from the religious endowments within the territorial jurisdiction as contributions.
  - (b) All sums realised from legal proceedings instituted or defended by or on behalf of the Committee.
  - (d) All sums received or collected as subscriptions or donations.
  - (e) All incomes derived from the property gifted to or owned by the Committee.
38. The Committee shall set apart and apply out of their funds— Application of  
Committee Fund.
- (a) such sums as may be required to meet the charges of their respective establishment;
  - (b) such sums as may be required to be paid to the Board by way of contribution;
  - (c) such sums as may be required to be spent on educational, religious and charitable purposes.

39. If a Trustee or Custodian of any Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment fails to pay the contribution to the Committee as laid down in Section 13 within three months when it falls due, such contribution shall be recoverable by the Committee as arrears of land revenue on application made to the Collector.

Failure of Payment of contribution by Trustee, Custodians etc. and its recovery.

40. The fund of the Board shall be named as Central Endowment Fund and shall consist of the following:—

Central Endowment Fund.

- (a) All sums received as contributions from the Committee.
- (b) All sums realized from legal proceedings instituted or defended by or on behalf of the Board.
- (c) All sums received or collected as subscriptions or donations.
- (d) All incomes derived from the property gifted or owned by the Board.

41. The performance of the daily worship, ceremonials, celebration of religious days and payments of allowances, fees, remunerations and salaries of officers, servants and priests employed in a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or a sikh Endowment shall be the first charge on the income of such institutions.

Charges on endowments.

42. Subject to the provisions of this Act, and subject to the instructions which the Board may issue in this behalf, the funds and income of Gurdwara, Dharamsalas and Sikh Endowments shall be utilized and appropriated for the following purposes:-

Application Endowment income.

- (a) Payment of the prescribed contribution.
- (b) Discharge of any legal or other obligations created or existing against the funds.
- (c) Provision for the preaching of the tenets of Sikh religion.
- (d) Provision for any educational, religious, or charitable purposes that the Board may lay down.

#### **CHAPTER-IX.**

43. For the purpose of verifying the details furnished by the Trustee, Custodian or any other person in charge of a Gurdwara, Dharamsala or Sikh Endowment under Section 32 or acting on the report of the auditors, the Board may enquire into any matter either through any of its officers or through the Committee.

Enquiry by the Board.

44. Any person who is a Sikh and is a voter in <sup>1</sup>[in the case of electoral roll of the Provincial Assembly of West Pakistan] may by an application, request the Board to institute enquiry into the administration of Committee or into the affairs of Gurdwara, Dharamsala, or Sikh endowment, and thereupon the Board maytake such action as it may deem fit.

Petition against Endowment administration.

45. (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, no act done or direction issued by the Board or the Committee in accordance with the Act or the rules thereunder shall be questioned in any court.

Protection of Board, Committee or its Officers.

(2) No suit shall be instituted against the Board or any of its members or servant of the Committee for anything done by it or by him in good faith under the provisions of this Act.

46. When any suit relating to the title to any Gurdwara, Dharamsala, or Sikh Endowment property or to the rights of a Trustee, or Custodian is instituted in any Civil Court, such Court shall give notice of such suit to the Disirict Committee within whose jurisdiction the property in question is situated, at the cost of the plaintiff.

Notice of suits to Committee.

### CHAPTER—X

47. (1) The Provincial Government may make rules notinconsistent with the Act to carry out all or any of the purposes of the Act.

Rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Provincial Government may make rules for:—

- (i) the nomination of candidate, the procedure of election to be held under the provisions of this Act, the mode of recording and counting of votes and the declaration of the results of such elections;
- (ii) the conduct of enquiries and the decision of dispute relating to elections;
- (iii) the definition of practices at elections held under the provisions of this Act which are to be deemed to be corrupt;
- (iv) the investigation of allegations of corrupt practice at such elections;
- (v) making void the election of any person proved to have been guilty of a corrupt practice or to have connived at, abetted the commission of a corrupt practice or whose agent has been so proved guilty, or the result of whose elections has been materially affected by the breach of any law or rule for the time being in force;

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<sup>1</sup>. Subs. by. W.P.A.L.O. 1958.



- (vi) rendering incapable of office, either permanently or for a term of year any person who may have been proved guilty as aforesaid of a corrupt practice or of conniving at or abetting the same;
- (vii) prescribing the authority by which question relating to the matters referred in clauses (i) to (vi) shall be determined;
- (viii) the authority to whom and the manner in which applications and appeals and records of such proceedings, which may and should under the provision of this Act be presented, made or forwarded.

48. The Provincial Government may invest any person or persons authorized by it to hold an enquiry into the conduct of, or into allegations of corrupt practice at an election held under the provisions of this Act with all or any of the powers conferred upon Commissioner appointed to hold an enquiry into an election by provision of the <sup>1</sup>[Pakistan Election Offences and Notification Act, 1920], and may prescribe the procedure to be followed, and provide for the execution of any order as to cost passed by such person or persons in such enquiry.

Inquiry into corrupt practices at election.

49. (1) Subject to the approval of the Provincial Government the Board may also make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

Rules to be made by Board.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Board shall, subject to the approval of the Provincial Government, make rules with reference to the following matters:—

- (a) all matters expressly required or allowed by this Act to be prescribed by the Board or Committee;
- (b) the conduct of business of the Board and the Committee ;
- (c) the grant of travelling allowance to the members of the Board and the Committees;
- (d) the books and accounts to be kept at the offices of the Board and the Committee;
- (e) the manner in which the endowment account shall be audited, and published, the forms and contents of the auditor's report, and the scale of remuneration to be paid to the auditor;
- (f) the method of calculating the income of the endowments, for the purpose of levying contribution under this Act;
- (g) the fee to be levied on application before the Board or Committee under this Act or on application for copies of proceedings or other records of the Board or Committee;

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<sup>1</sup>. Substituted by Act, No. XXXIX of 1920.

(h) the method of election of President and Vice-President of the Board and of the Committee.

50. All rules made under this Chapter shall be published in the gazette ..... and shall therefore have the force of law;

51. A copy of the budget of the Board shall be submitted to the Government for information. The Board shall furnish such information and submit such report, returns and statements as may be called for by the Provincial Government. Copy of Budget, etc, to the Government.

52. So far as the religious endowment included in this Act are concerned the Religious Endowment Act, 1863, and the Charitable and Religious Trust Act, 1920, are hereby repealed. Repeal of certain Acts.