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to regulate the cultivation of rice in the Province of West Pakistan.

WHEREAS, in order to check the increase of water-logging, salinity, seepage and the resultant damage to land in the Province of West Pakistan, it is expedient to regulate the cultivation of rice in the Province in the manner hereinafter appearing; Preamble.

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Presidential Proclamation of the seventh day of October, 1958, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of West Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:- Preamble.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the West Pakistan Rice (Restrictions on Cultivation) Ordinance, 1959. Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of the ¹[Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] except the ²[Tribal Areas.]

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2 In this Ordinance – Definitions.

(i) “Board of Revenue” means the Board of Revenue, ⁴[* * *].

(ii) “Government” means the Government of ⁵[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa].

¹. In the section-1, in sub section (2), for the words “Province of West Pakistan” the words “North-West Frontier Province” Subs. by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Adapt. Order, 1975 and then subs by the word “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” vide Act No.IV of 2011.

². In sub section (2) of section-1, for the word “Federal Capital and the Special Areas” the words “Tribal Areas”, subs. by W.P. Ord No. VII of 1964.

³. Sub-section (3), omitted by W.P. Ord. No. X of 1969.

⁴. Omitted by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Adapt. of Laws Order, 1975.

⁵. In clause (ii) for the words “West Pakistan” the words “North-West Frontier Province”, subs by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Adapt order 1975 and then subsby the word “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide Act No.IV of 2011.

¹[3. (1) The Board of Revenue may, by notification, prohibit or impose such restrictions on the cultivation of rice in such area as may be specified in the notification: Powers to regulate cultivation of rice.

Provided that a cultivator shall be entitled to gather the standing crop raised by him before the issue of such notification.

3. ²[(2) The Board of Revenue or any officer authorized by it in this behalf may, in the interest of operations for reclamation of land, relax, in respect of any specified area, estate or holding, the prohibition or all or any of the restrictions imposed on cultivation of rice under sub-section (1), for a period not exceeding three years.

Explanation. –For the purposes of this section the expression “estate” and “holding” shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the West Pakistan Land Revenue Act, 1967.

4. Whoever contravenes the provisions of this Ordinance, or the rules made or directions issued thereunder shall, on a complaint made in writing by any Revenue Officer, be punished with fine which may extend to ten times the land revenue assessment chargeable for the crop or simple imprisonment not exceeding six months or both. Penalty.

5. No civil court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any claim, suit, prosecution or any other legal proceedings for anything done, or intended to be done in good faith under the provisions of this Ordinance, or the rules made and directions issued thereunder. Jurisdiction of civil court.

6. For the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, the Board or Revenue may frame rules and issue such directions in the form of Standing Orders as it may deem fit. Power to make rules.

¹. The existing section-3, renumbered as sub-section (1) and new sub-section (2) and the explanation, inserted by W.P. Ord No. X of 1969.

². The existing section-3, renumbered as sub-section (1) and new sub-section (2) and the explanation, inserted by W.P. Ord No. X of 1969.