

**THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA JOURNALISTS WELFARE
ENDOWMENT FUND ACT, 2014.**

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**AN
ACT**

to provide for the establishment of Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

¹[**"WHEREAS** it is expedient to provide for the establishment of Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the welfare of the deserving journalists working in electronic media, newspapers and news agencies enlisted in the media list of Government.]

1. Short title, application and commencement.---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund Act, 2014.

(2) It shall apply to the deserving journalists of the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.---In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

²[(a) "Bank" means the Bank of Khyber;]

(b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Committee;

(c) "Committee" means the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund Committee established under section 5 of this Act;

(d) "compensation" means the compensation paid to the family members of a journalist, who embraces martyrdom in acts of terrorism;

³[(e) "deserving journalist" means a bonafide full-time working journalist working in electronic media, newspapers and news agencies. who is or has been member of a press club enlisted with the Directorate

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General of Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and who is in need of assistance for his welfare under this Act;]

- ¹[(e-i) "electronic media" means different news and current affairs channels enlisted on central or provincial media lists;]
- (f) "Fund" means the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund established under section 3 of this Act;
- ²[(g) "family means family of a deserving journalist including his or her spouse, as the case may be, dependent son and daughter under twenty five years of age and dependent parents;]
- (h) "Government" means the Government of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- (i) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules; ³[***]
- (j) "rules" mean rules made under this Act ⁴;
- (k) "subsistence" means the day to day livelihood requirements of a deserving journalist which he cannot meet due to unemployment for consecutive three months; and
- (l) "welfare" means assistance of a deserving journalist and includes-
- (i) compensation to his family in case of his or her martyrdom in the line of duty:

Provided that in case of married journalists, his wife and in case of unmarried journalists, his parents shall be entitled to receive compensation amount;

- (ii) compensation and treatment expenses to a journalist who has got injured in line of duty or accident;
- (iii) financial assistance for medical treatment in the prescribed manner;
- (iv) financial assistance for expenses incurred upon marriages of a son or daughter of deserving journalist in the prescribed manner;

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Provided that the marriage grant to a deserving journalist will be made only once;

- (v) monthly stipend for deserving veteran journalists of the age of sixty and above;
- (vii) subsistence allowance to deserving journalists payable for two months only with an amount and on the terms and condition as prescribed; and
- (viii) funeral charges in case of death of the journalists or their family members.]

3. Fund.---(1) As soon as, after the commencement of this Act, Government shall establish a Fund to be known as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund.

(2) The Fund shall be established with an initial capital of rupees fifty million and may, from time to time, be credited with-

(a) Government grants; and

¹[(b) grants from philanthropists, non-governmental organizations, monitory organizations and organizations working for the welfare of the people.]

²[(3) The Fund shall be utilized in prescribed manner for the welfare of deserving journalists.]

4. Maintenance of Fund.---³[(1)] The Fund shall be kept and maintained in the bank and invested in such manner as may be determined by the Committee.

⁴[(2) Press Registrar. Directorate General Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shall be the controller of the fund and shall be responsible for keeping the accounts of the Fund, audit of the assets and expenditure from the fund including verification of applications of deserving journalists and other documents submitted with applications.]

5. Constitution of Committee.---(1) Government shall constitute a Committee to be known as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Journalists Welfare Endowment Fund Committee for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Committee shall consist of-

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| (a) | the Minister for Information, Public Relations and Culture; | Chairman |
| (b) | the Secretary to Government, Information, Public Relations and Culture Department; | Vice-Chairman |
| (c) | ¹ [Director General, Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa]; | Member |
| (d) | a representative of Finance Department, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary; | Member |
| (e) | President, Khyber Union of Journalists Peshawar; | Member |
| (f) | Presidents of three press clubs of the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to be nominated by Government for a period of two years; ² [***] | Members |
| ³ [(f-i)] | two presidents of other press clubs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to be nominated by the Director General Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for a period of one year; and] | Members |
| (g) | ⁴ [Director, Information and Public Relations.] | Member-cum-Secretary. |

6. Functions of the Committee.---⁵[(1)] The Committee shall-

- ⁶[(a) receive applications from the deserving journalists or their family members for financial assistance or compensation, as the case may be,

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in the prescribed manner through President or General Secretary of the concerned Press Club];

- (b) scrutinize such applications for the purpose of granting assistance or compensation as the case may be;
- (c) examine minutely the medical reports or claims of the deserving journalists;
- (d) ascertain the entitlement of deserving journalist;
- (e) verify the family members of a journalist who embraces martyrdom in any act of terrorism; and
- ¹[(f) approve the specified objects as mentioned under sub-section (3) of section 3 of this Act.]

²[(2) The Director General Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa shall send applications, received under sub-section (1) to the Director General Health Services, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for verification before its submission to the Committee.]

7. Meeting of the Committee.---(1) The Chairman may convene meetings of the Committee on quarterly basis at time and place as he may deem necessary which is convenient for the transaction of its business.

(2) The Chairman or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Committee. In absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the member nominated by the Chairman shall preside over the meeting.

(3) The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be half number of members.

(4) The decisions of the Committee shall be taken by majority of members present. In case of tie, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman presiding over the meeting may exercise a casting vote.

(5) Preparation of agenda and minutes of the meeting shall be responsibility of the Secretary.

³**[8. Extent of financial assistance.**---The deserving journalists may be compensated in connection with their welfare to the extent and for an amount as may be prescribed by rules.]

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² Added vide Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2020.

³ Substituted vide Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2020.

9. Audit and accounts.---(1) The accounts of the Fund shall be audited by the Auditor General of Pakistan in the prescribed manner.

¹[(2) ***]

(3) No amount, from the Fund shall be withdrawn, unless it is approved by the Committee.

(4) Withdrawal of amount from the Fund shall be permissible only under the joint signatures of the Secretary Information, Public Relations and Culture and the ²[Director General, Information and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa].

(5) In case of emergency, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Committee may make payments of emergent nature, which shall be later on, approved by the Committee in the next meeting.

10. Power to make rules.---Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

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² Substituted vide Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2020.