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**¹THE ²[PUNJAB] RICE (RESTRICTIONS ON CULTIVATION) ORDINANCE,
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(LVIII of 1959)

[17th December, 1959]

**An
Ordinance**

to regulate the cultivation of rice in the Province of ³[the Punjab].

Preamble.— **WHEREAS** in order to check the increase of water-logging, salinity, seepage and the resultant damage to land in the Province of ⁴[the Punjab], it is expedient to regulate the cultivation of rice in the Province in the manner hereinafter appearing;

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:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Ordinance may be called the ⁵[Punjab] Rice (Restrictions on Cultivation) Ordinance, 1959.

⁶[(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of ⁷[the Punjab], except the Tribal Areas.]

(3) ⁸[* * * * *]

2. Definitions.— In this Ordinance—

(i) “Board of Revenue” means the ⁹[Board of Revenue, Punjab], as established under the ¹⁰[Punjab Board of Revenue Act, 1957];

¹This Ordinance was promulgated by the Governor of West Pakistan on 16th Dec., 1959; published in the West Pakistan Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 17th Dec., 1959, pages 1895-96; saved and given permanent effect by Article 225 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (1962).

²Substituted for the words “West Pakistan” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation Order), 1974 (Pb. A.O. 1 of 1974); and published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 20.11.1974, pages 1425-A to 1425-PP, see Article 2 and Schedule, Part III, at entry No.31 (w.e.f. 14.8.1973).

³Substituted *ibid.*

⁴Substituted *ibid.*

⁵Substitute *ibid.*

⁶Substituted by the West Pakistan Laws (Extension to Karachi) Ordinance, 1964 (VII of 1964); and published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated 10.6.1964, pages 1911-1920, see s.2 and Schedule, at serial No.31.

⁷Substituted for the words “West Pakistan” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation Order), 1974 (Pb. A.O. 1 of 1974); and published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 20.11.1974, pages 1425-A to 1425-PP, see Article 2 and Schedule, Part III, at entry No.31 (w.e.f. 14.8.1973).

⁸Deleted by the West Pakistan Ordinance Rice (Restriction on Cultivation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1969 (X of 1969) ; and published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated 10.7.1969, pages 1107-1108, s.2.

(ii) “Government” means the ¹¹[Provincial Government of the Punjab.]

3. Powers to regulate cultivation of rice.— ¹²[(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:

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

¹³[(2) The Board of Revenue or any Officer authorised 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 expressions “estate” and “holding” shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the ¹⁴West Pakistan Land Revenue Act, 1967.]

4. Penalty.— 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.

5. Jurisdiction of civil court.— 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.

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

⁹Substituted for the words “Board of Revenue, West Pakistan” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation Order), 1974 (Pb. A.O. 1 of 1974); and published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 20.11.1974, pages 1425-A to 1425-PP, see Article 2 and Schedule, Part III, at entry No.31 (w.e.f. 14.8.1973).

¹⁰Substituted *ibid.*, for “West Pakistan Board of Revenue Act 1957.”

¹¹Substituted *ibid.*, for “Government of West Pakistan”.

¹²Re-numbered by the West Pakistan Ordinance Rice (Restriction on Cultivation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1969 (X of 1969); and published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated 10.7.1969, pages 1107-1108, s.3.

¹³Added *ibid.*, s.3.

¹⁴Now the “Punjab”, see the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (Pb. A.O. 1 of 1974); and published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 20.11.1974, pages 1425-A to 1425-PP, see Article 2 and Schedule, Part III, at entry No.90 (w.e.f. 14.8.1973).