

## ACT VIII OF 1994

### NATIONAL FUND FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT, 1994

An Act to establish the National Fund for Cultural Heritage

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The following Act of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament received the assent President on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1994, and is hereby published for general mation:

Whereas it is expedient to provide for establishment of the National for Cultural Heritage for conservation and preservation of Pakistan's heritage and its proper maintenance and matters connected therewith cultural thereto.

It is hereby enacted as follow:

#### **Short title, extent and commencement.**

This Act may be called National Fund for Cultural Heritage Act. 1994.

It extends to the whole of Pakistan

It shall come into force at once.

Definitions. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in or context,

“Board” means the Board of Governors set up under section 6;

“Fund” means the National Fund for Cultural Heritage established ion 3; and

“National Heritage” means the archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage

**Establishment of the Fund.** As soon as may be, after the establishment of this ordnance, the Federal Government shall establish the fund for Cultural Heritage to carry out the purposes of this Act.

#### **Purposes and objectives of the Fund**

The primary purpose of the Fund is to promote the conservation and preservation of national heritage Pakistan through various means, including financial and technical assistance and to create awareness amongst the people for appreciating and preservation of archaeological, architectural, historical and cultural heritage of Pakistan.

In particular and without prejudice to the foregoing purposes is Fund shall be used to

Undertake measures for preservation and conservation of cultural heritage having archaeological, historical and architectural value;

Acquire or hold in lease any material and cultural property or thereof;

Provide assistance for preservation and maintenance of a historical or archeological monument or an archaeological site;

Create and strengthen cooperation and coordination international, national, provincial and regional organizations involved conservation and preservation of cultural heritage;  
 Provide financial and technical assistance towards preservation national heritage, and for furtherance of academic, scientific and intellectual discourses on the subject relevant thereto;  
 Undertake promotional activities for enhancement of resources the fund; and  
 Undertake and promote research and arrange materials publication of periodicals, monographs and publicity material, including pamphlets, newspapers and posters in furtherance of the objectives of the act.

### **Sources of Fund.**

The Fund shall be financed from the following sources, namely;

Grants from the Federal Government and Provincial Government  
 Aid and assistance from local, national and international agenion  
 Contributions from the private organizations and individuals and  
 Income and earnings from the movable and immovable proper acquired by, or leased to, the Fund.

The amount credited to the Fund shall not lapse at the end financial year and shall be available for utilization at any time.

### **Board of Governors**

The management, overall control and pervision of the affairs of the Fund shall vest in a Board of Governors casisting of the following members, namely:

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| 1. Prime Minister   | Patron             |
| 2. An eminent person of the old of national heritage, to be nominated by the Federal Government from amongst members specified at (vi) below. | Chairman           |
| 3. Federal Minister incharge culture Division   | Co-Chairman        |
| 4. Federal Minister for Finance   | Member             |
| 5. Secretary, Culture Division, Government of Pakistan  | Member             |
| 6. Nine eminent persons in the of national heritage, including the senator and two members of a   | Members            |
| 7. National Assembly to be marinated by the Federal Government  |                    |
| 8. Director General, Department of Archaeology and Museums  | Member / Secretary |

The members of the Board, other than ex officio members, shall be office for a term of three years or for such period as may be determined Federal Government and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

No act or proceedings of the Board shall be invalid merely on the existence of a vacancy in, or a defect in the constitution of, the act.

The Secretariat of the Fund shall be at Islamabad and the Board set up regional offices as, when and where required by it.

The Board may appoint an Executive Committee for carrying out vetions as may be assigned to it by the Board.

**Exemption from tax.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the Tax ordinance, 1979 (XXXI of 1979), al contributions and donations fund shall be exempt from levy of tax.

#### **Accounts of the Fund, etc.**

The accounts of the Fund shall be audited by the Auditor General of Pakistan.

The Board may, from time to time, submit reports to the Federal Government relating to the Fund and its Activities.

#### **Rules.**

The Board may make rules for carrying out the purposes this Act.

#### **Repeal**

The National Fund for Cultural Heritage Ordinance, 19 of 1994), is hereby repealed.