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PART III

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AND INTEGRATION

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 17th August, 2012

No. F. 13(6)/2000-NLA.—WHEREAS Article 251 (1) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan provides that the national language of Pakistan is Urdu and arrangements shall be made for its being used for official and other purposes within 15 days from the commencement of the Constitution.

2. WHEREAS in connection with the preceding purposes it has been decided to establish with immediate effect, the National Language Promotion Department as an attached Department of the Ministry of National Heritage & Integration in terms of Rule 2 (ii) of the Rules of Business, 1973 in order to make necessary arrangements for promoting Urdu as the national language of Pakistan.

Now, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:—

1. Name.—The name of the Department shall be National Language Promotion Department.

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II. **Head of Department.**—The Director General, a BPS-21 officer, shall be the head of the department with necessary staff to discharge his duties.

III. **Functions.**—The functions of the Department shall be as follows or as may be assigned from time to time by the Federal Government :—

1. To consider ways and means for the promotion of Urdu as the national language of Pakistan and to make all necessary arrangements in this regard and to submit recommendations to the Federal Government for expediting the use of the national language.
2. To facilitate introduction of Urdu as the official language throughout the country by arranging to develop dictionaries and other reading materials for the in-service training of personnel working in Government, semi-Government offices, Courts and other institutions.
3. To co-ordinate the work of all Urdu Development Boards.
4. To facilitate the adoption of Urdu as the language of competitive examination in cooperation with the Federal and Provincial Public Service Commissions.
5. To carry out such other responsibilities as the Federal Government may, from time to time, entrust to the Department in regard to the promotion of the national language.

IV. **Responsibilities.**—The Department shall be responsible to take all such actions as may be necessary for achieving the objects of the Department and in particular:—

- (a) To suggest the budget estimates of the Department to the Administrative Division for further processing by the Finance Division.
- (b) To set up Committees in order to secure cooperation and collaboration of all Provincial Governments, other Departments and organizations.
- (c) To frame, with the approval of the Federal government, rules/regulations for carrying out the purposes of the Department.

V. **Finance.**—The fund of the Department shall comprise Government grants and donations from non-governmental sources.

VI. **Accounts.**—The funds of the Department shall be maintained as per financial procedures of the Federal Government.

VII. **Audit.**—The accounts of the Department shall be audited by the Auditor General of Pakistan.

VIII. **Advisory Board.**—An Advisory Board of National Language Promotion Department may be notified comprising of existing 10 non-official and 05 official members. Tenure of Advisory Board shall be three years.

IX. **Service rules.**—The existing recruitment rules shall be reviewed / revised in consultation with establishment division and Federal Public Service Commission.

X. The existing post of Secretary (BS-20), NLA shall be re-designated as Executive Director (BS-20).

XI. **Annual Reports.**—An annual Report about the activities and performance of the Department shall be prepared by the Head of the Department and submitted to the Administrative Division within three months after the close of every financial year.

XII. **The Administrative Division.**—The Ministry of National Heritage & Integration shall be the Administrative Division for all purposes connected with the affairs of the Department and all references of the Department to the Federal Government shall be routed through that Division.

3. This supersedes Cabinet Division's Resolution No. 275/CF/79, dated 4th October, 1979, provided that all actions and decisions taken by the Department shall continue to be in-force, unless such actions and decision are inconsistent with the provisions of this Notification, updated, amended or altered by the Government.

SYED INTIKHAB ALAM,
Deputy Secretary.