

THE SINDH PRIVATE SECURITY  
AGENCIES (REGULATION AND  
CONTROL) ORDINANCE – 2000

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly stands suspended in pursuance of the Proclamation of the fourteenth day of October 1999 and the Provincial Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Sindh is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the aforesaid Proclamation and the Provisional Constitution Order read with Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order No. 9 of 1999 and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of Sindh pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance :-

Short title      1.      (1)      This Ordinance may be called the Sindh Private  
extent and      Security Agencies (Regulation and Control) Ordinance 2000.  
commencement

(2)      It extends to the whole of the Province of Sindh

(3)      It shall come into force at once.

Definitions      2.      In this Ordinance unless there is anything repugnant in  
the subject      or context :-

(a)      "agency" means a private Security agency  
carrying on the business of providing for  
consideration security guards or security  
arrangements and includes any branch of such  
agency.

- (b) "Government" means the Government of Sindh.
- (c) "License" means a license granted under this Ordinance for carrying on the business of an agency.
- (d) "Licensee" means a holder of a license.
- (e) "Licensing Authority" means the licensing Authority appointed under this Ordinance.
- (f) "rules" means rules made under this Ordinance.
- (g) "security guards" includes a watchman engaged by the licensee under the rules.

Prohibition  
against  
continuing an  
agency.

3. No Agency shall be established or continued except in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Licensing  
Authority

4. Government may by notification appoint any person or authority as the Licensing Authority to exercise all or any of the powers of the Licensing Authority.

Application  
for License

5. (1) Any person intending to establish an agency and any person intending that any agency already in existence shall be continued as such shall in the prescribed form and on payment of the prescribed fee, make an application to the Licensing Authority accompanied by a copy of the constitution of the agency and such other documents and information as may be prescribed.

(2) No license shall be issued if the applicant does not fulfill the conditions and requirements prescribed for a license.

(3) The licensing Authority, may on receipt of application, make such enquiry as it considers necessary and subject to such conditions and furnishing such security as may be prescribed grant the application or for reasons to be recorded in writing reject it.

(4) If the licensing Authority grants the application it shall, issue on the prescribed form, a license to the applicant.

(5) The license issued under sub-section (4) shall be valid for year and be renewable on an application in the form and on payment of the prescribed fee.

(6) The Licensing Authority shall maintain a register containing such particulars as may be prescribed, of the licenses issued under sub-section (4).

Establishment 6. (1) An agency not in existence on the coming into and existence force of this Ordinance shall be established only after a license of an agency has been issued under sub-section (4) of section 5.

(2) An agency already in existence shall not be continued for more than six months from the commencement of this Ordinance, unless an application for license has been made within thirty days of such commencement.

(3) Where any application as aforesaid has been made in respect of an existing agency and such application is rejected, then, notwithstanding the period of six months provided in sub-section (2), the agency may be continued for a period of thirty days from the date on which the application is rejected, or of an appeal is preferred until such appeal is dismissed.

Possession  
arms etc.

7. No license shall possess, keep or use arms, ammunitions, radio wireless communication equipment or any other gadget except in accordance with the relevant law.

Conditions to  
be complied  
with by  
agencies.

8. (1) Every license shall,  
(a) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed, submit its Annual Report and audited Accounts to the Licensing Authority.  
(b) furnish to the Licensing Authority such particulars with regard to personnel employed by it or its accounts or other records or such other information as the Licensing Authority may from time to time require.

(2) The licensing Authority, or any officer duly authorized by it on this behalf, may at all reasonable times inspect the premises of the license books of accounts and other records of the license, the securities, cash and or properties held by the agency, and all documents relating thereto.

Amendment of  
the constitution  
of the license.

9. (1) No amendment of the constitution of a licensee shall be valid unless it has been approved by the Licensing Authority, for which purpose the copy of the amendment shall be forwarded to the licensing Authority.

(2) If the Licensing Authority is satisfied that any amendment of constitution is not contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance or rules, it may, if it thinks fit, approve the amendment.

Revocation  
of License.

10. If after making such inquiries as it may think fit, the Licensing Authority is satisfied that the License has failed to comply with provisions with provisions of this Ordinance or rules or conditions of the license, functioning as an organization formation of which is prohibited by law may, by order in writing revoke the license.

Provided that an order of revocation shall not be passed, unless the licensee has been given reasonable opportunity of showing cause.

Appeal

11. The Licensing Authority rejects the application for license or Revokes the license, the application or, as the case may be, the licensee may, within thirty days from the date of the order of the Licensing Authority prefer an appeal to Government and the order passed by Government shall be find and given effect to by the Licensing Authority.

Penalties and Procedure.

12. (1) Any person who
- (a) contravenes any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any rule made thereunder; or
  - (b) in an application for a license under this Ordinance or in the Licensing Authority makes any false statement or false representation,

Shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term, which may extend to two years, or with fine, which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or with both.

(2) Where the person committing an offence under this Ordinance is a company, or other body corporate, or an association of persons, every director, manager, secretary and other officer thereof shall, unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent, be deemed to be guilty of such offence.

(3) No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Ordinance except upon a complaint in writing made by the Licensing Authority, or any officer authorized by it in this behalf.

(4) All offences under this Ordinance shall be triable by the Executive Magistrates.

Indemnity.

13. NO suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything, which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance.

Delegation  
of powers.

14. Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, delegate all or any of its powers under this Ordinance, either generally, or in respect of such agency or class of agencies as may be specified in the notification, to any of its officers.

Additional  
Provisions,

15. (1) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

(2) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as conferring on a licensee or his employee any of the powers, which by any law are conferred upon or exercisable by a police officer, or any other public servant.

Powers to  
Make rules.

16. Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

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Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2000

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