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An Ordinance to provides for the prohibition of taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land by excavation or otherwise, in the Province of Sindh.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the prohibition of taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land by excavation or otherwise, in the Province of Sindh, and provide for matter connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly is not in session and the Governor of Sindh is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 128 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Governor of Sindh is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**

(1) This Ordinance may be called the Sindh Prohibition of taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land) Ordinance, 2003.

(2) It shall be come into force.

2. **Definitions.**

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.

(a) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

(b) "land" includes the land beneath water and subsoil of land; and

(c) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

3. **Registration on taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri.**

Except with the prior sanction of Government or any authority or officer authorized in this respect, no person shall take minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land by excavation or otherwise.

4. **Punishment.**

Whosoever contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall on conviction, be Punishable-

(a) In the case of first conviction with imprisonment which may extend to three months and fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees; and

(b) In the case of any subsequent conviction with imprisonment which may extend to one year and fine not exceeding twenty thousand rupees.

5. **Cognizance**

No court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Ordinance except on a complaint in writing by an officer authorized by Government.

6. **Indemnity.**

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

7. **Rules.**

Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.