Centres of Excellence

Act No. IX OF 1976

An act to amend the Centres of Excellence Act. 1974

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Centres of Excellence Act, 1974 (XXIV of 1974) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short Title and Commencement**.
   (1) This Act may be called the Centres of Excellence (Amendment) Act, 1976.
   (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
   (3) It shall come into force at once.

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

   a) *"Board" means a Board of Governors referred to in sub-section (1) of section 5;*
   b) *"Centre" means an Area Study centre established under section 3;*
   c) *"Commission" means the University Grant Commission established or to be established under the law providing for the establishment of such Commission;*
   d) *"Director" means the Director of a Centre;*
   e) *"regulations" means regulations made under section 11; and*
   f) *"rules" means rules made under section 10.*

3. **Establishment of Centre:-** As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Centre of Excellence in a University specified in the notification

4. **Functions of Centre.-** A Centre shall-

   a) *engage in goal-oriented high level teaching and research;*
   b) *train research workers;*
   c) *establish M. Phil, Ph.D and other programmes in the relevant disciplines in accordance with the standard and requirement of the university in which the Centre is established.*

d) *promote cooperation in inter-disciplinary relationship with other teaching and research establishment;*
e) *arrange conference, seminars and refresher course for the development of teaching and research; and*
f) *conduct teaching and research in such particular field as is assigned to it by the Federal Government in consultation wit the university in which the Centre is established.*

5. Board of Governor:-

(1) The management overall control and supervision of the affairs of a Centre established in a university shall vest in a Board of Governor consisting the following members, namely:-

a) *Vice-Chancellor of the University, who shall also be its Chairman.*
b) *A representative of the Commission;*
c) *A representative of the Pakistan Science Foundation.*
d) *A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:1*
e) *A representative of the Ministry of Education;*
f) *Dean of the relevant Faculty of the University:*
g) *Two experts in the subject to be nominated by the Federal Government on the recommendation of the commission;*
h) *One expert in the subject to be nominated by the Academic Council o f the University.*
i) *one expert in the subject to be nominated by the National Education Coucil*
j) *Director of the Centre.*

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the Board shall have the power to-

a) *approve the academic and research programmes of the Centre, with the concurrence of the Academic Council of the University in which the Centre is established;*
b) *lay down rules of admission to the Centre;*
c) *Institute fellowships for promotion of research in the discipline concerned;*
d) *create, suspend or abolish such posts as may be necessary;*
e) *appoint teachers and other officers; and*
f) *hold control and administer the funds of the Centre.*

(3) A members of a Board referred to in to in paragraph (f) of sub-clause (1) shall hold office for such term as may be determined by the Federal Government.

(4) The meetings of a Board shall be held and when called by the Chairman:

Provided that not less than two meetings shall be held in each year.

(5) In the exercise of its powers and performance of its functions, a Board Shall be subject to such special or general instructions, as may be issued by the Commission from time to time.

(6) The Board may, for the speedy and efficient working of the Centre delegate to the Director such of its powers as it may deem necessary;

6 Director: -

(1) The Director shall be appointed by the Federal Government after consultation with the Commission and the Vice-Chancellor of the University in which the Centre concerned is established on such remuneration and other terms and conditions of service as may be determined by the Federal government.

(2) The Director shall be the academic and executive head of the Centre and secretary of the Board, and shall be responsible to the Board for carrying out the objective of the Centre.

(3) The Director shall perform such other functions and exercise such powers as may be assigned or delegated to him by the Board.

(4) The Director may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign his office.

7. Academic Committee. -

(1) At each Centre there shall be an Academic committee consisting of the following members, namely;-

a) Director, who shall also be its convener;
b) All Professors and Associate Professors of the Centre;
c) Two experts to be nominated by the Commission.

(2) The Committee may (Associate) such other experts as it may consider necessary.

(3) The Committee shall prepare and submit to the Board the academic and research programmes of the Centre.

8. **Fund. -** Each Centre shall have a fund to which shall be credited.

a) *Grants made by the Federal Government, the Provincial Governments and the Commission;*
b) *contributions and donations from individuals, local bodies corporations, institutions, organizations and agencies; and*
c) *income from fees.*

9. Audit and accounts, etc.-

(1) The accounts of a Centre shall be maintained in such form and manner as may be prescribed by rules.

(2) The accounts of a Centre shall be audited once every year by an auditor appointed by the Commission on such remuneration, if may, to be paid by the Centre as the Commission may fix.

(3) A Centre shall submit, through the Commission, to the Federal Government a copy of its audited annual accounts, together with the observations of the Director, if any, thereon, and a report on the activities of the Centre during the preceding year.

(4) A Centre shall furnish to the Federal Government such information relating to its activities as may be asked for by the Federal Government from time to time;

10. **Power to make rules. -** The Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act, including rules to regulate the financial and administrative matters relating to a Centre.

11. **Power to make regulations.-** A Centre may, with the approval of the Commission, make such regulations, not inconsistent with the rules, as it may consider necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.