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THE RULERS OF ACCEDING STATES (ABOLITION OF PRIVY PURSES AND PRIVILEGES) ORDER, 1972

(PRESIDENT'S ORDER NO. 15 OF 1972)
[16th April, 1972]

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish the privy purses of, and other privileges admissible to, the Rulers of Acceding States:

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the 25th day of March, 1969, read with the Proclamation of the 20th day of December, 1971, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President and Chief Martial Law Administrator is pleased to make the following Order:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 22nd day of December, 1971.

2. Order to override other laws. The provisions of this Order shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Provisional Constitution Order or in any other law for the time being in force, or in any Instrument of Accession or any agreement with a Ruler.

3. Interpretation. In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “Acceding State” means a State which has at any time after the fourteenth day of August, 1947, been in accession with Pakistan;

(b) “Privy purse” include any allowance whatever payable to a Ruler under any Instrument of Accession, or other agreement;

(c) “Ruler” means a Ruler of an Acceding State, howsoever designated, and includes a person recognized before the commencement of this Order under the Rulers (Recognition of Successors) Order, 1960 (P.O. No. 15 of 1960), as the successor such Ruler.

4. Abolition of privy purses and withdrawal of other privileges. The right of a Ruler to a privy purse, and all other privileges or titles guaranteed or granted to a Ruler by or under any Instrument of Accession, agreement or under any law, are hereby abolished.

5. Maintenance allowance.—(1) The '[Federal Government]' may grant with effect from the commencement of this Order, in lieu of the privy purse and other privileges of a Ruler abolished under Article 4, maintenance allowance to—

'Subs. by F.A.O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table for “Central Government”.

(a) such Ruler at the rate not exceeding the amount of the privy purse guaranteed or assured to him reduced, however, by the amount, if any, payable out of such privy purse by the way of allowance or otherwise to any dependent of the Ruler; and

(b) a dependent of such Ruler who, immediately before such commencement, was entitled to receive out of the privy purse of such Ruler any payment by way of allowance or otherwise at the rate at which he was entitled, subject to any reduction that the '[Federal Government]' may order.

(2) Any grant of maintenance allowance under clause (1) to a Ruler or a dependent of a Ruler shall ordinarily be for the duration of his life and shall be subject to the condition that such Ruler or dependent bears true faith and allegiance to Pakistan, conscientiously discharges the obligations as citizen of Pakistan and faithfully acts in the interest of the integrity and solidarity of Pakistan.

°[(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1) and subject to clause (2), the Federal Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, increase maintenance allowance of a Ruler or, as the case may be, a dependent of a Ruler.]

6. Articles 4 and 5 to apply to certain Nawabs. The provisions of Articles 4 and 5 shall, so far as may be, apply to the Nawabs of Dera, Tank and Deri, the Shaikh Sahib of Mangrol and the Talukdars of Sardargadh, Sultanabad and Bantwa in the same manner as they apply to a Ruler, in respect of any allowance of whatever kind payable, or any privilege granted, to them before the commencement of this Order.

7. Additional power of the President. Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed to limit or derogate from the power of the President to grant to a Ruler any privilege, facility or concession for such period and on such conditions as he may determine.

8. Power to interpret, etc. If any question arises as to the interpretation of the provisions of this Order or as to whether any Ruler or dependent has contravened any condition referred to in clause (2) of Article 5, it shall be referred to the President for decision and the decision of the President thereon shall be final and shall not be questioned in any court, tribunal or other authority.

'Subs. by F.A.O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table for "Central Government".

?Added by the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) (Amendment) Act, 20