

THE WEST PAKISTAN DEPARTMENTAL INQUIRIES (POWERS) ACT, 1958.

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'THE WEST PAKISTAN DEPARTMENTAL INQUIRIES  
(POWERS) ACT, 1958.

(West Pakistan Act XLV of 1958)  
[23rd September, 1958].

An Act to confer powers for compelling attendance of witnesses and  
production of documents on officers conducting departmental  
inquiries against Government servants in the  
Province of West Pakistan.

Whereas it is expedient to confer powers to compel attendance of Preamble.  
witnesses and production of documents on officers conducting  
departmental inquiries against Government servants in the Province of  
West Pakistan;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Pakistan Departmental Short title and  
Inquiries (Powers) Act, 1958. extent.

\*1(2) It extends to the whole of the \*[Province of the Khyber  
Pakhtunkhwa] except the Tribal Areas].

2. An officer conducting a departmental inquiry against a Power to summon  
Government servant under any rules for the time being in force, may witness and to \_  
exercise the same powers for compelling the attendance of witnesses “[ , ] compe! Production  
production of documents > and issuing commissions for the examination :

of witnesses] as are exercisable by a civil court under the Code of Civil

Procedure, 1908:

Provided that the process issued by the officer conducting the  
departmental inquiry shall be served and executed by the civil court  
having jurisdiction in the place where the witness or the person in  
possession of the documents, as the case may be, resides.

3. Any person disobeying a process issued by an officer in exercise of Penalties.  
the powers conferred by section 2 shall be liable to the same penalties to

which he would have been liable if he had disobeyed a process issued by

the civil court.

4. The West Pakistan Departmental Inquiries (Powers) Ordinance, Repeal.  
1958, is hereby repealed.

1 For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of West Pakistan, 1958, Extraordinary, p 1118.

2 Subs, by W. P. Ord- VII of 1964 s. 2, Sch.

3 Substituted vide Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act. No. IV of 2011.

4 Ins. by W.P. Ord. III of 1961.

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