

BALUCHISTAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT.

NOTIFICATION.

Dated Quetta, 3rd February, 2014.

No.PAB/Legis: V (03)/2014. The Balochistan Introduction of Mother Languages as Compulsory Additional Subject at Primary level Bill 2014, (Bill No.03 of 2014), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 25th January,2014 and assented to by the Governor, Balochistan on 3rd February,2014 is hereby published as an Act of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly.

**THE BALUCHISTAN INTRODUCTION OF MOTHER LANGUAGES AS COMPULSORY
ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AT PRIMARY LEVEL ACT, 2014(ACT NO. III OF 2014).**

(First published after having received the assent of the Governor Balochistan in the Balochistan Gazette (Extra-ordinary) dated 3rd February, 2014).

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ACT**

to provide measures for introduction of mother Tongue as compulsory additional subject at primary level in the Province of Balochistan.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 under Article 251 (3) permits the Provincial Assembly to formulate law prescribing measures for teaching promotion and use of a provincial language in addition to the national language;
AND WHEREAS, it is expedient to regulate the introduction of mother language as compulsory additional subject for teaching at primary level in Balochistan in the manner hereinafter appearing;
It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title, extent
and commencement:** 1.

- (1) This Act may be called "The Balochistan Introduction of Mother Languages as Compulsory Additional Subject at Primary Level Act, 2014".
- (2) It extends to the whole of Balochistan, excluding Tribal Areas.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions: 2.

- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:-
- (a) "Primary Education" means education up to Class V;
 - (b) "Mother Languages" means Balochi, Pashtu, Bravi, Sindhi, Persian, Punjabi, and Siraiki or any other language as notified by the Government;
 - (c) "Schools" means Government, Private Schools and Deeni Madaris;
 - (d) "Government" means the Government of Balochistan;
 - (e) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules.
 - (f) "Rules" means the rules made under this Act; and
 - (g) "District" means a District notified under the Balochistan Land Revenue Act 1967.

Teaching: 3.

- (1) Without prejudice to the status of National language, Mother languages shall be used as compulsory additional subject in educational institutions at primary level.
- (2) The Government may by Notification in the official Gazette determine the Mother language to be as compulsory additional subject for teaching in a district:

Provided that the Government shall decide the compulsory additional subject and assessment in Quetta city.

Provision of Books: 4.

The Government shall provide textbooks for primary level in the prescribed Mother languages in each District.

**Capacity Building
of Teachers:** 5.

- (1) The Government shall capacitate the teachers to impart instruction through the prescribed Mother languages.
- (2) The Government shall make Mother Languages as an integral part of pre-service teachers' education and each student teacher shall have the right to opt any Mother language.

- Promotion and Development of Mother Languages:** 6. The Government shall ensure through research that the Mother languages are developed, promoted and projected to complete with other developed national and international languages.
- Power to make Rules:** 7. The Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
- Removal of Difficulties:** 8. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provision of this Act, the Government shall make such orders, not inconsistent with the provision of this Act, as may appear to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty.

Secretary.

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Dated Quetta, the 3rd February, 2014