

THE BALOCHISTAN PROHIBITION OF WALVER ACT, 1964

(W.P. Act I of 1964)

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¹THE ²[BALOCHISTAN³] PROHIBITION OF WALVER ACT, 1964

(W.P. Act I of 1964)

[6th February, 1964]

An Act to prohibit "Walver" in the Division of Quetta in the ²[Balochistan].

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit the giving or accepting of walver in the Division of Quetta in ²[Balochistan];

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the ²[Balochistan] Prohibition of Walver Act, 1964.

(2) It extends to the Division of Quetta, except the Tribal Areas.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

(a) "Government" means the Government of ²[Balochistan];

(b) "Walver" means the amount, in cash or kind paid or agreed to be paid to the parent, guardian or otherwise relative of a woman by any person in consideration of the betrothal or marriage of such woman with that person or any other person.

Prohibition of
walver.

3. No person shall give or agree to give or accept or agree to accept walver under any circumstances.

Penalty.

4. (1) Whoever contravenes the provision of section 3 shall, on first conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may

¹ This Act was passed by the W. P. Assembly on 8th January, 1964; assented to by the Governor of W. P. on 28th January, 1964; and published in the W. P. Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 6th February, 1964, pages 399-A to 399-B. For Statement of Objects and Reasons see West Pakistan Gazette (Extraordinary), 1963, dated 2nd July, 1963, pages 2931 to 2933.

² Subs. by Baln. Laws (Adaptation) Order 1975, for the words "West Pakistan".

³ Spelling of the word "Baluchistan", wherever it appears in this regulation, is corrected by insertion of letter "o" instead of "u"; as per Government of Balochistan, S&GAD's Notification No. SORI (4) 6/ S&GAD-89, dated 18th June, 1989.

extend to three thousand rupees or with both, and on subsequent conviction, with imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both.

(2) Abetment of or attempt to commit an offence under section 3 shall be punishable as an offence under section 3.

Award to
informers.

5. The Court trying an offence under this Act may direct that any amount, not exceeding forty per cent of such sum as may be realised by way of fine in respect of the offence, be awarded to the person or persons supplying information relating to the commission of the offence.

Powers to make
rules.

6. Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
