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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN

GILGIT-BALTISTAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Gilgit, the 26th April, 2016

THE GILGIT-BALTISTAN PROHIBITION OF EXPRESSING MATTERS ON WALLS ACT, 2016

(Act No. II of 2016)

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Acr An Act to prohibit expression of matters on walls in the Gilgit-Baltistan.

Preamble.—WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit the expression of matters on the walls in the Gilgit-Baltistan;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

- Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Gilgit-Baltistan Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 2016.
 - It shall extend to the whole of the Gilgit-Baltistan. (2)
 - It shall come into force at once.

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2. Prohibition of expressing matters on walls.—Whoever affixes or causes to be affixed any poster, bill, notice, placard or other paper or means of advertisement on a wall/signboard or writes on any wall/signboard with chalk or paint or in any other manner whatsoever or expresses or describes any matter on any wall/signboard in any manner whatsoever with the intention to attract public attention to that matter shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees or more than one hundred thousand rupees or with both.

Exception.—It shall not be an offence under this Section, if the owner or possessor of the wall expresses any particulars relating to himself or his business thereon.

- 2A. Cognizance and summary trial.—(1) An offence under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.
- (2) A Magistrate of the first class (Executive Magistrate) shall conduct the trial of an offence under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) relating to the summary trials.]
- 3. Removal of existing expressions on walls/signboards.—Within a period of thirty days from the commencement of this Act every Local Council shall cause to be removed all matters expressed on the walls/signboards within its jurisdiction the expression of which is prohibited by this Act.
- 4. Power to make rules.—The Government of Gilgit-Baltistan may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act as and when required in best interest of the people of GB.