

CHAPTER - II

LOCAL AREAS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

SECTION 5: COMPOSITION OF LOCAL AREAS.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following shall be the Local Areas, namely:-

- (i) Union;
- (ii) Taluka;
- (iii) Town; and
- (iv) District and City District.

SECTION 6: DELIMITATION OF UNIONS.

A Union shall be an area comprising one or more Dehs or, in the case of an area where revision of settlement under the law has not been taken, one or more census villages or, in the case of an area with urban characteristics, a whole number of population census blocks as delimited for the purpose of last preceding census or a combination of whole number of census blocks and a whole number of Dehs, notified as such by the Government:

Provided that, as far as may be,-

- (a) *the area of a Union shall be a territorial unity;*
- (b) *the boundaries of a Union shall not cross the limits of a Taluka, or a Town in a City District;*
- (c) *the area of a Union in a Taluka shall comprise a whole number of tapedari circles, or a tapedari circle may contain a number of whole Unions;*
- (d) *the area of a Union in a City District, or a Union with urban characteristics shall comprise a whole number of census blocks as delimited for the purpose of the preceding population census or a whole number of dehs or a combination of a whole number of census blocks and dehs; and*
- (e) *the population of Unions within a District shall, more or less, be uniform:*

Provided further that in a specific case, the Government may, for the reasons to be recorded, waive the aforesaid conditions.

SECTION 7: DELIMITATION OF TALUKAS AND DISTRICTS.

The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, declare Talukas and Districts notified under the Sindh Land Revenue Act, 1967 (W.P.Act XVII of 1967), to be Talukas or, as the case may be, Districts under this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: CREATION OF A CITY DISTRICT.

¹⁵[(1) In addition to the Provincial headquarters notified by the Government as City District of Karachi, the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare a Taluka or Talukas within one or more adjoining Districts as a City District if-

- (a) the population of urban settlement therein or of proximate settlement exceeds one million people;

- (b) the economy thereof is largely oriented to commercial, industrial, and services sectors, and, according to the last preceding census, the labour force employed in such sectors or in non-agricultural sectors is more than sixty six percent; and
- (c) the existing administrative and municipal infrastructure therein have become inadequate for efficient service delivery and require integrated development and management.

(2) For the purpose of creation of a City District, the Unions in the District affected by such creation may be delimited in accordance with Section 6:

Provided that in all other Districts Section 11 of this Ordinance shall apply.]

SECTION 9: SETTING UP OF A TOWN.

(1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare a whole number of contiguous Unions to be a Town in the City District under this Ordinance.

(2) On notification referred to in sub-section (1), the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare every Town referred to in that sub-section to be a Taluka or sub-division for the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10: LOCAL AREAS UNDER PREVIOUS LAW TO CONTINUE.

Unless varied under this Ordinance, any Local Area declared or notified by the Government under the Sindh Local Government Election Ordinance, 2000 (X of 2000), as Union, Taluka, Town, District or City District shall continue to retain such status and shall be deemed to have been notified as such under this Ordinance.

SECTION 11: ALTERATION OF LOCAL AREAS.

(1) Any two or more adjoining Unions within a Taluka or adjoining Talukas within a District may, after having invited public objections through a resolution, during the third year of their being in office, passed by two-third majority of the total membership of each of the relevant Union Councils, or as the case may be, Taluka Councils, make a proposal to the Government for a change in their respective boundaries subject to the conditions that no revenue estate shall be divided and the size of population in the Unions shall, as far as possible, be close to the average population of Unions within a District.

(2) The Government may, subject to previous publication, notify the change in the boundaries of the Unions, Talukas or Towns:

Provided that such change shall come into force on the announcement of next Local Governments elections.

SECTION 12: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR LOCAL AREAS.

- (1) For each Local Area, there shall be a Local Government comprising-
 - (a) District Government and Zila Council in a District or a City District;
 - (b) Taluka Municipal Administration and Taluka Council in a Taluka;
 - (c) Town Municipal Administration and Town Council in a Town; and
 - (d) Union Administration and Union Council in a Union.

(2) In case of a District consisting of a single Taluka, the Government may dispense with setting up of Taluka Council and holding of election of Taluka Nazim and Naib Taluka Nazim in such Taluka and in that case the Taluka Municipal Administration shall function directly under Zila Nazim and the functions of Taluka Council shall be performed by the Zila Council.

(3) In case of a Taluka consisting of a single Union, the Government may dispense with setting up of Taluka Council and holding of election of Taluka Nazim and Taluka Naib Nazim in such Taluka and in that case the functions of the Taluka Municipal Administration shall be performed by the Union Administration ¹⁶[and the functions of Taluka Council shall be performed by the Union Council.]

