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**No. G. G. O. 15** - The following Order made by the Governor General is published for general information:

**THE PAKISTAN (ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL)  
ORDER, 1948**

Whereas it has been resolved by the Constitution Assembly of Pakistan

- (a) That the capital of Pakistan shall be located at Karachi;
- (b) That all executive and administrative authority in respect of Karachi and such neighbouring areas which in the opinion of the Central Government may be required for purposes of the capital of Pakistan shall vest in and shall be exercised by or on behalf of the Government of Pakistan and the legislative power shall vest in the Federal Legislature; and
- (c) that notwithstanding anything in any law for the time being in force, the Government of Pakistan shall proceed forthwith to take such steps and adopt such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the purposes of this motion;

And Whereas sub-section (I) of section 290A of the *Government of India Act, 1935*, as in force in Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as the Act), provides that the Governor General may by order demarcate; for purposes of the capital of the Federation, an area forming part of a province, and thereupon so much of the area as may be specified in the said order shall cease to form part of that province;

AND WHEREAS sub-section (2) of the said section provides inter alia that an order made under that section may contain such provisions as the Governor-General may deem necessary or proper with respect to the laws which are to be in force to that area and jurisdiction therein of any court theretofore exercising the jurisdiction of the High Court, and for apportionments and adjustments of, and in respect of, assets and liabilities, and for other supplemental, incidental and consequential matters ;

Now, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Constituent Assembly referred to above, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the aforesaid provisions and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor-General is pleased to make the following Order:-

## **PART I - INTRODUCTORY**

1. This Order may be cited as the Pakistan (Establishment of the Federal Capital), Order 1948.
2. The General Clauses Act, 1897, as adopted, applies for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of a Central Act.

## **PART II - DEMARCATION OF KARACHI AS THE CAPITAL OF THE FEDERATION AND ITS DELIMITATION**

3. (1) As from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint, the area specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order shall, for the purposes of the Capital of the Federation, be demarcated from Sind as defined in Article 3 of the *Government of India (Constitution of Sind) Order, 1936*, and formed into an administrative unit to be called Karachi.  
  
(2) The external boundaries of Karachi shall be as described in Part II of the said Schedule.  
  
(3) The decision of the Governor-General on any question which may arise with respect to the boundaries of any district, taluka, town, port, village, estate, or the other area referred to in the said schedule, or otherwise with respect to the delimitation of the boundaries of Karachi, shall be final.
4. The areas included in Karachi, in accordance with the preceding Article, shall, as from the date appointed under that Article cease to form part of the Province of Sind.

## **PART III - EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF KARACHI.**

5. The executive authority of Karachi shall be exercised by the Governor General either directly, or to such extent as he thinks fit, through an Administrator to be appointed by him, and that authority shall also extend to all matters included in List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Act.
6. Unless and until other provision is duly made, all enactments and laws, and all notifications, orders, schemes, rules, forms or bye-laws issued, made or prescribed thereunder, which immediately before the date appointed under Article 3 are in force in, or prescribed for, and of the areas comprised in Karachi, shall continue to be in force and shall have effects in Karachi.
7. Such persons serving under the Government of Sind immediately before the date appointed under Article 3, as may be determined by the Governor-General may, notwithstanding

anything contained in any law or in the terms of their appointment or their conditions of service, be required to serve in, or in connection with the affairs of Karachi.

#### **PART IV- APPORTIONMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

8. (1) As soon as may be after the date appointed under Article 3, there shall be appointed, in the manner hereinafter provided, a Committee of representatives of the Central Government and the Government of Sind, to make recommendations for apportionment and adjustment of assets and liabilities which may become necessary in consequence of the establishment of the Capital of the Federation at Karachi.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of 6 representatives, 3 of whom shall be nominated by each of the two Governments, and a Chairman to be nominated by the Governor-General.
- (3) The meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with such directions as the Chairman may, from time to time give.
- (4) The Governor-General shall pass orders in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee in so far as they are unanimous. In the event of the Committee failing to reach agreement on any matter the Governor-General shall pass such orders with respect to that matter as he considers just and his decision thereon shall be final.

#### **PART V- OTHER MATTERS**

9. Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 290A of the Act, the Chief Court of Sind shall continue to be the High Court for Karachi and shall retain such jurisdiction as it has immediately before the date appointed under Article 3, rule, form or bye-law passed, issued made before the date appointed under Article 3, any court may, subject to any express provision of this Order, construct the enactment, notification, order, scheme, rule, form or bye-law with such alterations not affecting the substance as may be necessary or proper to adapt it to the matter before the court.

### **SCHEDULE TO THE ORDER UNDER SECTION 290-A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACT 1935**

#### **PART I**

Karachi shall comprise the following areas:-

- (1) Karachi city including the Cantonment and islands in the harbor of Karachi, namely Manora, Bhit, Baba, Bunker and Shamspir.

(2) Dehs:-

<b>Deh</b>	<b>Deh</b>	<b>Deh</b>
1. Mann	19. Sor Jani	37. Tor
2. Allah Bano	20. Babrano	38. Doozan
3.Lal Bakhar No. I & II	21. Gujhro	39.Thadhro
4.Mendiari	22.Okewari	40. Maharan
5. Chhatara	23. Drigh Road	41. Thano
6. Moachh	24. Dih	42. Landhi
7. Gabo Pat	25. Ibrahim Hydri	43. Gangiaro
8. Mochko	26. Pihai	44. Rehri
9. Gund Pas	27. Sharabi	45. Khanto
10. Mai Garhi	28. Drigh	46. Sanhro
11. Metan	29. Safuran	47. Khakhar
12. Orangi	30. Songal	48. Malh
13. Karilaki	31. Biti Amri	49. Darsano Chhano
14. Pir Mango	32. Taisar	50. Bazar
15. Halkani	33. Nangan	51. Khar Kharo
16. Hab	34. Mokhi	52. Konkar
17. Bund Murad	35. Bijarji Buthi	53. Nara Thar
18. Jam jo Chakhro	36. Tahming	54. Shah Murid

## **PART II**

The external boundaries of Karachi are as follows:

2. On the West the boundary of Karachi is the river Hub from the point where it falls into the sea up to the northern boundary of Deh Bund Murad; from there it proceeds southwards and eastwards following the southern boundaries of Dehs Mithaghar and Mahyon; thence in the northern direction along the southern boundary of Deh Allah Pihai; then along the western and northern boundaries of Deh Shah Murid ; from there proceeding in the southern-eastern direction along the eastern boundaries of Narathar and Konkar upto Nai Langheji, then along the southern boundary Kathor turning towards and following the western boundary of Deh Amilano touching Nai Malir ; thence along the northern and western boundaries of Chuhar upto Nai Sukan; from Nai Sukan along the southern boundary of Deh Darsano Chhano, eastern boundary of Deh Sanhro and the eastern boundary of Deh Khanto upto the railway line, then to the west along the railway line up to the western boundary of Deh Bakran upto the seashore, and from there Karachi is bounded on the South by the sea (including the islands of Manora, Bhit, Baba, Bunker and Shamspir) upto where the river Hub falls into it:

**M.A. JINNAH**  
**Governor-General**

**M. W. ABBASI,**  
**Joint Secretary.**