

**A  
Bill**

*to provide for the establishment of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
Endowment Fund for Kalash Community.*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient to provide for the establishment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Endowment Fund for Kalash Community to be utilized on their social and cultural preservation and promotion, cultural-cum-religious festivals including funeral ceremonies and for such other matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted by the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as follows:

**1. Short title, application and commencement.**---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Endowment Fund (Kalash Community) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall apply to the Kalash Community, as defined in clause (g) of section 2 of this Act.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definition.**---In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

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- (a) **“Bank”** means a scheduled Bank or a financial Institution in whose custody and control the Fund shall be kept and invested;
- (b) **“Chairman”** means Chairman of the Committee;
- (c) **“Committee”** means the Committee, constituted under section 5 of this Act;
- (d) **“family member”** means father, mother, husband or wife, as the case may be, legitimate children and step children, sisters and minor brothers that were residing with and were wholly dependent upon a deceased member of Kalash Community;
- (e) **“Fund”** means the Fund established under section 3 of this Act;
- (f) **“Government”** means the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- (g) **“Kalash Community”** mean the members of the Kalash Community who are believers of Kalash religion and resident of District Chitral Lower;
- (h) **“prescribed”** means prescribed by rules;
- (i) **“Qazi”** means the traditional, religious and community leader of the Kalash people, responsible for performing rituals,




guiding spiritual practices and upholding customary laws within the Kalash Community;

- (j) "rules" mean rules made under this Act; and
- (k) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Committee.

**3. Establishment of the Fund.**---(1) Soon after the commencement of this Act, Government shall establish a Fund to be known as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Endowment Fund for Kalash Community, which shall be utilized on their social and cultural preservation and promotion, cultural-cum-religious festivals including funeral ceremonies of the Kalash Community in the manner, as may be prescribed.

(2) The Fund shall be established with an initial capital of rupees one hundred (100) million and may, from time to time, be credited with-

  
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- (a) grants from Government;
- (b) grants from philanthropists, non-government organizations and other organizations, working for the welfare of Kalash Community; and
- (c) income from any other legal source.

(3) The profit, accrued on the Fund, shall be utilized for the purposes, as provided in sub-section (1).

**4. Control and management of the Fund.**---The Fund shall be under the administrative control of the Committee and shall be kept in a Bank and invested in such a manner, as may be determined by the Committee.

**5. Constitution of the Committee.**---(1) There shall be an Assessment Committee to be known as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Endowment Fund Assessment Committee, to perform functions, as provided in section 6 of this Act.

(2) The Committee shall consist of-

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| (a) | Deputy Commissioner, District Chitral Lower;  | Chairman |
| (b) | Additional Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Planning, District Chitral Lower;   | Member   |
| (c) | a representative of the Auqaf, Hajj, Religious and Minority Affairs Department of Government, not below the rank of BPS-17;               | Member   |
| (d) | District Health Officer (DHO), District Chitral Lower or his representative, not below the rank of Deputy District Health Officer (DDHO); | Member   |



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| (e) | Assistant Director, Local Government,<br>District Chitral Lower;      | Member                        |
| (f) | four Qazis from Kalash Community,<br>including Chief Qazi;            | Members                       |
| (g) | one female Qazi from Kalash Community;                                | Member                        |
| (h) | Tehsil Municipal Officer, Darosh, District<br>Chitral Lower; and      | Member                        |
| (i) | Additional Assistant Commissioner, Darosh,<br>District Chitral Lower. | Member<br>-cum-<br>Secretary. |

(3) The Chairman may nominate any other person as co-opted member.

(4) The members at clauses (f) and (g), shall be appointed by the Chairman on the recommendations of the Kalash Community.

(5) The members at clauses (f) and (g), may resign from their office by tendering resignation in writing to the Chairman.

**6. Functions of the Committee.**---The Committee shall-

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- (a) receive applications from the family member for the purpose of financial support for funeral ceremonies of the deceased members of the Kalash Community;
- (b) receive applications from the Kalash Community for their cultural preservation and promotion including cultural-cum-religious festivals;
- (c) scrutinize the applications, as mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) above;
- (d) approve a specified amount, for the purposes, as mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 3 of this Act;
- (e) determine the extent of financial support to the Kalash Community or family member, as the case may be, for a period of one year;
- (f) distribute the released amount; and
- (g) constitute any other committee for a specific purpose.

**7. Meetings of the Committee.**---(1) The Chairman may convene meeting of the Committee on need basis at such time and place, as he may deem necessary, which is convenient for the transaction of its business.



(2) The Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Committee and in his absence, he shall nominate a member of the Committee to preside over the meeting.

(3) The quorum of the meeting of the Committee shall be two third of its total membership in which presence of two Qazis shall be necessary.

(4) The decisions of the Committee shall be taken by majority of its members present. In case of tie, the Chairman or the member presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(5) The Secretary of the Committee shall prepare the agenda and shall record the minutes of the meeting.

(6) The non-official members shall be entitled to receive honoraria, the amount and manner of which shall be determined in such form and by such authority, as may be prescribed.

8. **Account of the Fund.**---The Deputy Commissioner of District Chitral Lower shall be responsible to maintain the account of the Fund and its presentation to the Committee regularly on quarterly basis.

9. **Audit and account.**---(1) The account of the Fund shall be audited by the Auditor General of Pakistan once in a financial year in the prescribed manner.

(2) The account of the Fund shall be maintained in such form and manner, as may be prescribed.

(3) The amount, from the Fund, shall not be withdrawn, unless it is approved by the Committee.

(4) Withdrawal of amount from the Fund shall be permissible only under the joint signature of the Chairman and Secretary.

10. **Restriction.**---A family member, once compensated under this Act, shall not be entitled to claim for any other compensation for the same under any other law for the time being in force.

11. **Annual report.**---(1) As soon as possible after the end of each financial year, not later than the thirtieth day of September following, the Committee shall, through the Department, submit to the Government a report on the conduct of its affairs during that year, including measures taken for the protection and promotion of the rights, welfare and cultural heritage of the Kalash Community.


(2) The Government may examine and scrutinize the reports, referred to in sub-section (1), in the same manner as it examines the reports of various departments of Government.

12. **Power to make rules.**---Government may, within ninety days, make rules, by notification in the official Gazette, for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

It is desirable to establish the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Endowment Fund for Kalash Community to be utilized on their cultural preservation and promotion, cultural-cum-religious festivals including funeral ceremonies. Hence, this Bill.

  
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