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An Act to provide for the prohibition of taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land by excavation or otherwise, in the Province of Sindh.

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to provide for prohibition of taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land by excavation or otherwise, in the Province of Sindh, and provide for matter connected therewith or ancillary thereto; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Sindh (Prohibition of taking minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land) Act, 2003. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force.

**2.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context. **Definitions.**

(a) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

(b) "land" includes the land beneath water and subsoil of land; and

(c) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

**3.** Except with the prior sanction of Government, no person shall take minerals including reti (sand) and bajri from any land by excavation or otherwise: **Restriction on taking minerals including reti(sand) and bajri.**

Provided that no sanction shall be accorded if it adversely affects the Topography, Archaeology, Ecology and Environments of that area.

**4.** Whosoever contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall on conviction, be Punishable- **Punishment.**

(a) In the case of first conviction with imprisonment which may extend to three months and fine, not exceeding ten thousand rupees; and

(b) In the case of any subsequent conviction with imprisonment which may extend to one year and fine not exceeding twenty thousand rupees.

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5. No court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act except on a complaint in writing by any officer authorized by Government. **Cognizance**
6. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act. **Indemnity.**
7. Government may by notification in the Official Gazette make rules for varying out the purposes of this Act. **Rules.**
8. The Sindh (Prohibition of taking Minerals including reti(sand) bajri from any land) Ordinance, 2003 is hereby repealed. **Repeal.**