

NOTIFICATION.

30th April, 1975.

No. 2000.—WHEREAS it appears necessary for maintaining supplies of foodstuffs and for securing their equitable distribution and availability at fair prices within the North-West Frontier Province.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 read with section 4 of the West Pakistan Foodstuffs (Control) Act, 1958 (W. P. Act XX of 1958) the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province is pleased to make the following orders:—

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:**—(1) This Order may be called the North-West Frontier Province Foodstuffs (Control) Order, 1975.

(2) It extends to the whole of the North-West Frontier Province.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions:**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(a) "District Magistrate" the District Magistrate of a district;

(b) "Foodstuff" means the commodities specified in the Schedule;

(c) "Government" means the Government of the North-West Frontier Province;

(d) "Inspector" means, within his respective jurisdiction, a District Magistrate, a Magistrate, any officer of the Food Department not below the rank of a Foodgrain Inspector, any officer of the Police Department not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector, any Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Naib-Tehsildar and such other officers as may be designated by the District Magistrate for purposes of this Order;

(e) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to this Order; and

(f) "Trader" means any person carrying on, in conjunction with any other business or not the business of foodstuffs whether wholesale or retail.

3. **Fixation of prices and appointment of District Committee:**—(1) As soon as may be after the notification of this Order in the official Gazette, a District Magistrate may, in consultation with the District Committee or otherwise, fix prices of the foodstuffs, and different prices may be fixed for different localities in the District.

(2) For the purpose of sub-clause (1), the District Magistrate shall appoint a District Committee consisting of such number of representatives of traders and consumers and such other officers as he may deem fit.

(3) The Prices fixed under sub-clause (1) shall be displayed by the traders at a conspicuous place of their business premises.

4. **Disposal of foodstuffs at fixed prices:**—No trader shall sell or dispose of or attempt to sell or dispose of any foodstuffs except at the price fixed by the District Magistrate.

5. **Prohibition of hoarding or with holding from sale of foodstuffs:**—No trader shall hoard or withhold from sale any foodstuffs which is ordinarily possessed and kept for sale.

6. **Traders to provide facilities for inspection:**—Every trader shall give all facilities at all reasonable times to any Inspector for the inspection of his stocks at any shop, godown or other place used by him for the storage or sale of foodstuffs.

7. **Inspection:**—For more effective enforcement of this Order, an Inspector may—

(a) require any person to give any information in his possession with respect to the purpose, sale, storage, transfer or disposal of a foodstuff which has been or is in his possession or and under his control;

(b) enter and search any premises and seize any quantity of the foodstuffs in respect of which he has reason to believe that a contravention of this Order has been, is being or is about to be committed.

□ Clause (3) added *vide* Food Department Notification No. 2877/PMD/8 Dated 28th February, 1977.

[1] "1958" substituted for "1975" *vide* Notification No. 5647/FG/237-KWIV dated 27th March, 1976.

