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ORDINANCE NO. XXVIII OF 1984

[23rd April, 1984]

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Livestock Research Institute.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Livestock Research Institute and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

Now, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the proclamation of the 24th March, 1982, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Livestock Research Institute Ordinance, 1984.

Short title and commencement

- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the *official Gazette*, appoint.
- 2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
 - (a) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute;
 - (b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;
 - (c) "Institute" means the Livestock Research Institute established under section 3;
 - (d) "member" means a member of the Board; and
 - (e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations made under this Ordinance.
- Establishment **3.** (1) There shall be an Institute to be called the Livestock of the Institute Research Institute for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

Definitions

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

General direction

4. Subject to the rules and regulations made under this Ordinance, the general direction, administration and supervision of the affairs of the Institute shall vest in a Board of Governors which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things that may be exercised or done by the Institute.

Board

- **5.** The Board shall consist of the following members, namely:-
 - (a) Minister, Fisheries and Livestock Division, who shall also be the Chairman of the Board;
 - (b) Secretary, Fisheries and Livestock Division, who shall also be the Vice-Chairman of the Board, *ex-officio*;
 - (c) Secretary, Finance Division, ex-officio;
 - (d) Executive Vice-Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, *ex-officio*;
 - (e) Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University, *ex-officio*;
 - (f) Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission, exofficio;
 - (g) Director of Livestock Services, ex-officio;
 - (h) two persons to be appointed by the Government from among persons engaged in research activities in the Institute;
 - (i) two persons to be appointed by the Government from among persons having interest in livestock matters; and
 - (j) Director-General of the Institute, who shall also be the member secretary of the Board.
 - **6.** The functions of the Institute shall be-
 - (a) to identify and solve the basic livestock problems of the country through research;
 - (b) to develop suitable method for quick diagnosis and treatment of various livestock diseases;

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- (c) to study epidemiology on the existing situation of various bacterial, viral, fungal, parasitic diseases and their pathogenic effects on the productivity of animals;
- (d) to study immunological characteristic of various organism of important diseases of livestock and poultry and to develop appropriate technology for production of suitable biologics;
- (e) to develop suitable breed of livestock for increasing production of milk, meat and drought powers and poultry for eggs and meat;
- (f) to develop methods for improving production and preservation of fodder and feeds, and for better utilisation of agricultural by-products, wastes and non-conventional foodstuff for improving livestock production;
- (g) to improve management practices that will ensure better health and production of animals and birds;
- (h) to evaluate indigenous herbs and shrubs and explore the possibility of their use as drugs in livestock treatment;
- (i) to identify poisonous plants and their effects on animal health and their remedy;
- (j) to develop improved methods for collection, processing and storage of livestock products that will reduce spoilage and improve storage quality;
- (k) to assess the production cost of components of various livestock and their products;
- to identify marketing problems of livestock and their products and develop suitable system for grading and marketing of livestock products;
- (m) to improve livestock production technology;
- n) to disseminate information regarding research of livestock to the farmers;
- (o) to organise seminar, symposium and workshop on problems of national importance in the field of livestock;
- (p) to publish annual reports of the activities of the Institute; and
- (q) to perform such other functions as may be necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Meeting of the Board

7. (1) The meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places and in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that, until so prescribed, such meetings shall be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Chairman.

- (2) To constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board not less than five members shall be present.
- (3) All meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman and, in his absence, by the Vice-Chairman and in the absence of both, by a member authorised in writing by the Chairman.
- (4) No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalid or be called in question merely on the ground of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the Board.

Director-General

- **8.** (1) There shall be a Director-General for the Institute who shall be appointed by the Government for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be determined by it.
- (2) The Director-General shall be a whole-time officer and the chief executive of the Institute.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Director-General shall be responsible for the efficient management of the affairs and business of the Institute and for the proper execution of the decisions of the Board.
- (4) The Director-General shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Board or as may be prescribed.
- (5) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Director-General or if the Director-General is unable to discharge the functions of his office on account of absence, illness or any other cause, the Government shall make such arrangement for discharging the functions of the Director-General as it may consider expedient.

Appointment of officers, etc.

9. Subject to the approval of the Government the Institute may appoint such officers and other employees as it consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

10. The Board may appoint such committees as it may consider necessary to assist it in the performance of its functions.

Committees

11. The Board may, by general or special order in writing, direct that such of its powers shall, in such circumstances and under such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order, be exercisable also by the Chairman or the Director-General, or by such other member or by such officer of the Institute as may be so specified:

Delegation of powers

Provided that no power to make regulations under section 19 shall be delegated under this section.

12. (1) The funds of the Institute shall comprise-

Funds of the Institute

- (a) grants made by the Government;
- (b) grants from the local authorities;
- (c) loans obtained from the Government or, with the prior approval of the Government, from the local authorities;
- (d) sale proceeds and royalties accruing from the property owned by the Institute;
- (e) receipt from any other source.
- (2) The funds of the Institute shall be kept in a nationalised commercial bank or in such other scheduled bank as the Government may determine.
- 13. The Institute shall, by such date in each year as may be specified by the Government, submit to the Government for approval a budget for each financial year showing the estimated receipts and expenditure and the sums which are likely to be required from the Government during that financial year.

Budget of the Institute

14. (1) The Institute shall maintain its accounts in such manner and form as may be prescribed.

Audit and accounts

(2) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of Bangladesh, hereinafter in this section referred to as the Auditor-General, in such manner as he deems fit.

- (3) For the purpose of an audit under sub-section (2), the Auditor-General or any person authorised by him in this behalf shall have access to all records, books, documents, cash, securities, stores and other property of the Institute and may examine the Chairman or any member or any officer or employee of the Institute.
- (4) The Auditor-General shall, as soon as possible after completion of the audit, send to the Board his audit report and the Board shall forward it with its comments thereon to the Government.
- (5) The Institute shall take steps forthwith to remedy any defects or irregularity pointed out in the audit report.

Submission of annual reports, etc.

- **15.** (1) The Institute shall, as soon as possible after the end of every financial year, submit to the Government an annual report on the conduct of its affairs for that year.
- (2) The Government may require the Institute to furnish any report, return, statement, estimate, statistics or other information regarding any matter under the control of the Institute and the Institute shall comply with every such requisition.

Certain organisations to cease to exist etc.

- **16.** (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or in any regulation, resolution, agreement, contract or other instrument, on the commencement of this Ordinance-
 - (a) the Central Cattle Breeding Station, hereinafter referred to as the said organisations, shall cease to exist;
 - (b) such assets and properties, movable or immovable, used by or for the purposes of the said organisations as are specified by the Government by order in writing shall stand transferred to, and vest in, the Institute;
 - (c) such officers and other employees employed in the said organisations as are specified by the Government by order in writing shall stand transferred to the Institute and shall serve the Institute on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to them immediately before such transfer:

Provided that the Institute may, with the approval of the Government, alter such terms and conditions:

Provided further that if the terms and conditions so altered are disadvantageous to any officer or employee, such officer or employee may opt to revert to his original post or service.

- (2) The Government may, for the purposes of removing any difficulty in relation to the transfer and other matter specified in sub-section (1), make such order as it may consider expedient and any such order shall be deemed to be given effect to as part of the provisions of this Ordinance.
- 17. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie Indemnity against the Board, the Chairman, the Director-General or any member or any officer or employee of the Institute for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Ordinance.

18. The Government may, by notification in the *official Gazette*, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

Power to make

rules

19. (1) The Board may make regulations, no inconsistent with this Ordinance or rules made thereunder, to provide for all matters for which provision is necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Power to make regulations

(2) All regulations made under this section shall be published in the *official Gazette* and shall come into force on such publication.