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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
(ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION)**

No.4/1/91-R.7/R.3

Islamabad the 6th September, 2000

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT POLICY IN REGARD TO
AUTONOMOUS BODIES ESTABLISHED
THROUGH RESOLUTIONS.**

The undersigned is directed to state that a number of autonomous bodies were established by the Federal Government from time to time through Resolutions under which some measure of functional autonomy was allowed to the Board of Governors/Board of Directors for the purpose of effective discharge of their allocated responsibilities. The legal status of such organizations came up for consideration before the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.154 of 1988, and it was held by the Court that organizations established through Resolutions were not bodies corporate but Government departments, and their employees were held to be civil servants.

2. In the light of the aforesaid decision of the Supreme Court the question whether the organizations established through Resolution should be made bodies corporate after fulfilling

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the required legal formality, or be run as a department of Government has remained under consideration of the Government for some time. The Chief Executive has now been pleased to approve the following general policy guidelines:-

- i) All Ministries/Divisions incharge of organizations established through Resolution should determine in consultation with the Management Services Wing of Cabinet Division whether those organizations should be run as Government Department (i.e. Attached Department or Subordinate Office) or as autonomous body.
 - ii) Where it is considered necessary in the public interest to run an organization as an autonomous body for the effective discharge of its functions, the Ministry/Division concerned should either get it registered as a Society or a Company under the relevant law or draft a separate legislation in consultation with Law and Cabinet Divisions for changing legal status of the organization to that of a body corporate.
3. All Ministries/Divisions are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

Amir-ul-Haq 6/9/2000
(AMIR-UL-HAQ)
DEPUTY SECRETARY

**All Secretaries/Additional Secretaries Incharge of
Ministries/Divisions, Islamabad/Rawalpindi.**

Copy for information to the Chief Executive
Secretariat (Mr. Bashir Ahmad Chouhan, Deputy Secretary)
Islamabad with reference to their U.O.No.106/GS/DS-2/
2000 dated 31st August. 2000

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(Zafar Iqbal)
Section Officer
06.9.2000