THE SPEAKER GILGIT-BALTISTAN ASSEMBLY (SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND PRIVILEGES) ACT-2021

(ACT NO. VI OF 2021)

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ACT

To provide for the Salaries, Allowances and Privileges of the Speaker GB Assembly

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the Salary, Allowances and Privileges of the Speaker GB Assembly for the purpose herein-after appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short Title and Commencement.**—(i) This Act shall be called the Speaker GB Assembly (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act No.VI of 2021.

(ii) It shall come into force from 01-01-2021.

2. **Definitions.**—(i) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

(a) **'Order'** means the Govt. of Gilgit-Baltistan Order-2018

(b) **'Speaker'** means Speaker of Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly;

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(c) **'Family'** means (the parents, the wife, legitimate and step children residing with and wholly dependent upon the Speaker.

(d) **'Government'** means the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan.

(e) **'Maintenance'** means in relation to a residence includes the payment of local rate, local taxes, electricity, gas fuel charges and the conservancy charges;

(f) **'Official Residence'** the house reserved from time to time at GB Headquarter Gilgit for use by the Speaker.

(g) **'p.m.'** means per month.

(ii) Words and expressions used but not defined in this Act shall have the same meanings as are assigned in the Order.

3. **Salary.**—The Speaker shall be entitled to receive a pay of Rs.250,000/- p.m.

4. **Sumptuary Allowance.**—The Speaker shall be entitled to receive Rs.130,000/- p.m. as Sumptuary Allowance.

5. **House Rent Allowance.**—(i) The Speaker shall be entitled to receive Rs.90,000/- p.m. as House Rent Allowance.

(ii) Where the Speaker chooses to reside in the official residence, he shall not be entitled to claim House Rent Allowance.

6. **Dearness Allowance.**—The Speaker shall be paid Rs.130,000/- p.m. as Dearness Allowance.

7. **Medical Allowance.**—(i) The Speaker shall be paid Rs.50,000/- p.m. as Medical Allowance.

(ii) The Speaker and his family shall be paid actual expenses incurred on the medical treatment of the diseases (Cancer, Hepatitis C, Heart Surgery and Kidney/Liver transplantation) from a Government hospital.

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8. **Cell Phone/Internet Allowance.**—The Speaker shall be entitled to Rs.40,000/- p.m. as Cell phone/Internet Allowance.

9. **Utility Allowance.**—The Speaker shall be paid Rs.50,000/- p.m.as Utility Allowance.

10. **Daily Allowance.**—(i) The Speaker shall be entitled to be paid Rs.10,000/- per day as Daily Allowance during attending of Government functions / meetings in the discharge of official duties undertaken outside his jurisdiction subject to production of invitation issued by the competent authority. The Daily Allowance shall be paid for the day of departure and the day of meeting.

(ii). The Speaker shall be paid room rent equivalent to two daily allowances during official tour if he does not avails Govt. accommodation (Guest House/Rest House).

11. **Taking up/laying down the office Allowances.**—The Speaker shall be entitled to claim Rs.200,000/- once for taking up/laying down the office allowance.

12. **Equipment Allowance.**—The Speaker shall be entitled to receive Rs.100,000/- as Equipment Allowance once during his term of office.

13. **Death Compensation.**—The legal heirs of the Speaker shall be paid Rs.10000000/-(Rupees one crore only) in case of death during his term of office.

14. **Discretionary Grant.**—A sum of Rs.5000000/- (Rupees fifty lacs only) per year shall be placed at the disposal of the Speaker for making discretionary grants to the poor patients, orphan children, school fee of poor students and sports/charity organizations across the GB.

15. **Foreign Official Tour.**—The Speaker shall be paid daily allowance, room rent and fare charges in accordance with the prevalent Travelling Allowance Rules.

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16. **Transport.**—The Speaker shall be entitled to the use of two official cars maintained at the Govt. expense. The general staff car rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis.*

17. **Leave.**—The Governor may grant to the Speaker during his term of office at any one time or from time to time leave of absence for urgent reasons of health or private affairs for a period not exceeding one month in a year.

18. **Controlling Officer.**—The Speaker shall be his own Controlling Officer for the purpose of Traveling Allowances including the journey under taken outside his jurisdiction in the discharge of his official duties.

19. **General.**—(i) All reasonable precautions shall be taken to see that official residence, transport and furniture provided to the Speaker by Government are used with the same care with which a person's own property is taken care of.

(ii) All furniture and furnishings provided in an official residence shall be marked by the concerned officer of Assembly Secretariat for the purpose of identification.

(iii) When the Speaker occupies an official residence it shall be the duty of the officer concerned to hand over the charge of the furniture and furnishing in that residence to the Speaker or to a person authorized by him in writing according to an inventory to be drawn up and signed by such officer.

(iv) When the Speaker is about to vacate the official residence, he shall inform the officer concerned and shall arrange that the furniture and furnishings of the official residence are handed over to that officer according to an inventory to be drawn up and singed.

(v) The officer concerned may from time to time inspect an official residence, its furniture and furnishings with the prior approval of the Speaker.

20. **Telephone.**—The Speaker shall be entitled at Government expenses to the use of two telephones at his office, one telephone along with internet facilities at his residence, expenses of which shall not exceed rupees ten thousand collectively.

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21. **Charge/Relinquish Report.**—The Speaker shall not be required to join / relinquish report while taking up / laying down the office.

22. **Personal Staff.**—The Speaker except while on leave shall be entitled to have such personal staff as may be sanctioned from time to time by the Principal Accounting Officer.

23. **Power to make rules.**—The Government may make rules to carry out the purpose of this Act.

24. **Repeal.**—The GB Legislative Assembly Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act-II of 2010 and GBLA Amended Act No. I of 2015 are hereby repealed.

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