

Waqf is an Arabic word, literally means detention, endowment and is "stop" that is, Stop from being treated as an ordinary property. It denotes tying up of the substance of a property in the ownership of the Wakif for some religious and pious purpose. After dedication the waqf property vests in God. Such dedication must be unconditional. Irrevocable, perpetual, uncontingent, inalienable and the right of ownership of the dedicator is extinguished. Waqf property also ceases to be heritable. The person making the waqf may be of any sex, of any age and may be made inter vivos or testamentary. In case of waqf inter-vivos, the entire estate may be settled for a waqf but when a testamentary waqf is created, the dedication up to the one-third of the estate of the founder. But if the waqf is made for a mosque, the waqf created for the entire property shall be void if the heir do not consent and if they consent, then it will be wholly valid. Islam gives its flowers, a complete law of waqf in which definition, history, subject of waqf essentials of waqf and other details such as possession acceptance, perpetuality and creation of waqf, waqf of mushaa, waqf AI-nnafs, waqf AI-Auolad, waqf on heir, Muslim and non-Muslims and concept of Mutawalli are introduced. These all terms of Islamic law of waqf are to be discussed in this thesis with reference to the following State made laws of waqf.

1. Mussalman waqf validating Act, 1913
2. Mussalman waqf validating Act, 1930
3. West Pakistan waqf Properties ordinance, 1959
4. West Pakistan waqf Properties (Administration) Rules, 1960
5. Mussalman waqf Act, 1923
6. Azad Jammu & Kashmir waqf properties ordinance, 1961
7. West Pakistan waqf properties ordinance 1961
8. West Pakistan waqf properties ordinance 1971
9. Auqaf (Federal Control) Act, 1976
10. Punjab Waqf properties ordinance 1979
11. Sindh Waqf properties ordinance 1979
12. N.W.F.P Waqf properties ordinance 1979
13. Baluchistan Waqf properties ordinance 1979

In this thesis important terms of Islamic waqf law and Government waqf laws are to be compared.