PART III

Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 24th January, 2019

No. F. 23(51)/2018-Legis.—The following Bills were introduced in the National Assembly on 24th January, 2019:—

BILL NO. 4

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BILL

further to amend the Microfinance Institutions Ordinance, 2001

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Microfinance Institutions Ordinance, 2001 (LV of 2001) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

(225)

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[133(2019)/Ex. Gaz.]
1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Microfinance Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

   (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 7, Ordinance (LV of 2001).**— In the Microfinance Institutions Ordinance, 2001 (LV of 2001), in section 7, after sub-section (6), the following new sub-section (7) shall be added, namely:

   “(7). A microfinance institution shall provide soft loans to disabled persons.

   *Explanation 1.*—A soft loan shall be on Karachi Inter Bank offered rate.

   *Explanation 2.*—Disabled person means a disabled person as defined under Disabled Persons (Employment and Rehabilitation) Ordinance, 1981 (No. XL of 1981).”.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Pakistan is signatory to Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Pakistan ratified the Convention in 2001. The Convention aims to protect freedoms and rights of disabled persons. It also seeks to eliminate discrimination against disabled in all forms. The convention also expects state parties to provide legal protection to disabled persons against discrimination on all grounds.

2. The Government introduced its first National Policy for Persons with Disabilities in 2002. It was followed by a National Plan of Action of 2006 to provide a roadmap for implementing the policy. One of its short term goals was to provide ‘legislative support to persons with disabilities’ and in long term to give more effective enforcement and expansion of social assistance and social security programme under the provisions of existing laws.

3. The Bill seeks provision of soft loans to disabled persons to economically empower them.

   Sd/-

   SAJIDA BEGUM,

   *Member, National Assembly*.
[As Introduced in the National Assembly]

BILL NO. 5

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BILL

further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2019.

   (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.**—In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the expression “and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious” shall be omitted.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The non-Muslims (minorities) of Pakistan are facing defamation, agony, insult and discrimination. That All the religions existing in Pakistan are agreed that none of any religion is allowing consumption of alcoholic liquor for the religious purposes so in Islamic Republic of Pakistan the use of alcohol in the name of non-Muslims is a blasphemy act. This is one of the reasons for amending the said clause of Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Due to misuse of this clause the wine shops in the country remain open 365 days in the year. This is also the reason for making the amendment in the above said clause of Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Sd/-

DR. RAMESH KUMAR VANKWANI,
Member, National Assembly.
Bill No. 6

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Bill

further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Act. 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new Section 10-A, Ordinance VIII of 2000.—In the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), after Section 10, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

“10-A Clearance of National Identity Cards.—A National Identity Card shall be issued and objections, if any, shall be treated as clear when the applicant provides one or more of the following documents:—

(a) Land Record Registered prior to thirty years (verified by Revenue Department);

(b) Local/ Domicile Certificate issued prior to thirty years and verified by the issuing authority;

(c) Pedigree (Shajra-e-Nasab) issued and verified by the Revenue Department;

(d) Government Employment Certificate of Applicant or of blood-relative, employed before twenty five years;

(e) Verified Education Certificate issued prior to thirty years;

(f) Passport issued to applicant prior to thirty years; and
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Federal Government constituted a Review Committee under section 47 of National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), headed by Deputy Speaker National Assembly vide notification No. 8/37/2016 NADRA dated 5th January 2017. On the recommendation of the said Committee, the Federal Government was pleased to approve the mechanism for clearance of National Identity Cards.

In a welfare State, the inhabitants are treated on the basis of their living behaviors in that country. A person residing in a country and follows the constitution, laws and rules of that country and is not involved in any anti-state activities should have the right to get issued National Identity Card as a citizen of Pakistan.

This amendment seeks to achieve the afore-said objectives.

Sd/-
MOULANA ABDUL AKBAR CHITRALI,
Member-in-Charge.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.