PART III

Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 3rd September, 2019

No. F. 24(25)/2019-Legis.—The following Bills were introduced in the Senate on 2nd September, 2019:—

SENATE BILL NO. XVIII OF 2019

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BILL

to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

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

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[1349 (2019)/Ex. Gaz.]
(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 11, Act II of 2013.**—In the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013), in section 11, in sub-section (1), for the expression “one year” the expression “three years” shall be substituted.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Trade Organizations in a country represent the business sector and play vital role in the development of policy framework for improvement in business environment and economic growth. The Trade Organizations Act, 2013, defines the role, responsibilities and operational framework including code of corporate governance for trade organizations. However, for the purpose of organizational tenure of the office bearers of the trade organizations, it has been prescribed that they shall hold the office as Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or Vice President, for one year. The tenure prescribed in the Act, does not suffice the need for perpetuity of the policies made or initiatives taken for the development of the business sector.

This amendment in the Act provides increase in the tenure of the office bearers of the trade organizations to ensure the continuity and due implementation of the policies made for the improvement in business sector, in line with the trends followed by developed countries of the world.

SENATOR NASEEBULLAH BAZAI,  
*Member-in-Charge.*

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**SENATE BILL NO. XIX OF 2019**

**A 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 purpose 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 1 of the Constitution.—In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 1, in clause (2) in paragraph (a), after the word “Punjab”, the comma and words “Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab” shall be inserted and thereunder the following Explanation shall be inserted.

“Explanation.—The Province of Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab shall comprise of territories of Multan, Bahawalpur and Dera Ghazi Khan Divisions and the Districts of Minawali and Bhakkar.”

3. Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution.—(1) In the Constitution, in Article 51, in clause (1), for the words “three hundred and thirty-six”, the words “three hundred and forty-six” shall be substituted.

(2) In clause (3), in the table,—

(a) for the entries relating to “Punjab”, in the first, second, third and fourth columns, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:

“Punjab  101  23  124”;

(b) after the entries relating to “Punjab” substituted as aforesaid, the following new entries shall be inserted, namely:-

“Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab  47  12  59”; and

(c) for the entries relating to “Total”, in the first, second, third and fourth columns, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

“Total  273  63  336”.

4. Amendment of Article 59 of the Constitution.—(1) In the Constitution, in Article 59, in clause (1),—

(a) for the words “ninety-six”, the words “one hundred and nineteen” shall be substituted; and

(b) in paragraph (f), for the word “four”, the word “five” shall be substituted.
(2) In clause (3), in paragraph (f), for the word “two” occurring for the second time the word “three” shall be substituted.

(3) Clause (4) shall be re-numbered as clause (5) of that Article and before clause (5) re-numbered as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4) The seats of members enhanced through the Constitution (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2019, shall be filled within ninety days of the commencement of the said Act and the members to be elected on those seats shall retire on the 11th March, 2021”.

5. Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.—In the Constitution, in Article 106, in clause (1), in the table,—

(a) for the entries relating to “Punjab” in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth columns the following shall be substituted, namely:—

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(b) after the entries relating to “Punjab” substituted as aforesaid, the following new entries shall be inserted, namely:—

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6. Amendment of Article 175A of the Constitution.—In the Constitution, in Article 175A, after clause (6), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“6A.- For initial appointment of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Province of Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab, the Chief Justice of the four Provincial High Courts shall also be members of the Commission”.

7. Amendment of Article 198 of the Constitution.—In the Constitution, in Article 198,—

(i) in clause (3), for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that the word “each” occurring for the first time and the words and comma “Bahawalpur, Multan and”, on the commencement of the Constitution (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2019, shall stand omitted.”; and
(ii) after clause (4), the following new clause shall be added, namely:

“(4a) Where a High Court is established in a new Province it shall have its principal seat and Benches at such places as the Governor may determine in consultation with the Chief Justice of such High Court.”.

8. Amendment of Article 218 of the Constitution.—In the Constitution, in Article 218, in clause (2), in paragraph (b), for the word “four” the word “five” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill is designed to create a new province of Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab out of the existing province of Punjab to meet the long standing demand of the people of this area.

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SENATE BILL NO. XX OF 2019

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BILL

further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 (XIX of 2013), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;
It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Act, 2019.

   (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 4, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 (XIX of 2013), in section 4,—

   i. in paragraph (a), for semi colon “;” the colon “:” shall be substituted and thereafter, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

   “Provided that such periodical reviews shall also be presented in the Parliament for making adequate suggestions and guidelines to counter terrorism and extremism;”

   ii. in paragraph (c), after the words, “Federal Government” appearing in the second line, the words, “and Parliament” shall be inserted;

   iii. in paragraph (e), for semi colon “;” the colon “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

   “Provided that provincial counter terrorism departments shall also be given an enhanced role in coordinating counter terrorism reporting and activities and coordination to be made in seeking their expertise, collating, analysing and disseminating counter terrorism information and in investigating and arresting subjects;”;

   iv. in paragraph (f), the word “and” occurring at the end shall be omitted;

   v. in paragraph (g), the full stop “.” occurring at the end shall be substituted with the semi colon and word and “;and” and thereafter, the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:—

   “(h) To develop SOP’s and guidelines for defining the key role of police stations in countering terrorism and integrate those effectively into Pakistan’s counter terrorism effort.”
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

National Counter Terrorism Authority is mandated to devise a counter-terrorism strategy that should address short, medium and long-term goals and devise action plans for their implementation. Keeping in view of the current national, regional and international scenario this function of National Counter Terrorism Authority is gaining wider significance. Countering terrorism is a huge task which involves multi actors at local, provincial and national levels. Besides Government, Parliament’s role as an active participant in national counter terrorism strategy is becoming more inclusive and effective. Therefore, keeping in view of this growing responsiveness on the part of parliamentarians, National Counter Terrorism Authority should lay its periodical reports in parliament as well so that our public representatives may also oversee the reviews and report findings of National Counter Terrorism Authority and formulate pragmatic proposals for the Government as well as for the law enforcing agencies in this regard. In order to streamline our national action plan to counter terrorism a robust and synchronized cooperation is highly sought in the current context among all the state entities.

2. In addition to this, Provincial counter terrorism departments should also be given an enhanced role in coordinating counter terrorism reporting and activities. Provincial CTDs already play an important role in providing expertise, collating, and disseminating CT information and in investigating and arresting subjects. Expanding the CT authorities of police stations and enhancing their capacities would require comparable upgrades in authorities and capacities at the provincial level to the CTDs to play their role effectively. This would require strengthening the ability of the CTDs to develop and approve CT-related policies, procedure, and directives to coordinate CT-related information collection and direct CT operations. National Counter Terrorism Authority should closely coordinate with these departments for preparing effective counter terrorism strategy at all levels.

3. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, “Pakistan requires effective policing institutions, without which the path to stability, sustainable development and good governance will be impossible to achieve.” This is particularly true in Pakistan’s megacities of Karachi and Lahore and throughout the country’s increasingly urbanized environment. Policing in urban areas requires a more modern, sophisticated, and community-oriented approach and great technical resources than policing in rural areas. Unfortunately, the basic unit policing and law enforcement in Pakistan the police station remain largely unchanged from the country’s colonial and agrarian past. This has left the country’s local police ill prepared for and largely divorced from playing an effective role in countering Pakistan’s high levels of terrorist and criminal violence. Hence, provincial civilian police should have primacy for countering terrorism. The police station which is the basic unit of law
enforcement in Pakistan should be given the mission and resources to combat terrorism starting at local level. Providing a key role to the police station in controlling terrorism begins with developing SOPs that define the role of the local police and equip them with the authorities and direction to perform the task. New ways of doing business of policing must be introduced through internal information campaigns and in-service training programs to be aware of indications of terrorist activities and equip them to conduct effective surveillance and perform their duties as first responders.

Hence the Bill has been devised to attain the aforementioned purpose.

SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH,
Member-in-Charge.

SENATE BILL NO. XXI OF 2019

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BILL

to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Pure Food Authority

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the safety and standards of food and to establish the Islamabad Pure Food Authority so that to protect health of the people and for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Pure Food Authority Act, 2019.

(2) It extends to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—
(a) “adulterated food” means the food,—

(i) which is not of the nature, substance or quality which it purports or is represented to be; or

(ii) which contains any such extraneous substance as may adversely affect the nature, substance or quality of the food; or

(iii) which is processed, mixed, coloured, powdered or coated with any other substance in contravention of the rules or the regulations; or

(iv) any constituent of which has been wholly or in part abstracted so as to affect injuriously its nature, substance or quality; or

(v) which contains any poisonous or other ingredient that may render it injurious to human health; or

(vi) the quality or purity of which does not conform to the prescribed standards; or

(vii) which has been prepared, packed or kept under unhygienic and insanitary conditions; or

(viii) which is contaminated or has become injurious to health;

(b) “advertisement” means any publicity, representation or pronouncement made by any means for purposes of promoting the sale or disposal of any food;

(c) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Food Authority;

(d) “consumer” means a person who receives food against a consideration or otherwise and includes an end user of the food;

(e) “Director General” means Director General of the Food Authority;

(f) “food” means anything used as food or drink for human consumption other than drugs, and includes,

(i) any substance which is intended for use in the preparation of food;

(ii) any flavouring agent or condiment;
(iii) any colouring matter intended for use in food;

(iv) chewing gum, confectionary and other products of like nature;

(v) water in any form including ice, intended for human consumption or for use in the composition or preparation of food; and

(vi) any other thing prescribed as food;

Explanation-I.—A thing shall not cease to be food by reason that it is also capable of being used as drugs.

Explanation-II.—In this clause, the word “drugs” has the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Drugs Act 1976 (XXXI of 1976).

(g) “food additive” includes any substance not normally consumed as food by itself or used as a typical ingredient of food but the addition of which to food affects the characteristics of the food;

(h) “Food Authority” means the Islamabad Pure Food Authority established under the Act;

(i) “food business” means any undertaking, whether or not for profit, carrying out any of the activities related to any stage of manufacturing, processing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution of food, import, export and includes food services, catering services, sale of food or food ingredients;

(j) “food laboratory” means any food laboratory or institute established or recognized by the Food Authority;

(k) “food operator” means a person who manufactures for sale, transports, stores, sells, distributes, imports or exports food;

(l) “Food Safety Officer” means a Food Safety Officer appointed under the Act;

(m) “Government” means the Federal Government;

(n) “import” means bringing into the Islamabad Capital Territory any article of food by any means including land, river, canal or air;
(o) “label” includes any tag, brand, mark, pictorial or other descriptive matter, written, printed, stenciled, marked, painted, embossed or impressed on, or attached to or included in, belonging to, or accompanying any food;

(p) “licence” means a licence granted under the Act or the rules or the regulations;

(q) “member” means a member of the Food Authority;

(r) “misbranded food” means the food,—

(i) which is an imitation of or resembles another food, in a manner that it is likely to deceive the consumer; or

(ii) which is so coloured, flavoured, coated, powdered or polished as to conceal the true nature of the food; or

(iii) which is contained in any package which, or the label of which, bears any statement, design or device regarding the ingredients or the substances contained in the food, that is false or misleading;

(s) “package” includes anything in which food is wholly or partly cased, covered, contained, placed or otherwise packed in any manner and any such other receptacle of any kind whether opened or closed;

(t) “premises” include any shop, stall, hotel, restaurant, airline services, canteens, place, vehicle, building or tent or any other structure and any adjoining land used in connection with it and any vehicle, conveyance, vessel or aircraft where any food is sold or manufactured or stored for sale;

(u) “prescribed” means prescribed by the rules or the regulations;

(v) “public analyst” means a public analyst appointed under the Act;

(w) “regulations” means regulations made under this Act;

(x) “rules” means rules made under this Act;

(y) “safe food” means an article of food which is not unsafe;

(z) “Scientific Panel” means the Scientific Panel constituted under the Act;
“(za) “standard”, in relation to any article of food, means the prescribed standard and includes the standard notified by the Food Authority; and

(zb) “unsafe food” means the food whose nature, substance or quality is so affected by any means as to render it injurious to human health.

CHAPTER II

ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD AUTHORITY

3. Establishment of the Food Authority.—(1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, establish the Islamabad Food Authority for purposes of this Act.

(2) The Food Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to enter into contract, acquire or dispose of property, and may, by its name, sue or be sued.

4. Composition of the Food Authority.—(1) The Food Authority shall consist of a Chairperson and the following members,—

(a) the Secretary Ministry concerned with the subject matter;
(b) the Secretary Ministry of National Food Security and Research;
(c) the Secretary Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination;
(d) the Secretary Ministry of Science and Technology;
(e) two members of the Senate of Pakistan to be nominated by the Chairman Senate;
(f) two members of the National Assembly of Pakistan to be nominated by the Speaker National Assembly;
(g) the Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory;
(h) two food technologists or scientists to be nominated by the Government;
(i) one representative of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry;
(j) one representative of Food Industry;
(k) one representative of food operators; and

(l) two representatives of consumers.

(2) The Government shall, in the prescribed manner, appoint a person who possesses the prescribed qualification and experience as Chairperson.

(3) The Government shall appoint the non-official members on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the following members, namely:

(a) the Secretary Ministry concerned with the subject matter; (Convener);
(b) the Secretary Ministry of National Food Security and Research; and
(c) the Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory.

(4) The Food Authority may, with the prior approval of the Government, co-opt any other person as a member.

(5) The Chairperson and members, other than ex-officio members, shall be appointed in such manner as to ensure the highest standards of professional competence and experience and gender balance.

(6) A meeting of the Food Authority shall be held in the manner provided by the regulations, and until so provided, as may be determined by the Food Authority.

(7) The Secretary of the Food Authority shall, on the direction of the Chairperson, call a meeting of the Food Authority.

(8) The Food Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.

(9) The Chairperson, and in his absence, any other member elected by the members present at a meeting, shall preside at a meeting of the Food Authority.

(10) The quorum for a meeting shall be one third of the total members, the fraction being counted as one.

5. **Terms and conditions of Chairperson and members.**—(1) The Chairperson and the members, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) A person shall not be appointed as Chairperson or a member, other than ex-officio member, for more than two terms, whether consecutive or otherwise.
(3) The Government shall prescribe the salary and allowances payable to, and the other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson.

(4) The Chairperson or a member, other than an *ex-officio* member, may resign from his office by serving one month’s notice in writing to the Government.

6. **Removal of Chairperson and members.**—(1) The Government may remove from office, the Chairperson or a member, other than an *ex-officio* member, if he,—

   (a) has been adjudged an undischarged insolvent; or

   (b) has been convicted of an offence which involves moral turpitude; or

   (c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as the Chairperson or the member; or

   (d) has abused his position and rendered his continuance in the office prejudicial to public interest.

(2) The Chairperson or a member shall not be removed from office except after affording him a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

7. **Powers and functions of the Food Authority.**—(1) The Food Authority shall regulate and monitor the food business in order to ensure provision of safe food.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (1), the Food Authority may,—

   (a) formulate standards, procedures, processes and guidelines in relation to any aspect of food including food business, food labelling, food additive, and specify appropriate enforcement systems;

   (b) specify procedures and guidelines for setting up and accreditation of food laboratories;

   (c) formulate method of sampling, analysis of samples and reporting of results;

   (d) specify licensing, prohibition orders, recall procedures, improvement notices or prosecution;
(e) determine terms and conditions of service of its employees;

(f) provide scientific advice and technical support to the Government in matters relating to food;

(g) collect and analyze relevant scientific and technical data relating to food;

(h) establish a system of network of food operators and consumers to facilitate food safety and quality control;

(i) organize training programmes in food safety and standards;

(j) promote general awareness as to food safety and standards;

(k) levy fee for registration, licensing and other services;

(l) certify food for export;

(m) perform any other prescribed function; and

(n) do any other thing which is necessary for the discharge of its functions under this Act.

(3) The Food Authority shall exercise its functions, as far as possible, in accordance with the well established scientific principles and international best practices.

8. Proceedings of the Food Authority.—No act or proceedings of the Food Authority shall be questioned or invalidated merely on the ground of existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Food Authority.

9. Scientific panel.—(1) The Food Authority may establish one or more Scientific Panels, which shall consist of the following,—

(a) Director General of the Food Authority (Convener);

(b) a representative, having background of food science or technology, of an organization established for determining standards and quality of food;

(c) a representative, having background of food science or technology, of an organization established for scientific or industrial research on food;
(d) a food technologist or scientist;

(e) a medical practitioner registered with Pakistan Medical and Dental Council; and

(f) three representatives of the food manufacturers in the relevant field.

(2) A Scientific Panel may co-opt any other member from the relevant industry.

(3) The Food Authority shall determine the terms and conditions, including tenure of members of a Scientific Panel other than ex-officio members.

(4) The Food Authority may refer any matter relating to food to the Scientific Panel for recommendation.

(5) The Scientific Panel may, after due deliberations with the relevant industry and consumer representatives, make recommendations to the Food Authority on standards, products, procedures, processes and guidelines in relation to any technical aspect of the food.

(6) If the Food Authority does not agree to the recommendations of the Scientific Panel, it may, with reasons, refer the case back to the Scientific Panel for reconsideration.

(7) The Scientific Panel shall reconsider the reference and forward its reconsidered recommendations and the Food Authority shall act accordingly.

10. Director General.—(1) The Government may appoint a Director General in such manner and on such term and conditions as it may prescribe.

(2) The Director General shall hold office during the pleasure of the Food Authority.

(3) The Director General shall be the Secretary of the Food Authority.

(4) The Director General, subject to the control of the Food Authority, shall be responsible for accomplishing the objectives of this Act and for efficient implementation of the Act, the rules and the regulations.

(5) The Director General shall exercise such powers as are mentioned in the Act or as may be prescribed or delegated to him.

(6) The Director General may exercise powers of a Food Safety Officer under the Act.
11. **Public analysts.**—(1) The Food Authority may, by notification, appoint public analysts for the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(2) A public analyst shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed.

(3) The production in a trial of a certificate under the hand of a public analyst shall, until the contrary is proved, be sufficient proof of the facts contained in the certificate.

(4) The Court may, of its own accord or on the request of the accused, cause any food or sample of food to be sent for analysis to the public analyst.

(5) Unless otherwise directed by the Court, the accused, on whose request any food or sample of food is sent to the public analyst, shall bear its cost.

12. **Food Safety Officer.**—(1) The Food Authority may, by notification, appoint Food Safety Officers for the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(2) A Food Safety Officer shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (2), the Food Authority, in public interest, may confer the powers of a Food Safety Officer on a Government servant.

13. **Powers of Food Safety Officer.**—(1) A Food Safety Officer may,—

(a) take sample of any food or any substance, which appears to him to be intended for sale, or has been sold as food;

(b) seize any food, apparatus or utensil which appears to the Food Safety Officer to be in contravention of this Act, the rules or the regulations;

(c) enter or seal any premises where he believes any food is prepared, preserved, packaged, stored, conveyed, distributed or sold, examine any such food and examine anything that he believes is used, or capable of being used for such preparation, preservation, packaging, storing, conveying, distribution or sale;

(d) open and examine any package which, he believes, to contain any food;
(e) examine any book or documents with respect to any food and make copies of or take extracts from the book or document;

(f) demand the production of the identity card, the business registration certificate, licence or any other relevant document from a food operator;

(g) mark, seal or otherwise secure, weigh, count or measure any food or appliance; and

(h) search and seize any vehicle carrying food.

(2) A Food Safety Officer shall prepare a statement describing the food, apparatus, utensil or vehicle seized and shall deliver a copy of the statement to the person from whom it is seized or, if such person is not present, send such copy to him by mail.

(3) A person claiming back anything seized under sub-section (1) may, within seven days of the seizure, apply to the Court and the Court may confirm such seizure, wholly or in part, or may order that it be restored to the claimant.

(4) If the Court confirms the seizure of the food, apparatus or utensil, it shall be forfeited to the Food Authority or the Court may direct that such food, apparatus, utensil may be destroyed at the cost of the owner or person in whose possession it was found.

(5) If an application is not made within seven days under sub-section (3), the food, apparatus or utensil seized, shall be forfeited to the Food Authority.

(6) Any person may make an application in writing to the Food Safety Officer asking him to purchase a sample of any food from a food operator and get it analyzed from the public analyst.

14. **Other employees of the Food Authority.**—The Food Authority may determine the number, categories, rank and terms and conditions of other employees of the Food Authority.

CHAPTER III

ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM

15. **Licensing of food business.**—(1) A person shall not use any place for food business except under the prescribed registration or licence.
(2) The Food Authority may, in the prescribed manner, exempt a class of food operators from obtaining compulsory registration or licence under this section.

16. Improvement notice.—(1) If a Food Safety Officer has reasons to believe that any food operator has failed to comply with any provisions of this Act, the rules or the regulations, he may serve an improvement notice upon the food operator,—

(a) stating the grounds for believing that the food operator has failed to comply with any provisions of the Act or the rules or the regulations;

(b) specifying the matters which constitute the food operator’s failure so to comply; and

(c) intimating the measures which the food operator should take in order to secure compliance with the relevant provisions of the law.

(2) If the food operator fails to comply with the improvement notice within the prescribed time, the Food Authority may cancel or suspend his licence or take such other action as it deems appropriate.

17. Prohibition orders.—If any food operator is convicted of an offence under this Act and the Court is satisfied that the health risk exists with respect to the food business, the Court, may impose the following prohibitions,—

(a) a prohibition on the use of a process, treatment, premises or equipment for purposes of the food business; or

(b) a prohibition, with or without specifying period of prohibition, on the food operator to conduct or operate the food business.

18. Emergency prohibition orders.—(1) If the Food Safety Officer is satisfied that the health risk condition exists with respect to any food business, he may, after serving a notice on the food operator and for reasons to be recorded in writing, restrain him from carrying on the food business with or without specifying conditions or period of such restraint.

(2) The Food Safety Officer shall, within twenty four hours of the action taken under sub-section (1), report such action to the Food Authority which may, after serving a notice on the food operator and for reasons to be recorded in writing, confirm, modify or set aside the order of the Food Safety Officer.
19. **Notification of food poisoning.**—The Food Authority may, by notification, require medical practitioners carrying on profession in any local area to report all occurrences of food poisoning to the Food Safety Officer or the Food Authority.

20. **Food recall procedures.**—(1) If the Director General has reasons to believe that some food is not in compliance with this Act, the rules or the regulations, he may, after recording reasons, order immediate withdrawal of the said food from the market.

(2) Any person, who is aggrieved by any action taken under this section, may, in the prescribed manner, prefer an appeal to the Food Authority.

(3) The Food Authority may, on its own accord or on the application of an aggrieved person, set-aside or modify an order made under sub-section (1).

21. **Establishment of food laboratories.**—(1) The Food Authority may establish a food laboratory for purposes of carrying out analysis of samples of any food or food related equipments or utensils.

(2) The Food Authority may recognize or accredit a food laboratory for any of the purposes contained in sub-section (1).

**CHAPTER IV**

**OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

22. **Selling food not in compliance of the Law.**—A person, who sells or offers for sale any adulterated food or food which is not in compliance with the provisions of this Act, the rules or the regulations, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

23. **Substandard or misbranded food.**—Any person, who manufactures for sale, stores, sells, distributes, imports or exports any food which is not of standard or misbranded, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

24. **Unsafe food.**—A food operator, who manufactures for sale, stores, sells, distributes, imports or exports any unsafe food, shall be liable,—

(a) where the unsafe food does not result in injury to any person, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees;
where such unsafe food results in injury to any person, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and fine which may extend to one million rupees; or

c) where such unsafe food results in death of a person, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to imprisonment for life and fine which shall not be less than two million rupees.

25. **False advertisement.**—(1) Any person, who for purposes of effecting or promoting the sale of any food, publishes or causes to be published, any advertisement which,—

(a) falsely describes any food; or

(b) is contrary to any rules or regulations; or

(c) is likely to deceive a purchaser with regard to the character, nature, value, substance, quality, strength, purity, composition, merit or safety, weight, proportion, origin, age or effects of any food or of any ingredient or constituent of the food,

shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

(2) Any person, who publishes or causes to be published an advertisement, which does not contain the true name of the person by whom the advertisement is published or the address of his place of business, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

26. **False labeling.**—(1) Any person, who prepares, packages, labels any food which does not comply with the prescribed standard, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

(2) Any person, who labels any food in a manner which is false, misleading or deceptive as regards its character, nature, value, substance, quality, composition, merit or safety, strength, purity, weight, origin, age or proportion shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

27. **Failure to comply with the directions.**—If any person, without reasonable cause, fails to comply with any order or notice issued by the Food Authority or a Food Safety Officer, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months and fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.
28. **Unhygienic or unsanitary conditions.**—Any person, who manufactures or processes or keeps any food under unhygienic or unsanitary conditions, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

29. **Penalty for prescribed offences.**—If a person, who commits an offence prescribed under the rules, for which no penalty has been provided in the Act, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months and fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.

30. **False information.**—If a person makes a false or misleading statement, provides false or misleading information or produces any false or misleading document before the Food Authority or a Food Safety Officer, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.

31. **Obstructing the Food Safety Officer.**—(1) Any person, who obstructs a Food Safety Officer in the performance of his duties, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or fine which may extend five hundred thousand rupees or both.

(2) Any person, who unlawfully removes, alters or interferes, in any manner, with any food, equipment or vehicle seized or any premises sealed under this Act, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.

32. **Business without licence.**—If a food operator manufactures, sells, offers for sale, stores or distributes or imports any food without the prescribed registration or licence, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.

33. **Warranty.**—(1) A food operator who is a manufacturer, distributor or dealer of a prescribed food shall not sell such food to any food vendor unless a written warranty or other written statement is given that the food complies with the provisions of this Act, the rules and the regulations.

(2) Any person, who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1), shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to one million rupees.

(3) Any food vendor, who gives to the purchaser a warranty in writing which is false, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.
34. **Punishment for subsequent offence.**—(1) If any person, after having been previously convicted of an offence under this Act, commits any offence under the Act, he shall be liable to,—

(a) twice the punishment of imprisonment and fine, which is provided for the offence under the Act; and

(b) a further fine which may extend to two hundred thousand rupees.

(2) The licence of a food operator mentioned in sub-section (1) shall be cancelled.

35. **Compensation in case of injury or death of a consumer.**—(1) In case of injury or death of a consumer due to unsafe food, the Court, in addition to any other penalty under this Act, shall direct the food operator to pay compensation to the consumer or, as the case may be, the legal heirs of the consumer, an amount which is,

(a) not less than one million rupees in case of death; and

(b) not exceeding five hundred thousand rupees in case of injury.

(2) If the food operator fails to pay the compensation under this section, the Food Authority shall recover the compensation as arrears of land revenue and make payment of the recovered amount to the consumer or, as the case may be, the legal heirs of the consumer.

36. **Forfeiture of food, etc.**—In case of a conviction under this Act, the Court may direct that any food, equipment, machinery, vehicle or any other thing, to which the conviction relates, shall be confiscated and shall vest in the Food Authority.

37. **Offences by companies.**—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Company, every person, who at the time of the commission of the offence, was in charge of the Company shall be liable to punishment for the offence and the Company shall also be liable to the punishment of fine or compensation specified for the offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where it is proved that the offence is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the Company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also be liable to punishment for the offence.

**Explanation.**—In this section, “Company” means a body corporate and includes a firm or any other association of persons.
38. **Publication in newspapers.**—If a person is convicted of an offence and the conviction has attained finality, the Food Authority shall, if so directed by the Court, publish the name of the person together with the name and place of his business, the nature of the offence and the fine, forfeiture, or other penalty imposed on him, in newspapers or in any other mode for information of the people and the convict shall be liable to pay the cost of such publication.

**CHAPTER V**

**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE**

39. **Jurisdiction of the Food Authority.**—(1) On information received from a Food Safety Officer or any other person, the Food Authority may, for reasons to be recorded in writing,—

(a) order prosecution of a person under this Act;

(b) suspend or cancel the licence of the food operator;

(c) impose on the food operator fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees; or

(d) decide, if the circumstances so warrant, not to take any action on the information.

(2) If the Food Authority cancels the licence or imposes fine on a food operator, the food operator may, within fifteen days of the communication of the order, prefer an appeal against such order to such Appellate Authority as the Government may specify by notification in the official Gazette.

(3) The Food Authority or the Appellate Authority shall not pass any order relating to suspension or cancellation of the licence or imposition of fine without providing an opportunity of hearing to the food operator.

(4) An order of suspension of a licence under this section shall not be passed for a period exceeding seven days at a time and, unless sooner withdrawn or the licence is cancelled, shall cease to have effect on the expiry of the thirtieth day from the date of first such order.

40. **Jurisdiction of the Court.**—An offence punishable under this Act shall be tried by a Magistrate of First Class.

41. **Cognizance of offences.**—(1) Subject to sub-section (2), a Court shall not take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by or on behalf of the Food Authority.
(2) If the offence causes death of, or injury to, a person, the aggrieved person may also file a complaint in the Court under Chapter XVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (V of 1898).

42. **Time limit for prosecutions.**—The prosecution for an offence under the Act shall not be allowed after the expiry of three years from the date of the commission of the offence or one year from its discovery by the complainant, whichever is the earlier.

43. **Summary trial.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (V of 1898) but subject to sub-section (3), the Court shall summarily try an offence punishable under this Act and impose punishment of imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or fine not exceeding one million rupees.

(2) The Court shall conduct the summary trial of an offence under the Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (V of 1898) relating to the summary trials.

(3) If the Court is of opinion that the nature of the offence does justify summary trial, it may conduct proceedings in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XX of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (V of 1898).

44. **Defence available.**—In any proceedings for an offence under this Act, the exercise of due care and caution shall be valid defence if it is proved that the person took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence.

45. **Recovery of fines etc.**—(1) The Food Authority shall recover the fine, fee or any other amount, imposed or levied, under this Act, the rules or the regulations, as an arrears of land revenue and, for the purpose, authorize an officer to exercise the powers of Collector under the West Pakistan Land Revenue Act 1967 (XVII of 1967).

(2) The fine imposed or the fee charged under the Act, the rules or the regulations shall be deposited with the Food Authority and shall form part of the Food Authority Fund.

CHAPTER VI

**FINANCES AND REPORTS**

46. **Food Authority Fund.**—(1) There shall be established a fund to be known as the Food Authority Fund to be administered and controlled by the Food Authority.
(2) The Food Authority Fund shall consist of, —

(a) funds provided by the Government;

(b) loans or grants by the Government;

(c) other loans or funds obtained by the Food Authority;

(d) grants and loans negotiated and raised, or otherwise obtained, by the Food Authority with the prior approval of the Government;

(e) fee, charges, rentals and fines collected by the Food Authority;

(f) income from the lease or sale of the property;

(g) funds from floating bonds, shares, debentures, certificates, or other securities issued by the Food Authority; and

(h) all other sums received by the Food Authority.

(3) The Food Authority shall meet all of its expenses from the Food Authority Fund.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Food Authority to conserve the Food Authority Fund while performing its functions and exercising its powers under this Act.

47. Bank accounts.—The Food Authority may open and maintain its accounts at such scheduled banks as may be prescribed, and until so prescribed, as the Government may determine.

48. Budget and accounts.—(1) The Food Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other records relating to its financial affairs including its income and expenditures and its assets and liabilities in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(2) After the conclusion of a financial year, the Food Authority, in the manner prescribed, shall cause to be prepared for the financial year statements of account of the Food Authority which shall include a balance-sheet and an account of income and expenditures.

(3) The Food Authority shall approve its annual budget for a financial year in the prescribed manner.
(4) No expenditure for which provision has not been made in any approved budget shall be incurred without prior approval of the Food Authority.

49. Audit.—(1) The Auditor General of Pakistan shall annually audit the accounts of the Food Authority.

(2) The Government, in addition to the audit under sub-section (1), shall cause the accounts of the Food Authority annually audited by a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants.

(3) The auditor appointed under sub-section (2) shall be provided such access to the books, accounts and other documents as may be considered necessary for the audit of accounts.

(4) The auditor shall submit the annual or any special audit report to the Food Authority, and the Food Authority, under intimation to the Government, shall take appropriate remedial or other action in the light of the audit report.

50. Annual report.—(1) The Food Authority shall, within three months of the close of a financial year, submit to the Government an annual performance report.

(2) The report shall consist of,—

(a) the statement of accounts and audit reports of the Food Authority;

(b) a comprehensive statement of the work and activities of the Food Authority during the preceding financial year and its proposed projects and schemes; and

(c) such other matters as may be prescribed or as the Food Authority may consider appropriate.

(3) The Government shall, within two months of receiving the report from the Food Authority, lay the report in both Houses of the Parliament (Majlis-e-Shoora).

CHAPTER VII

MISCELLANEOUS

51. Delegation of powers.—The Food Authority may delegate, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified in the order, any of its functions to a body, committee or an officer, except the function to,—
(a) frame or amend regulations;
(b) constitute a committee or fill a vacancy in a committee;
(c) formulate standards, procedures, processes and guidelines in relation to any aspect of food; and
(d) approve the annual report, annual budget and audited accounts.

52. **Reward by the Food Authority.**—The Food Authority may, in the manner prescribed by the rules, make payment of reward from the Food Authority Fund to any person who has made an exceptional effort towards accomplishing the objective of this Act.

53. **Public servants.**—The Chairperson, the members and the employees of the Food Authority shall be deemed, when acting in the discharge of their functions under this Act, to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (XLV of 1860).

54. **Immunity.**—No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government, any officer of the Government, the Food Authority, the Chairperson, a member or any employee of the Food Authority for anything which is done in good faith under this Act, the rules or the regulations.

55. **Overriding effect.**—The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in any other law.

56. **Government to make rules.**—The Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

57. **Food Authority to frame regulations.**—(1) Subject to this Act and the rules, the Food Authority may, by notification, frame regulations to give effect to the provisions of the Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1), the regulations may provide for,—

(a) procedure for transaction of business of the Food Authority;
(b) terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Food Authority;
(c) procedure and conduct of business by a scientific panel;
(d) standards and guidelines in relation to any food, food places, food workers and food handlers;
(e) limits of additives, contaminants, toxic substance, heavy metals pesticides, veterinary drugs, residues etc., in the food;

(f) marking, packaging, labelling, advertising and warranty of any food;

(g) food recall procedures, improvement notices and prohibition orders;

(h) licensing and registration procedures;

(i) inspection of food business, safe and hygienic storage and transportation practices;

(j) recognition and accreditation of laboratories and scale of fee for a laboratory test;

(k) search of a premises, vehicle or person and guidelines for taking and handling samples of any food;

(l) prosecutions and appeals under the Act; and

(m) finances, accounts, budget and reporting procedures.

58. **Repeal and savings.**—(1) The West Pakistan Pure Food Ordinance 1960 (VII of 1960) is hereby repealed.

(2) Subject to this Act, any licence or order issued under the repealed Ordinance, which is in force on the date of coming into force of the Act, shall be deemed to have been issued under the Act and shall continue to be in force until expired, cancelled or withdrawn.

(3) The standards, safety requirements and other provisions of the repealed Ordinance or the rules made thereunder, shall, to the extent of consistency with the Act, continue to remain in force till the standards, safety requirements are prescribed under the Act.

59. **Power to remove difficulties.**—The Government may, by notification, make such provisions not inconsistent with this Act, as may appear necessary for removing any difficulty or giving effect to the provisions of the Act.
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Safe, secure and hygienic food is the basic right of every man and woman. Every State is duty bound to ensure the availability of safe, secure and hygienic food to its citizen. Safe and hygienic food is the first line of defense against diseases. In Pakistan this is one of the most regrettable facts that our food lacks hygienic qualities and adulterated by people who are manufacturing, preparing or selling food items for their illegal gains. It is again one of the most regrettable facts that our existing legal regime is too weak to control food adulteration and make sure the availability of hygienic food to the residents of Islamabad. Low punishments and lack of enforcement mechanism has encouraged the culprits to manufacture, prepare and sell unhygienic adulterated food. The Bill has sought to establish a Food Authority in the Islamabad Capital Territory to ensure pure food to the people. Other officials for this purpose will also be appointed under this Bill. A comprehensive mechanism for regulating and managing food items is provided in the Bill. In the Bill, punishment for those indulged in the business of adulterated and unhygienic food has also been suggested. In this way, unhygienic and adulterated food items will be controlled and the expansion of diseases due to unhygienic food will be prevented.

2. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI,
Member-in-Charge.

SENATE BILL NO. XXII OF 2019

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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 51 of the Constitution.**—In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 51,—

   (i) in clause (1) for the words, “three hundred and thirty six”, the words, “three hundred and fifty three” shall be substituted; and

   (ii) for clause (3) and the Table thereunder, the following shall be substituted, namely:

   “(3) The seats in the National Assembly referred to in clause (1), except the seats mentioned in clause (4), shall be allocated to each Province and the Federal Capital as under:

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3. **Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.**—In the Constitution, in Article 106,—

   (i) in clause (1), in the table, for the word, “Balochistan”, in the first column and the entries thereto in the second, third, fourth and fifth columns, the followings shall be substituted, namely:

   “Balochistan 64 13 3 80”

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

According to the 1998 census, the population of Balochistan was 6.5 million and there were only 51 seats allotted to the province at that time. The latest census figures have revealed that the population in Balochistan has risen to 12.3 million over the last 20 years but the number of seats still remains the same. Furthermore, meagre increase of two seats in lieu of Balochistan’s share in the National Assembly has failed to give due representation to the people of this area. Therefore, increase of seats in the National Assembly and Provincial Assembly of Balochistan will address the deprivation of the people of
Balochistan by giving them their due share of representation and their resolve of fighting the national security challenges.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.

SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI
SENATOR AHMED KHAN
SENATOR NASEEBULLAH BAZAI
SENATOR SANA JAMALI
SENATOR MANZOOR AHMED
SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI
SENATOR SARFARAZ AHMED BUGTI
SENATOR DR. ASHOK KUMAR
SENATOR MUHAMMAD AKRAM
SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD YAQOOB KHAN NASAR
SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR
SENATOR MOLANA ABDUL GHAFOOR HAIDERI
SENATOR AGHA SHAHZAIB DURRANI
SENATOR KALSOOM PERVEEN
SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD SHAFIQ TAREEN
SENATOR MIR KABEER AHMED MUHAMMAD SHAHI
SENATOR ABIDA MUHAMMAD AZEEM
SENATOR GUL BASHRA
MEMBERS-IN-CHARGE

SENATE BILL NO. XXIII OF 2019

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BILL

Further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

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

(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 5, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 5, in sub-section (n), after the words “of the value not less than five hundred million rupees” shall be inserted.

3. **Amendment of section 9, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 9, —

   (a) in sub-section (a), in clause (v), for the words “dis-proportionate to his known sources of income which he cannot reasonably account for or maintains a standard of living beyond that which is commensurate with his sources of income” the words and comma, “which are an outcome of corrupt, dishonest or illegal means” shall be substituted; and

   (b) sub-section (b), shall be omitted.

4. **Omission of section 14, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, section 14, shall be omitted.

5. **Amendment of section 15, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 15, in sub-section (a), in the proviso,—

   (a) for the words “any accused person” the words “holder of public office or any other person” shall be substituted; and

   (b) after the words “sub-section (b) of section 25” the commas and words “, except when a person avails such a benefit prior to authorization of investigation,” shall be inserted.

6. **Amendment of section 18, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 18, —

   (a) in sub-section (e), the words and comma “shall have and exercise, for the purposes of an inquiry or investigation the power to arrest any person and all the powers of an officer in-charge of a Police Station under the Code and for that purpose” shall be omitted;

   (b) in sub-section (e),—

      (i) after the words “render such assistance” the words “and may require any person to execute a bond for the purposes of securing his attendance” shall be inserted; and
(ii) the words and letters “provided that no person shall be arrested without the permission of the Chairman NAB or any officer of NAB duly authorized by the Chairman NAB” shall be omitted; and

(c) in sub-section (f),—

(i) after the word “completed” the words “within six months” shall be inserted; and

(ii) the words “expeditiously as may be practical and feasible” shall be omitted.

7. **Amendment of section 19, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 19,—

(a) in sub-section (a), after the words “any person” the words “with regard to particulars of subject enquiry or investigation only” shall be inserted;

(b) in sub-section (b), for the words “to the inquiry or investigation” the words “with regard to the subject inquiry or investigation only” shall be substituted;

(c) in sub-section (c), after the word “case” the words “with regard to the subject inquiry or investigation only” shall be inserted; and

(d) in sub-section (d), after the words “with law” the words “with regard to the subject inquiry or investigation only” shall be inserted.

8. **Amendment of section 24, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 24,—

(a) sub-section (a), shall be omitted;

(b) in sub-section (b), after the words “a copy of such reference” the words and comma “along with report of Investigation Officer,” shall be inserted.

(c) for sub-section (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:
“(c) The Court to which a reference has been sent for trial may issue summons or a warrant for arrest, as it deems fit, for causing the accused to be brought or to appear at a certain time before such Court:

Provided that such Court may require the accused person to execute a bond, with or without sureties for his appearance in such Court and in case the accused who has executed a bond does not so appear before such Court, the officer presiding in such court may issue warrant directing that such person be arrested and produced before him.”

(d) sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) shall be omitted.

9. Amendment of section 25, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.—In the said Ordinance, in section 25, —

(a) sub-section (a), shall be omitted; and

(b) in sub-section (b), after the word “time” the words “during enquiry or” shall be inserted and for the word “accused” wherever occurring the words “holder of public office or any other person” shall be substituted; and

(c) in sub-section (b), for full stop occurring at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that where a holder of public office or any other person, during enquiry voluntarily comes forward and offers to return the assets or gains acquired or made by him in the course, or as a consequence of any offence under this ordinance, such a person shall cease to hold public office forthwith and shall stand disqualified for a period of five years, to be reckoned from the date he has discharged his liabilities relating to the matter or transaction in issue, for seeking or from being elected, chosen appointed or nominated as a member or representative of any public body or any statutory or local authority or in service of Pakistan or of any province.”

10. Amendment of section 26, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.—In the said Ordinance, in section 26, —
(a) in sub-section (a), for full stop occurring at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that such person, unless he is already on bail, shall be detained in custody until the termination of the trial.”

(b) in sub-section (b), for the word “and” the words “in the presence of the accused who shall be given an opportunity of cross-examining the person and the person” shall be substituted.

11. Insertion of new sections 33F and 33G, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.—In the said Ordinance, after section 33E, the following new sections 33F and 33G, shall be inserted, namely:—

“33F. Restriction on issuance of public statements.—No official of NAB, in any capacity, shall make any statement in public or to the media regarding persons involved in any inquiry or investigation conducted by NAB until a reference has been filed against such persons.; and

“33G. Punishment for making public statements.—Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 33F shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year but shall not be less than one month in any case and with a fine of Rupees One Hundred Thousand.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Amendment in section 5 ensures that only offences of Rs. 500 million or more are to be prosecuted by NAB whereas amendments in sections 9 and 14 seek to ensure that only persons in possession of wealth acquired through corrupt, dishonest or illegal means are prosecuted. Checks and balances have been created by ensuring that no fishing or roving inquiry is possible and material can only be collected which pertains to the investigation or inquiry in question. NAB Courts have been empowered inter alia by giving them power to grant bail by deletion of section 9 (b) and further giving them the power to issue summons and warrants as well as take bonds for appearance. The presumption of innocence of an accused is also being restored by deletion of section 14. Checks and balances have been introduced upon the Chairman NAB’s power in consonance with due process requirements through appropriate amendments in section 18 and section 24. The concept of voluntary return and plea bargain is being brought in line with modern jurisprudence of the Superior Courts through
amendments in section 25. An amendment in section 26 ensures that approvers in NAB cases are given the same treatment as under the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898, and that the accused is given an opportunity to cross examine the approver at the time his statement is being recorded. Through the insertion of a new section viz. Section 33F the dignity of person is being further protected through a restriction on NAB officials from issuing statements publicly prior to filing of a reference and a contravention of the section 33F entails penal consequences encapsulated in section 33G.

SENATOR FAROOQ HAMID NAEK,
Member-In-Charge.

SENATE BILL NO. XXIV OF 2019

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BILL

further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (XL of 1997) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.


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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997, provides for the representation of Provinces in the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, such representation is subject to the
approval of the Federal Government on recommendations made by the Provincial Governments.

That, in view of the scheme of the Constitution, 1973, the Provincial Governments should be competent to name their respective representatives in the said Authority keeping in view of the qualifications specified in sub-section (4) of section 3 of the said Act.

This amendment Bill seeks to achieve these objectives.

SENATOR MIAN RAZA RABBANI,
Member-in-Charge.

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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. **Insertion of Article 253A in the Constitution.**—In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, after Article 253, the following new Article 253A shall be inserted, namely:—

   “253A. **Prohibition to purchase immovable property by non-citizens.**—A person who is not a citizen of Pakistan shall not be entitled, to own or purchase immovable property in Pakistan:

   Provided that the Federal Government may allow non-citizens to possess immovable property in Pakistan through mortgage, lease, will, or through any other instrument for a period not exceeding twenty years.”.
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan guarantees right to the citizens of Pakistan to acquire, hold, or dispose of property in any part of the country. However there is no protection to immovable property from those who are not the citizens of Pakistan. Due to the current influx of foreigners and foreign investors in Pakistan, there is danger of purchase of excessive land by the foreigners. This is dangerous for the social and cultural aspects and for the security of Pakistan. Through the instant amendment, the foreigners will be prohibited from owning and purchasing land in Pakistan. Similarly, they will be prohibited from entering into agreement which bestow on them the right to possess immovable property for more than twenty years. This will protect the country from any danger aimed at the social, cultural or security aspect of Pakistan.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED,
Member-in-Charge.

MUHAMMAD ANWAR,
Secretary.