No.F.9(11)/2019-Legis.— Pursuant of sub-rule (4) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the following report of the Standing Committee presented to the Senate on 31st January, 2020, is published for information:—

Report of Senate Standing Committee on Interior on “The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019” introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior on 3rd September, 2019

I, Senator A. Rehman Malik, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the Honour to present the report on “The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019” introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior on 3rd September, 2019, and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.
2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior is as under:

1. Senator A. Rehman Malik  
   2. Senator Kalsoom Parveen  
   3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi  
   4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati  
   5. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo  
   6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh  
   7. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad  
   8. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood  
   9. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek  
  10. Senator Kauda Babar  
  11. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen  
  12. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem  
  13. Minister for Interior

Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

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Member

3. The Committee considered and discussed the Bill in its meeting held on 8th October, 2019.

4. The following attended the meeting:

1. Senator A. Rehman Malik  
   2. Senator Kalsoom Parveen  
   3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi  
   4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati  
   5. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo  
   6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh  
   7. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen  
   8. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem  
  9. Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior

Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Ex-Officio Member

5. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs briefed the Committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill. He apprised that there had been a surge of terrorist activities in the recent months in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which necessitates greater coordination of the Ministry of Interior with all stakeholders, through NACTA on war footings. Therefore, keeping in view the exigencies of national security / internal peace and law & order, some amendments were required in NACTA ACT, 2013 for changing reporting hierarchy of NACTA, to make it more efficient and effective organization.
6. After detailed deliberation, the Committee proposed the following amendments therein:

**CLAUSE-1**

(i) that in the clause-1 in sub-clause (1) for the word “Ordinance” the word “Act” shall be substituted.

**CLAUSE-6**

(ii) that clause 6 shall be deleted.

**CLAUSE-7**

(iii) that clause 7 shall be deleted.

7. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Bill, as reported by the Committee may be passed and also granted approval for presentation of the report to the House.

8. The Bill, as reported by the Committee is at Annexure-A and the Bill, as introduced, is Annexure-B.

Sd/-
(Senator A. Rehman Malik)
Chairman (Committee)

Sd/-
(Tanvir Ahmed)
D.G./Secretary (Committee)

Islamabad, the
8th October, 2019

Annexure-A

[AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]

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

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 3, Act XIX of 2013.**— In the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 1013 (XIX of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 3, sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

3. **Substitution of section 5, Act XIX of 2013.**— In the said Act, for section 5, the following shall be substituted, namely:

**“Board of Governors.**— (1) The Authority shall have a Board of Governors comprising—

(a) Minister In-charge of Interior Division  
Chairman

(b) Secretary, Interior  
Member

(c) Secretary, Defence Division  
Member

(d) Secretary, Law and Justice Division  
Member

(e) Secretary, Finance Division  
Member

(f) One senator to be recommended by Chairman Senate  
Member

(g) One member National Assembly to be recommended by Speaker National Assembly  
Member

(h) Director General, Intelligence Bureau  
Member

(i) Director General, Federal Investigation Agency  
Member

(j) Director General (CT), Inter-Services-Intelligence  
Member

(k) Rep of Directorate General, Military Intelligence  
Member
(Not less than DG)

(l) National Coordinator of the Authority  
Member

Members

Members

(2) The National Coordinator of the Authority shall act as the Secretary to the Board.
(3) The Board may invite any person to the meeting on special invitation.”

4. **Amendment of Section 6, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 6,—

(i) Sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) shall be omitted; and

(ii) In sub-section (3), in the proviso, the expression “notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (6),” shall be omitted.

5. **Amendment of section 8, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 8, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“8. **Executive Committee.**—(1) The Board shall be assisted by an Executive Committee comprising the following, namely:—

(a) National Coordinator, NACTA **Convener**
(b) Additional Secretary, Finance Division **Member**
(c) Additional Secretary, Interior Division **Member**
(d) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs **Member**
(e) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice **Member**
(f) Additional Secretaries Home of the Provinces of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and rep of Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) **Member**

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

There has been a surge of terrorist activities in the recent months in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, which necessitates greater coordination of the Minister of Interior with all stakeholders, through NACTA on war footings. Therefore, keeping in view the exigencies of national security / internal peace and order, some amendments are required in NACTA ACT, 2013 for changing reporting hierarchy of NACTA, to make it more efficient and effective organization.

Sd/-
BRIG.(R) IJAZ AHMAD SHAH,
*Minister for Interior.*
PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President’s Orders and Regulations

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Islamabad, the 15th July, 2019

No. F.2(1)/2019-Pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated on 12th July, 2019 by the President is hereby published for general information:—

ORDINANCE NO. VII OF 2019

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ORDINANCE

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;

AND WHEREAS the Senate and National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

(371)

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[1085(2019)/Ex. Gaz.]
NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:—

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

   (2) It shall come into force at once.

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   (b) Secretary, Interior **Member**

   (c) Secretary, Defence Division **Member**

   (d) Secretary, Law and Justice Division **Member**

   (e) Secretary, Finance Division **Member**

   (f) One senator to be recommended by Chairman Senate **Member**

   (g) One member National Assembly to be recommended by Speaker National Assembly **Member**

   (h) Director General, Intelligence Bureau **Member**

   (i) Director General, Federal Investigation Agency **Member**

   (j) Director General (CT), Inter-Services-Intelligence **Member**

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(b) Additional Secretary, Finance Division  
(c) Additional Secretary, Interior Division  
(d) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
(e) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice  
6. **Amendment of section 9, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government” the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

7. **Amendment of section 10, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 10, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government” the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

DR. ARIF ALVI,

*President.*

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ARSHAD FAROOQ FAHEEM,

*Secretary.*
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Brig. (R) IIAZ AHMAD SHAH,
Minister for Interior.

DR. AKHTAR NAZIR,
Secretary.