The following Private Members Bills have been introduced in the National Assembly on 1st April, 2021.

[N.A. BILL NO. 37 OF 2021]

A BILL

further to amend the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002;

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XVII of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 3, Ordinance XVII of 2002.**— In the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance XVII of 2002), in section 3, in sub-section (3), for the full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following provisos shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that there shall be one Member from each Province and for such composition, Chairman shall be counted as a Member:

Provided further that the first proviso in sub-section (3) shall not apply to the current Chairman and Members.”.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has been established under the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance XVII of 2002) to protect the public interest while respecting individual rights and provide effective and efficient regulations in the oil and gas sector. Smaller provinces are deprived of their rights in terms of representation in decision making and they always have fear of being in a disadvantaged position in terms of protecting their interests in federation. In this context, the provincial representation in the regulatory bodies’ composition is essential. Such assurance of the rights of all the provinces can be pivotal for strengthening confidence between the provinces. This Bill therefore seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

_Sd/-_
(KESOO MAL KHEEAL DAS)
Member, National Assembly.

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[N.A. BILL NO. 38 OF 2021]

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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, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 1 of the Constitution.**— In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 1, in clause (2), in paragraph (a), for the word “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa”, the word “Pakhtunkhwa”, shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution.**— In the Constitution, in Article 51, in clause (3), in the Table, for the words “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” the word “Pakhtunkhwa”, shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.**— In the Constitution, in Article 106, in clause (1), in the Table for the word “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” the word “Pakhtunkhwa”, shall be substituted.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

People of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have been deprived of their historic name for their province since independence. Previously, North West Frontier Province, and now called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the name is impractical. This amendment therefore proposes to change name of the province by substituting the word “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa” to “Pakhtunkhwa”.

2. This Constitution amendment Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

*Sd/-
(MR. MOHSIN DAWAR),
Member, National Assembly.*

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[NA. BILL NO. 39 OF 2021]

BILL

_further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898_

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act shall be called the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021.
(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 354, Act XLV of 1860.— In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), in section 354, for the expression, “may extend to two years” the expression, “ten years but shall not be less than two years” shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.— In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule II, for the entries relating to section 354, the following shall be substituted:

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<td>Assault or use of criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty</td>
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There is lack of consistency and proportionality in punishments. Section 354 of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 states assault or criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty is punishable for imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, while section 354-A of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860, states that the assault or use of criminal force to woman and stripping her of her clothes is punishable for death penalty or imprisonment for life. To remove the inconsistency and to mitigate the impact of the trauma and physical harm the survivor has or could endure, enhancement of the punishment has been proposed through this Bill.

Sd/-
(MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI)
Member, National Assembly.

[NA. BILL NO. 40 OF 2021]

A BILL


WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1969 (Act No. II of 1969) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—
1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2021.

    (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 14, Act II of 1969.**— In the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1969 hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 14,

    (a) in sub-section (1), before the words ‘on the death of an employee’ the words ‘at the time of retirement or’ shall be inserted; and

    (b) in section (2), after the words “shall be paid”, the words ‘to the employee or’ shall be inserted.

3. **Amendment of section 19, Act II of 1969.**— In the said Act. In section 19,—

    (a) in sub-section (1), before the words ‘on the death of an employee’ the words ‘at the time of retirement or’ shall be inserted; and

    (b) after the words “shall be paid”, the words ‘to the employee or’ shall be inserted.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Employees of Federal Government are liable to pay to the insurance and benevolent fund such sum of money as may be prescribed as premium for the insurance and benevolent fund. The amount of such premium is as far as possible deducted at the source from the pay of employee and credited or remitted to the insurance and benevolent fund. It has been noticed that despite paying in aforesaid the heads, an employee can only be benefited from such insurance in particular, if he dies during the service. This is unjust, keeping in mind that an employee pays, year after year, under the aforesaid heads, and he is denied at his retirement to the benefits of insurance. Therefore, there is need to amend the law and make mandatory for the government to pay due share of insurance to the employees at the time of their retirement.

Sd/-

(MR. ALI GOHAR KHAN)

Member, National Assembly.
further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (No. V of 1908).

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2021.
   
   (2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 9, Act V of 1908.**— In the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908), in section 9, the existing provision of section 9 shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) and thereafter the following new sub-section (2), shall be added namely:

   “(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being enforce, a suit filed under sub-section (1), shall be decide by the Court within six months and the Appellate Court shall decide the appeal not later than ninety days, as the case may be.”.

3. **Amendment of Section 54, Act V of 1908.**— In the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908), in section 54, the existing provision shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) and therefore the following new sub-section (2) shall be added namely:

   “(2). Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, a suit filed under sub-section (1), shall be decide by the Court within six months and the Appellate Court shall decide the appeal not later than ninety days, as the case may be.”

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The inheritance right has been determined by Almighty Allah but unfortunately the women and weak person do not get their proper share even after prolong judicial proceedings. The recent judgment of Supreme Court regarding the decision in civil/inheritance case is an eye penning i.e. the decision after 100 years. Most of the women and weak persons hesitate to knock the door for their due right because of the slow process.

2. Therefore, this amendment is the need of hour so that women and weak persons and their legal heirs may take their right of inheritance and property.

Sd/-

(SYED JAVED HUSSAIN)

*Members, National Assembly.*
further to amend the Minimum Wages for Unskilled Workers Ordinance, 1969

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Minimum Wages for Unskilled Workers Ordinance, 1969 (W. P. Ordinance XX of 1969), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Minimum Wages for Unskilled Workers (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Schedule to the Ordinance XX of 1969.**— In the Minimum Wages for Unskilled Workers Ordinance, 1969 (W. P. Ordinance XX of 1969), in the Schedule, for the entries in column (2), the following corresponding entries shall be substituted, namely:

“25000 pm (w.e.f. 1st July, 2021 till 30th June, 2022)”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Inflation is rapidly increasing in the last two decades. It has become real hard to meet every day daily basic needs for the unskilled workers families. Therefore, it is the need of the time to revise minimum wages for the unskilled workers so they can have a chance to somehow live up and maintain their life with dignity. Hence this Bill is proposed.

Sd/-

(DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO)

Member, National Assembly.

further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (W.P Ordinance XIX of 1965), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;
It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 73, W.P Ordinance XIX of 1965.**— In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (W.P Ordinance XIX of 1965), for section 73, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“73. **General provisions regarding construction, safety and maintenance.**— (1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with latest safety gears, which include inflatable front and side impact airbags safety belt and antilock brakes.

(2) Every motor vehicle shall be so constructed and so maintained as to be at all times under the effective control of the person driving the vehicle.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pakistan’s automobile industry is fastest growing in Asia. It contributes (2.8%) to its GDP and 30 billion rupees to the national exchequer in terms of taxes and duties. The Government is about to introduce new automotive development policy for the years 2022-2026 soon. Therefore, to ensure safety of driver and passengers of the vehicle, lifesaving measures have to be taken for the automotive industry and only vehicles equipped with better safety gears and at least four, front and side airbags should be permitted on the roads. Hence, this Bill is proposed.

Sd/-

(MR. ALAMGIR KHAN)
Member, National Assembly.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.