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*further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 (No. XXV of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follow :-

**1. Short title and commencement:** - (1) This Act may be called the Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Insertion of new sections, Act XXV of 1997.** – In the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 2019 (XXV of 1997), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, after section 9, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely:-

**“9A. Prohibition of methamphetamine.**— No one shall produce, manufacture, extract, prepare, possess, offer for sale, sell, purchase, distribute, deliver on any terms whatsoever, transport, dispatch methamphetamine, except for medical, scientific or industrial purposes in the manner and subject to such conditions, as may be specified by Government.

**9B. Punishment for contravention of section 9A.**— Whoever, contravenes the provisions of section 9A shall be punished with-

- (a) imprisonment upto period of seven (07) years and shall also be liable to fine not less than rupees three hundred thousand, if the quantity of methamphetamine does not exceed one hundred grams;
- (b) imprisonment of not less than ten years and shall also be liable to fine not less than rupees five hundred thousand, if the quantity of methamphetamine exceeding one hundred grams, but does not exceed one kilogram; and
- (c) death, imprisonment for life or imprisonment for a term which may extend upto fourteen years and with a fine which may extend to rupees one million, if the quantity of methamphetamine exceeds one kilogram:

Provided that if the quantity of methamphetamine exceeds five kilograms, the punishment shall not be less than imprisonment for life in any case.”

**3. Substitution of section 51, Act XXV of 1997.** – In the said Act, for section 51, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**“51. Offence cognizable and non-bailable.**- Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment of any court or any other law for the time being enforced, all the offences under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Drug use is at alarming stage in youth and the drug peddler are making money by creating problems for society, as methamphetamine / ice is dangerous for health, environment and for society therefore it is essential to treat drug peddlers with iron hand by enhancing the imprisonment, fine and making the offence non-bailable and cognizable in any case.

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