

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

1. the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 7th November, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1. Mr. Riaz Fatyana	Chairman
2. Mr. Atta Ullah	Member
3. Mr. Lal Chand	Member
4. Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
5. Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
6. Ms. Maleeka Ali Bokhari	Member
7. Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti Khel	Member
8. Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana	Member
9. Agha Hassan Baloch	Member
10. Mr. Sher Ali Arbab	Member
11. Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
12. Mr. Saad Waseem	Member
13. Rana Sana Ullah Khan	Member
14. Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk	Member
15. Mr. Usman Ibrahim	Member
16. Khawaja Saad Rafique	Member
17. Syed Hussain Tariq	Member
18. Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
19. Dr. Nafisa Shah	Member
20. Ms. Aliya Kamran	Member
21. Barrister Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at (Annex-A), in its meeting held on 27th November, 2019. Note of Dissent of Ms. Aliya Kamran, MNA is placed at Annex-B.
4. The Committee recommended that the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly may be passed.

Sd/-
TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary

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(RIAZ FATYANA)
Chairman

Islamabad, the 12th December, 2019

AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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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 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 48 of the Constitution.**— In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 48, in clause (4), for the expression "Cabinet, the Prime Minister, a Minister or Minister of State", the words "Cabinet or the Prime Minister" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In Order to bring uniformity and to remove the contradiction from the Constitution of Pakistan, clause (4) of Article 48 is proposed to be amended to bring it in conformity with clause (1) thereof which was amended by the Constitution (Eighth Amendment) Act, 1985 (XVIII of 1985).

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid object.

DR. MUHAMMAD FAROUGH NASEEM
Minister for Law and Justice,
Minister-in-Charge

NOTE OF DISSENT

Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article 48)

It is a universal norm that each and every person and institution is accountable. To cover their mistakes, they seek exemption through this amendment so that nobody may challenge their issues in the court.

No such exemption is available anywhere in the world. Every person is answerable under the law. This amendment is just to save them from accountability under the law.

Sd/-

ALIA KAMRAN

Member, National Assembly (NA-329)