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further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (No. XXVII of 1974) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 10, Act XXVII of 1974.- In the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII of 1974), in section 10.-

(a) in sub-section (2A),-

(i) for the expression "be entitled to twenty five business class open return air tickets", the expression "be entitled to receive travel vouchers of equal amount of twenty-five business class open return air tickets of Pakistan International Airline" shall be substituted;

(ii) after the word "Islamabad", the words "through applicable airline route" shall be added; and

(iii) for full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

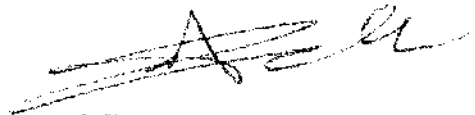
"Provided that the un-utilized air tickets and vouchers for financial year 2019-2020 shall remain acceptable till their utilization upto the 30th June, 2020." ; and

(b) in sub-section (3), for the expression "sub-section (1)", the expression "sub-section (1) and (2A)" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Section-10 of the Members of Parliament (Salary & Allowances) regulates free travel privilege of the Parliamentarian. Members are entitled for twenty-five business class open return air tickets from air port nearest to their constituencies to Islamabad, per annum. In addition, vouchers of Rs.300000/- to be utilized for travelling by air or train by Parliamentarian as well as their family members are also provided during a year. There has been persistent demand by the Parliamentarian to extend the utility of 25 air-tickets to their family members as well. National Assembly Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure also recommended accordingly. Therefore, vouchers of equal value in lieu of admissible twenty five business class open return air tickets are proposed to be issued to the Members of Parliament, which may be utilized by family members of the Parliamentarian as well.

The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.



MINISTER-IN-CHARGE