

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 (XXXII of 2017) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the National Commission on the Rights of Child (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 (XXXII of 2017), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occurring, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 4, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the said Act, in section 4, in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 5, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 6, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the said Act, in section 6, in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 8, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occurring, the words “Division concerned with approval of the Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 10, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the said Act, in section 10, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 14, Act XXXII of 2017.— In the said Act, in section 14, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

9. **Amendment of section 15, Act XXXII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 15,—

- (a) in clause (d),—
 - (i) for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted; and
 - (ii) after the words “and to”, the words “the departments concerned of” shall be inserted;
- (b) in clause (j), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted;
- (c) in clause (k), after the word “from”, the words “the ministries, divisions, attached departments and subordinate offices of” shall be inserted; and
- (d) in clause (l), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister or the Division concerned” shall be substituted.

10. **Amendment of section 17, Act XXXII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-sections (1) and (3), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted.

11. **Amendment of section 18, Act XXXII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 18,—

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government”, the expression “Division concerned, in consultation with the Finance Division”, shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (5), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Finance Division” shall be substituted.

12. **Amendment of section 19, Act XXXII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 19, in sub-section (3), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted.

13. **Amendment of section 20, Act XXXII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 20, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

14. **Amendment of section 21, Act XXXII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 21, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Object of this amendment is to bring clarity to the existing legislation and to provide clarity with respect to exercise of authority by the Federation. This was pursuant to the directions of the Cabinet in light of the recent Supreme Court judgment [PLD 2016 SC 808].

2. The Bill is drafted to achieve the aforesaid object.

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