

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, NATIONAL HERITAGE AND CULTURE ON THE PAKISTAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture have the honor to present this report on the Bill to amend the Pakistan Academy of Letters Act, 2013 (Act IV of 2013) [The Pakistan Academy of letters (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 1st January, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1.	Mian Najeeb Ud Din Awaisi	Chairman
2.	Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan	Member
3.	Mr. Sadaqat Ali Khan	Member
4.	Ms. Javairia Zafar Aheer	Member
5.	Mr. Umar Aslam Khan	Member
6.	Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
7.	Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak	Member
8.	Ms. Andleeb Abbas	Member
9.	Ms. Ghazala Saifi	Member
10.	Ms. Asma Qadeer	Member
11.	Ms. Tashfeen Safdar	Member
12.	Mrs. Farukh Khan	Member
13.	Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz	Member
14.	Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed	Member
15.	Ms. Kiran Imran Dar	Member
16.	Ms. Musarrat Asif Khawaja	Member
17.	Mr. Abid Hussain Bhayo	Member
18.	Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar	Member
19.	Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro	Member
20.	Mr. Asmatullah	Member
21.	Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at **Annexure-‘A’**, in its meetings held on 24-01-2020, 25-02-2020, 11-01-2021 and recommends that the Bill may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-
(MIAN NAJEEB UD DIN AWAISI)
Chairman

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 5th March, 2021

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

A
Bill

to amend the Pakistan Academy of Letters Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Pakistan Academy of Letters Act, 2013 (IV of 2013) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called Pakistan Academy of Letters (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act IV of 2013.- In the Pakistan Academy of Letters Act, 2013 (IV of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2,-

(a) in clause (i), the word "and", occurring at the end, shall be omitted; and

(b) in clause (j), for the full stop at the end, a semi colon and the word "and" shall be substituted and thereafter the following new clause shall be added, namely:-

"(k) "secretary" means secretary of the Division concerned."

3. Amendment of section 4, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 4, in sub-section (1),-

(a) for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted;

(b) for clause (b), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(b) Joint Secretary of the Division concerned"; and

(c) In clause (f), for the expression "FATA, FANA, NA", the words "Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 7, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 7, in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 8, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 8,-

- (a) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Prime Minister or a person authorized by him" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (4), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Prime Minister or a person authorized by him" shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 10, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 10,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Prime Minister or a person authorized by him" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 12, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 12,-

- (a) in clause (w), for the word "Ministry", the word "Division" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in clause (y), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 13, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 13, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 16, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 16, in sub-section (2), for the words "Chairman of the Academy", the words "secretary of the Division concerned" shall be substituted.

10. Amendment of section 18, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 18, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

11. Amendment of section 19, Act IV of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 19, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned in consultation with the Establishment and Finance Divisions and all other concerned ministries and divisions" shall be substituted.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 08-11-2017, in case No.419/199/2017, decided that all Ministries and Divisions should in consultation with Law & Justice Division, make amendments in the respective Acts/ Rules and replace the words "Federal Government" with appropriate authority(ies).

The amendments in the Pakistan Academy of Letters' Act, 2013 through this bill namely "Pakistan Academy of Letters (Amendment) Act, 2019" will bring clarity in the statute. Besides decentralizing of powers and their conferment at appropriate levels. It will help to avoid unnecessary delays and will speed up the decision making. Moreover, uncalled for references to the Federal Cabinet will also be avoided. Therefore it is deemed imperative to introduce this Bill.

Minister-in-Charge

قومی اسمبلی سیکرٹریٹ

اکادمی ادبیات پاکستان (تریمی) بل، ۲۰۲۱ء پر قائمہ کمیٹی برائے وفاقی تعلیم، پیشہ وارانہ تربیت، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت کی رپورٹ۔

میں، چیئر مین قائمہ کمیٹی برائے وفاقی تعلیم، پیشہ وارانہ تربیت، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت یکم جنوری، ۲۰۲۰ء کو کمیٹی کے سپرد کردہ اکادمی ادبیات پاکستان ایکٹ، ۲۰۱۳ء (ایکٹ نمبر ۴ بابت ۲۰۱۳ء) میں ترمیم کرنے کے بل [اکادمی ادبیات پاکستان (تریمی) بل، ۲۰۲۱ء] (سرکاری بل) پر رپورٹ ہذا پیش کرنے کا شرف حاصل کرتا ہوں۔

۲۔ کمیٹی حسب ذیل اراکین پر مشتمل ہے:-

چیئر مین	۱۔ میاں نجیب الدین ادیسی
رکن	۲۔ جناب علی نواز اعوان
رکن	۳۔ جناب صداقت علی خان
رکن	۴۔ محترمہ جویریہ ظفر آہیر
رکن	۵۔ جناب عمر اسلم خان
رکن	۶۔ جناب محمد فاروق اعظم ملک
رکن	۷۔ محترمہ نفیسہ عنایت اللہ خان تنگ
رکن	۸۔ محترمہ عندلیب عباس
رکن	۹۔ محترمہ غزالہ سیفی
رکن	۱۰۔ محترمہ اسماء قدیر
رکن	۱۱۔ محترمہ تاشفین صفدر
رکن	۱۲۔ بیگم فرخ خان
رکن	۱۳۔ محترمہ مہناز اکبر عزیز
رکن	۱۴۔ چوہدری محمد حامد حمید
رکن	۱۵۔ محترمہ کرن عمران ڈار
رکن	۱۶۔ محترمہ مسرت آصف خواجہ
رکن	۱۷۔ جناب عابد حسین بھائیو
رکن	۱۸۔ محترمہ مسرت رفیق ہیسر
رکن	۱۹۔ ڈاکٹر شازیہ ثوبیہ اسلم سومرو
رکن	۲۰۔ جناب عصمت اللہ
رکن	۲۱۔ جناب شفقت محمود،
رکن بالحاظ عہدہ	

وزیر برائے وفاقی تعلیم، پیشہ وارانہ تربیت، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت

۳۔ کمیٹی نے ۲۳ جنوری، ۲۰۲۰ء، ۲۵ فروری، ۲۰۲۰ء اور ۱۱ جنوری، ۲۰۲۱ء کو منعقدہ اپنے اجلاسوں میں شلکہ ”الف“ کے طور پر قومی اسمبلی میں پیش کردہ بل پر غور کیا اور سفارش کرتی ہے کہ قومی اسمبلی بل کی منظوری دے۔

دستخط۔
(میاں نجیب الدین اویسی)
چیئرمین

دستخط۔
(طاہر حسین)
سیکرٹری
اسلام آباد، ۵ مارچ، ۲۰۲۱ء