

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE CRIMINAL LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

1. The Chairman of Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act V of 1898) [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 02nd August, 2016.

2. The Committee consists of the following: -

1) Rana Shamim Ahmad Khan	Chairman
2) Syed Javed Ali Shah	Member
3) Mr. Ghalib Khan	Member
4) Dr. Ibadullah	Member
5) Sheikh Muhammad Akram	Member
6) Syed Iftikhar-ul-Hassan	Member
7) Makhdoomzada Basit Bokhari	Member
8) Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti	Member
9) Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani	Member
10) Ms. Tahmina Daultana	Member
11) Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
12) Mr. Nauman Islam Shaikh	Member
13) Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari	Member
14) Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur	Member
15) Mr. Khial Zaman Orakzai	Member
16) Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
17) Kanwar Naveed Jameel	Member
18) Mr. Salman Khan Baloch	Member
19) Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan	Member
20) Mr. Sher Akber Khan	Member
21) Ch. Nisar Ali Khan, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 02-05-2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annex-A may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 05th August, 2017.

Sd/-
(RANA SHAMIM AHMAD KHAN)
Chairman
Standing Committee on
Interior and Narcotics Control

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

A

Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act V of 1898)

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called "The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act 2016."

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 292C, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) hereinafter referred to as the said code, in section 292C for the words and commas, "imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than two years and may extend upto seven years, or with fine which shall not be less than two hundred thousand rupees, and may extend upto seven hundred thousand, rupees, or with both", the words "death or imprisonment for life", shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 377B, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the said code in section 377B, for the words "imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years and liable to fine which shall not be less than five hundred thousand rupees or with both", the words "death or imprisonment for life", shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of the schedule II, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act V of 1898), in the schedule II,

- (i) for the entry of section 292C, in column 7, for the words "Imprisonment of either description for 3 months, or fine, or both", the words "Death or imprisonment for life, shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the entry of section 377B, in column 7, for the words "Imprisonment of either description for 10 years, or fine, or both", the words "Death or imprisonment for life, shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Recent events relating to sexual abuse of children throughout the country have necessitated that tough punishments shall be doled out to the perpetrators. Current penalties are less compared to the magnitude of the crime. The Bill aims to increase the punishment of child pornography and sexual abuse of minors.

Sd/-

Ms. Mussarat Ahmad Zeb
Member National Assembly