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ORDINANCE NO. XXI OF 2019

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*further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999*

WHEREAS the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the National Accountability (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.—

2. **Amendment of section 10, XVIII of 1999.**—In the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), in section 10, after sub-section (d), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:—

“(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law or any instructions etc. for the time being in force, any person arrested under the provisions of this Ordinance for any offence involving any amount above fifty million rupees shall be entitled to ‘C’ class or equivalent only in the prison irrespective of the stage of inquiry, investigation or trial.”.

## STATEMENTS OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 is focused at eradicating corruption and corrupt practices and to hold accountable persons accused of corruption and corrupt practices. It provides for special handling of the persons being dealt with under the said Ordinance. Therefore, in order to provide for appropriate treatment on arrest, amendment is proposed in the aforesaid Ordinance, to remove any concession during the period of arrest of such persons.

**Minister-in-Charge**