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Bill

to amend the Global Change Impact Studies Centre Act, 2013

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Global Change Impact Studies Centre Act, 2013 (XVII of 2013) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Global Change Impact Studies Centre (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. General amendment, Act XVII of 2013.— In the Global Change Impact Studies Centre Act, 2013 (XVII of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, for the words “Global Change”, wherever occurring, the words “Global Climate-Change” shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 5, Act XVII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 5,—

(a) in sub-section (3),—

(i) in the rider clause, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) Secretary of the Division to *Member*;
which business of science and
technology stands allocated

(iii) for clause (d), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) Secretaries of the Divisions to which business of water resources and energy stands allocated *Member*”;

(iv) for clause (f), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(f) Secretary of the Division to which business of industries and production stands allocated *Member*”;

(v) after clause(h), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ha) Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority *Member*

(hb) Chairman, Higher Education Commission *Member*

(hc) Secretary, Foreign Affairs Division *Member*”;

(vi) in clause (i), after the words “Technical Expert”, the words “or scientist” shall be inserted; and

(vii) in clause (k), after the word “Sector”, the words “and two from civil society” shall be added;

(b) in sub-section (6), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted and for the word “it” the word “he” shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 6, Act XVII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 6, in clause (b),—

(a) in sub-clause (v), the words “rules for training and lay down” and the word “and”, occurring at the end, shall be omitted;

(b) in clause (vi), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted and for full stop

at the end, a semicolon shall be substituted and thereafter the following new clauses shall be added, namely:—

- “(vii) where necessary to establish committees and sub-committees;
- (viii) as it may deem fit, to confer prizes, honors or awards for meritorious behavior;
- (ix) where necessary and under guidance of the administrative Division, to cooperate with international entities; and
- (x) to undertake any other actions needed to achieve objectives of this Act.”.

5. Amendment of section 7, Act XVII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 7, for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occurring, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 8, Act XVII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (2), in clause (a), for the words “on quarterly basis”, the word “bi-annually” shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 9, Act XVII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (2), —

- (a) in clause (e), the word “and” shall be omitted; and
- (b) in clause (f), for full stop at the end, a semicolon and the word “and” shall be substituted and thereafter the following new clause (g) shall be added, namely:—

“(g) oversee and guide the research agenda.”.

8. Amendment of section 25, Act XVII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 25, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Minister-in-charge” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill seeks to amend the Global Change Impact Studies Centre Act, 2013 (Act XVII of 2013). Since focus of the Centre is to address climate change and related concerns which are not truly reflected in its existing nomenclature "Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC)", hence name of the Centre is proposed to be changed as "Global Climate-Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC)". Moreover, holding of its Board of Governors (BoG) meeting bi-annually instead of on quarterly basis; addition of Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman HEC and two members from Civil Society in existing Board of Governors as members, substitution of the Names of existing Federal Ministries due to bifurcation/Merging of Ministries / Divisions, replacement of the words "Federal Government" with Appropriate Authority(ies) in the light of directions of Cabinet Division and some other minor amendments, have also been proposed in draft bill.

2. The bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.

MINISTER-IN-CHARGE