

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (Act XXVII of 1997) [The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (Government Bill), referred to the Committee on 27th July, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following:

1) Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz	Chairman
2) Mr. Sher Akbar Khan	Member
3) Mehar Ghulam Muhammad Lali	Member
4) Mr. Raza Nasrullah	Member
5) Khawaja Sheraz Mehmood	Member
6) Mr. Rahat Aman Ullah Bhatti	Member
7) Malik Karamat Ali Khokhar	Member
8) Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai	Member
9) Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak	Member
10) Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Mengal	Member
11) Nawabzada Shazain Bugti	Member
12) Malik Sohail Khan	Member
13) Syed Iftikhar Ul Hassan	Member
14) Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik	Member
15) Mr. Nadeem Abbas	Member
16) Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib	Member
17) Syed Agha Rafiullah	Member
18) Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur	Member
19) Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel	Member
20) Mr. Asmatullah	Member
21) Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at **Annex-A**, in its meetings held on 28-7-2020 and 29-7-2020 and proposed following amendments therein.-

(1) **Clause 4**

In clause 4, in the proposed sub-section (3), after the expression "A person commits an offence if he", the expression "knowingly or willfully" be added.

(2) **Clause 6**

In clause 6.-

- (i) In paragraph (a), the expression "after the word 'indirectly', the words 'or jointly; shall be inserted and'" shall be omitted;

- (ii) In the proposed paragraph (d), the expression "or jointly" occurring in the sixth line shall be omitted.

(3) **Clause 9**

In clause 9, the proposed paragraph (a), shall be omitted and the remaining paragraphs may be re-numbered, accordingly.

(4) **Clause 10**

In clause 10, the proposed paragraph (i) shall be omitted.

4. The Committee recommends that the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee placed at **(Annex-B)**, may be passed by the National Assembly. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Malik Sohail Khan, Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Mr. Nadeem Abbas, Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel and Syed Agha Rafiullah showed there reservations on the Bill and they submitted notes of dissent on the Bill, which are placed at **Annex C, D, E and F**.

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(TAHIR HUSSAIN)

Secretary

Islamabad 5th August, 2020

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(RAJA KHURRAM SHAHZAD NAWAZ)

Chairman

Standing Committee on Interior

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (Act XXVII of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 6, Act XXVII of 1997.— In the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (Act XXVII of 1997), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 6, in sub-section (7), in clauses (a) and (b), for the words “an individual”, the words “any person” shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 11EE, Act XXVII of 1997.— In the Act, in section 11EE, in sub-section (2), in clause (c),—

(a) in sub-clause (iii), the word “and” occurring at the end shall be omitted; and

(b) after sub-clause (iv), the following new sub-clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

“(v) no bank or financial institution or any other entity providing financial support shall provide any loan facility or financial support to proscribed person or issue the credit cards to proscribed person; and

(vi) the arms licenses, if already issued, shall be deemed to have been cancelled and the arms shall be deposited forthwith in the nearest Police Station, failing which such arms shall be confiscated and the holder of such arms shall be liable for the punishment provided under the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ord. XX of 1965). No fresh license shall be issued to such person for any kind of weapons.”.

4. Amendment of section 11J, Act XXVII of 1997.— In the said Act, in section 11J, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:-

“(3) A person commits an offence if he pays for or provides money or other property or facilitate in any manner the travel of a person anywhere for the purpose of perpetrating, participating in, assisting or preparing for a terrorist act or for the purpose of providing or receiving training for terrorist related activities.

(4) The provisions of sub-section (2) shall also apply to the following;

(a) organizations owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by proscribed organizations or proscribed persons; and

(b) Persons or organizations acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, proscribed organizations or proscribed persons.”.

5. Amendment of section 11N, Act XXVII of 1997.— In the said Act, in section 11N,—

(a) the existing section shall be renumbered as sub-section (1);

(b) in sub-section (1), renumbered as aforesaid, after the word “fine”, the words “not exceeding twenty-five million rupees” shall be inserted ; and ,

(c) after sub-section (1), renumbered as aforesaid, the following new sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2) If a legal person commits an offence under sections 11H to 11K such person shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty million rupees.

(3) Every director, officer or employee of such legal person found guilty shall be punishable on conviction with imprisonment for a term not less than five years and not exceeding ten years with fine not exceeding twenty-five million rupees.”.

6. Amendment of section 11O, Act XXVII of 1997.— In the said Act, in section 11O, in sub-section (1),—

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