

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (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 (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 said 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 added, 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 credit cards to proscribed person; and

(vi) the arms licences, 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 licence 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 added, namely:-

“(3) A person commits an offence if he knowingly or willfully 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-

- (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 provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) thereof;
- (b) in sub-section (1), numbered as aforesaid, after the word “fine”, the words “not exceeding twenty-five million rupees” shall be inserted ; and
- (c) after sub-section (1), numbered and amended as aforesaid, the following new sub-sections shall be added, 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 and with fine not exceeding twenty-five million rupees:

Provided that the punishment of the director, officer or employee shall be effective and in due proportion to his role.”.

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