

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

*further to amend the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001
(Ordinance No. V of 2002)*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. V of 2002) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act shall be called the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in Section 6, Ordinance V of 2002.** - In the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001, in Section 6, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Ministry concerned" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under this Act, the properties of Minority communities meant for their communal use have been protected and this Ministry has been mandated to issue NOC for the sale/purchase/transfers/gifts of communal properties of minorities on the recommendation of the National Commission for Minorities. The said Ordinance contains the words "Federal Government" which needs to be replaced with "Ministry concerned" in section 6. The Bill has been formulated to achieve the above said purpose. Hence, this needs to be passed by the Parliament.

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