

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act shall be called the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 21, Act XXI of 1860.**- In the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), for section 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"21. Registration of Deeni Madaris.- Every *Deeni Madrasa*, by whatever name called, shall not operate without getting itself registered in the following manner, namely:-

(a) the *Deeni Madrasa* in existence before the commencement of the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2024, (of 2024), if not already registered, shall get itself registered under this Act within six months from commencement of the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2024 (of 2024); and

(b) a *Deeni Madrasa* established after commencement of the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2024, (of 2024), shall get itself registered under this Act within one year of its establishment.

Explanation.- A *Deeni Madrasa* having more than one campus shall need only one registration.

(2) Every *Deeni Madrasa* shall submit to the Registrar annual report of its educational activities.

(3) Every *Deeni Madrasa* shall cause to be carried out audit of its accounts by an auditor and submit a copy of its audit report to the Registrar.

(4) No *Deeni Madrasa* shall teach or publish any literature which promotes militancy or spreads sectarianism or religious hatred:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall bar the comparative study of various religions or schools of thought or the study of any other subject covered by the Holy Quran, Sunnah or the Islamic jurisprudence.

(5) Every *Deeni Madrasa* shall, subject to their resources, include basic contemporary subjects in their curriculum according to a phased program.

(6) For registration of *Deeni Madrasa* under this Act, no *Deeni Madrasa* shall be required to register itself under any other law for the time being in force.


(7) Once registered under this Act, no *Deeni Madrasa* shall be required to be registered under any other law whatsoever for the time being in force."

Explanation.- In this section "*Deeni Madrasa*" means a religious institution and includes a Jamia or Dar-ul-Uloom, called by any other name, established or operated primarily for the purposes of imparting religious education, which provides boarding and lodging facilities."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Deeni Madaris play a pivotal role in imparting religious education to every Muslim. At the same time, such *Deeni Madaris* are required to be registered under an enactment to check their activities in appropriate manner. However, certain serious issues have been noticed in registration of *Deeni Madaris* in the absence of proper legislation. Therefore, it is expedient to provide for registration of the *Deeni Madaris* under the umbrella of an enactment.

2. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.


Minister-in-Charge