

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 (Ordinance No VI of 2024)

1, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend The National Accountability Ordinance .1999 (XVIII of 1999)[The National Accountability (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Ordinance No VI Of 2024)] (Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 06th June, 2024.

2. The Committee comprises the following: -

1.	Ch. Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
2.	Mr. Muhammad Mueen Watto	Member
3.	Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani	Member
4.	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
5.	Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon	Member
6.	Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi	Member
7.	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
8.	Syed Ali Qasim Gillani	Member
9.	Dr. Nafisa Shah	Member
10.	Syed Abrar Ali Shah	Member
11.	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
12.	Syed Hafeezuddin	Member
13.	Mr. Hassaan Sabir	Member
14.	Mr. Sohail Sultan	Member
15.	Mr. Gohar Ali Khan	Member
16.	Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan	Member
17.	Mr. Umair Khan Niazi	Member
18.	Mr. Changaze Ahmad Khan	Member
19.	Sardar Muhammad Latif Khan Khosa	Member
20.	Ms. Aliya Kamran	Member
21.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at Annex-A, in its meetings held on the 23rd July, 27th September, 12th November, 21st November, 2024, 09th January and 04th March 2025. As the Ministry has withdrawn the Bill hence the Committee recommended that the Bill may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-

TAHIR HUSSAIN

Secretary General

Islamabad, the 03rd May 2025

Sd/-

(Ch. Mahmood Bashir Virk)

Chairman

AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE NO. VI OF 2024

AN

ORDINANCE

further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS, the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance shall be called the National Accountability (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024.

(2) This Ordinance shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the commencement of the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999).

2. **Amendment of section 24, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**— In the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 24, in sub-section (d), for the word “fourteen” the word “forty” shall be substituted.


3. **Amendment of section 36, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 36, for the proviso, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Provided that if the accused has been acquitted by the Court on the ground that the case was initiated with *malafide* intention or based on false or fabricated evidence, the person found guilty of such act by the said Court shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to fine.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) was established under the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 with an aim to curb corruption in Pakistan. We have been informed by the NAB that a number of investigations have been initiated, however, owing to the complex nature of the white-collar crimes involved, it is practically impossible for NAB authorities to complete an investigation within the span of fourteen days under sub-section (d) of section 24 of the Ordinance. Therefore, NAB has requested for the enhancement of remand period from fourteen (14) to forty (40) days.

The Ordinance is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.


Minister in Charge