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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 17th May, 2016

No. F. 22(18)/2014-Legis.—The following Act of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 15th May, 2016 and is hereby published for general information:—

ACT NO. XXIV OF 2016

An Act further to amend the Patents Ordinance, 2000

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Patents Ordinance, 2000 (LXI of 2000), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as under:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Patents (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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Price : Rs. 2.00

2. **Amendment of section 2, Ordinance LXI of 2000.**—In the Patents Ordinance, 2000 (LXI of 2000), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2, for clause (e) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(e) “date of advertisement”, wherever appearing in this Ordinance, shall be the date on which the patents’ journal is published or uploaded on website of the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan or printed in hard form in relevant part of the official Gazette, whichever is earlier.”.

3. **Amendment of section 13, Ordinance LXI of 2000.**—In this said Ordinance, in section 13,—

(a) in sub-section (7), for the full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that where the application has been withdrawn before the advertisement of its acceptance in the official Gazette or publication in the patents’ journal, the application and the specification, claims and drawings, if any, shall not be open to public inspection.”; and

(b) in sub-section (9), for the colon a full stop shall be substituted and thereafter the proviso shall be omitted.

4. **Amendment of section 21, Ordinance LXI of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 21, after the words “advertise in the official Gazette”, the words “and publish in the patents’ journal” shall be inserted.

5. **Amendment of section 44, Ordinance LXI of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 44, in sub-section (3), after the words “advertised in the official Gazette”, the words “and published in the patents’ journal” shall be inserted.

6. **Amendment of section 48, Ordinance LXI of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 48, in clause (c), after the words “official Gazette”, the words “and in the patents’ journal” shall be inserted.

7. **Amendment of section 90, Ordinance LXI of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 90, after the words “official Gazette”, the words “or in the patents’ journal” shall be inserted.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.