

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



**REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**ON "THE WOMEN IN DISTRESS AND DETENTION  
FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017"**

Presented by

Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar  
Chairman



## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Chairperson of the Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on "The Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2017" introduced in the House on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and referred to the Functional Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	<b>Chairman</b>
2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3. Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
4. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
5. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah	Member
6. Senator Keshoo Bai	Member
7. Senator Professor Meher Taj Roghani	Member
8. Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
9. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
10. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
11. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
12. Senator Muhamamd Usman Khan Kakar	Member
13. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
14. Minister for Human Rights	Ex-Officio Member

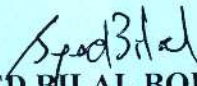
3. The Committee considered the Bill in detail in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, in presence of Ministry of Human Rights and Ministry of Law and Justice. The following members attended the meeting:


1. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	<b>Chairman</b>
2. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
3. Senator Keshoo Bai	Member
4. Senator Professor Meher Taj Roghani	Member
5. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
6. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
7. Senator Muhamamd Usman Khan Kakar	Member



4. After detailed discussion and deliberations, all members present voted in favor of the Bill.

5. Accordingly the Bill as passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Senate may be passed. (The Bill is annexed as "A").

  
(SYED BILAL BOKHARI)  
Acting Secretary Committee

  
(MUSTAFA NAWAZ KHOKHAR)  
Chairman



[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

*further to amend the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996 (XV of 1996) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act shall be called the Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 6, Act XV of 1996.-** In the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996 (XV of 1996), in section 6, in sub-section (1), for clauses (i) to (viii), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

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| (a) Minister-in-charge of the Administrative Division;  | <i>Chairperson</i>          |
| (b) One woman member each of the National Assembly and the Senate to be nominated by the Speaker and the Chairman respectively; | <i>Members</i>              |
| (c) Secretary of the administrative Division;   | <i>Member</i>               |
| (d) One woman prominent social worker from each province to be nominated by the Provincial Governments; and                     | <i>Members</i>              |
| (e) An officer in BS-20 or above of the administrative Division.  | <i>Member-cum-Secretary</i> |



### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Women in Distress and Detention Fund was established under the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996 (XV of 1996). The objects of this Fund are to provide financial and legal assistance to the women languishing in jails on account of different allegations and those who faced extreme hardships.

2. In view of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (X of 2010) and consequently reallocation of business of various Ministries and Divisions, it is expedient to amend the said Act for appropriate operation of the Fund, which is beneficial for all classes of women throughout the country.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.

Sd/-  
Mr. Kamran Michael  
Minister for Human Rights