



SENATE SECRETARIAT

Report No. 22

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE



“THE SUPERIOR COURTS (COURTS DRESS AND MODE OF ADDRESS) ORDER (REPEAL) BILL, 2020”

PRESENTED BY

**Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
Chairman
Standing Committee on Law and Justice**

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present report on “The Superior Courts (Courts Dress and Mode of Address) Order (Repeal) Bill, 2020” as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate on 14th January, 2020. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice is as under:-

1.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Chairman
2.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
3.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
4.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
5.	Senator Siraj ul Haq	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
9.	Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokar	Member
10.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
11.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
12.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
13.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 24th January, 2020 and 13th February, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi. Final consideration of the Bill was held in the meeting dated 13th February, 2020, which was attended by the following members:-

- i. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- ii. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
- iii. Senator Siraj ul Haq
- iv. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah *(the Hon'ble Senator was not present at the time of consideration of this Bill)*
- v. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada
- vi. Senator Sana Jamali

4. The Ministry of Law and Justice briefed the Committee that President Order No. 15 of 1980 regulates the Court dress, mode of address, etc. of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan or a High Court or the Federal Shariat Court. The Order regarding dress provides that:-


- (i) a Judge of the Superior Court shall wear-
 - (a) while he is attending sittings of the Court, a black suit with a white shirt, a black tie and a black gown; and
 - (b) while he is attending State or ceremonial functions, a black suit with a white shirt and a black tie; and
- (ii) a lady Judge of the Superior Court shall wear-
 - (a) while she is attending the sitting of the Court, white dress with winged collar white shirt, black Coat and black gown; and
 - (b) while she is attending the State or ceremonial functions, white dress with winged collar white shirt and black coat.

Furthermore, Articles 191 and 202 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan empower Supreme Court and High Court to make rules regulating its own practice and procedure. Hence, it is appropriate that the matter relating to Court dress and mode of address to judges may be regulated by the Superior Courts.

5. The Committee held extensive discussions and unanimously supported the proposed amendments envisaged in the instant Bill.

6. The Committee recommends that "The Superior Courts (Courts Dress and Mode of Address) Order (Repeal) Bill, 2020", as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate, may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan. (Copy of Bill as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate is annexed).


 (RABEEA ANWAR)
 J.S / Secretary Committee


 (SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI)
 Chairman
 Standing Committee on Law & Justice

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

to repeal the President's Order No.15 of 1980

Whereas it is expedient to repeal the Superior Courts (Court Dress and Mode of Address) Order, 1980 (P.O. No.15 of 1980);

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Superior Courts (Court Dress and Mode of Address) Order (Repeal) Act, 20~~20~~²⁰.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Repeal of President's Order No.15 of 1980.— The Superior Courts (Court Dress and Mode of Address) Order, 1980 (P.O. No.15 of 1980), is hereby repealed.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 191 and 202 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan empower the Supreme Court and High Court to make rules regulating its own practice and procedure. Therefore, the matter relating to Court dress and mode of address to judges may be regulated by the Superior Courts.

Minister-in-Charge