

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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BILL**

*further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999*

**WHEREAS** the Majlis-e-Shoora passed the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment to provide greater provincial autonomy to all the Provinces of the Federation of Pakistan;

**AND WHEREAS** it is essential that all statutory organizations must act strictly within the parameters laid by the Constitution of Pakistan and there should be no transgression or interference in matters pertaining to the Provinces;

**NOW THEREFORE** it is expedient further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), so as to bring it in consonance with the parameters laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan and for ancillary matters connected therewith:

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 5, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 5,-

(i) in sub-section (b), the words "and in other cases the Provincial Government or the Local Government" shall be omitted; and

(ii) in sub-section (m),-

(a) paragraph (iii), shall be omitted;

(b) in paragraph (iv), the words and comma "or of a Province," and the words "or Provincial" occurring once and the words "or a Provincial Government", occurring twice, shall be omitted;

(c) in paragraph (v), the words "or Provincial", shall be omitted; and

(d) paragraph (va), shall be omitted.

**3. Amendment of section 25, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the said Ordinance, in section 25, in sub-section (c), the words "a Provincial Government or", shall be omitted.

- 4. Amendment of section 27, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the said Ordinance, in section 27, the words and comma "Provincial Government," shall be omitted and after the words "public sector", the words "working only under the Federal Government" shall be inserted.
- 5. Amendment of section 33B, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the said Ordinance, in section 33B, the words "Provincial and" and the words "Provincial Government or", occurring once shall be omitted and the words "or Provincial Government", occurring twice, shall be omitted.
- 6. Amendment of section 33C, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the said Ordinance, in section 33C, in sub-section (c), the words "or Provincial Government", shall be omitted.
- 7. Amendment of section 36, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the said Ordinance, in section 36, the words and comma "Provincial Government,", shall be omitted.
- 8. Amendment of Schedule to Ordinance XVIII of 1999.-** (1) In the said Ordinance, in the Schedule, in the entry at serial No. 5, the words and commas ", a Provincial Government," shall be omitted.

#### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of Pakistan provides for greater autonomy of the Federating units.

The subject of Anti-Corruption is a residuary subject. There is a need to constitute autonomous Accountability Bureau at the level of the provinces. Legislation to this effect is already underway in the provinces.

It is, therefore, expedient that while the provincial Accountability Bureaus deal with the ceases within the respective provinces, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) performs its duties more diligently in the departments of the Federal Government.

The Bill seeks to delete the provisions extending the jurisdiction of NAB in departments of provincial governments from the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999.

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