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[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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further to amend the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977 (Ordinance. No. XLV 1977) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Federal Public Service Commission (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 7, Ordinance. No. XLV 1977. - In the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977, (Ordinance No. XLV 1977), in section 7, in sub-section (1) after paragraph (a), the following new paragraph (aa), shall be inserted, namely:-

“(aa) The Commission shall make necessary arrangements and Standard of Operating Procedure (SOPs) for conducting Digital Evaluation of competitive exams and shall specify a date for commencement of the operation of digitalization;

Explanation: For the purpose of this section digital evaluation means an evaluation system for uploading answer scripts centralized data base, accessing them and displaying marks and marked answer sheets while checking the responses across the website.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In country like Pakistan where the large population is of educated un employed youth, the young aspirants try there level best to get a Government job for which they have to undergo through an assessment procedure. The assessment is done through the paper-based system, which not only require 6-7 months for declaring results but also there is possibility of error and compromised meritocracy. The main reason is high volume of answer scripts that needed to be evaluated. The undue waiting period further led to a delay in other affairs, such as conducting interviews and designating the shortlisted officers. Other major glitches include lack of high-quality evaluators available and incapacity of executing parallel evaluation on paper-based sheets.

Benefits of digital evaluation include reduced time for evaluation, leading to a swifter and smoother assessment process, Minimized possibility of errors that were present in the manual setup and greater transparency of the assessment procedure since students can access their answer scripts online. Digital evaluation can be considered as a great asset in fixing the blind-spots and the limitations in the assessment process.

Thus need is felt to comprehensively deliberate and legislate to incorporate digital advancement in a country like ours. The situation clamors to introduce the said bill.

The bill has been designed to achieve the above said purpose.

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