

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation Ordinance, 1979

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation Ordinance, 1979 (XX of 1979), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance XX of 1979. - In the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation Ordinance, 1979 (XX of 1979), hereinafter called as the said Ordinance, in section 2, after clause (e), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(ea) “division concerned” means the division to which business relating to this Ordinance stands allocated;”.

3. Amendment of section 13, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in sections 13, in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occurring, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 14, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 14, for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occurring, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 15, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 15, in sub-section (1), in the proviso, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 17, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 17, in clause (g), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 18, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 18,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (3), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted; and

(c) in sub-section (6), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;

8. Amendment of section 19, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 19, in clause (a), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 20, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 20, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Prime Minister" shall be substituted.

10. Amendment of section 29, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 29, for the words "Federal Government", the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.

11. Amendment of section 30, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 30, in sub-section (4), for the words "Federal Government" and "Government", wherever occurring, the words "Minister concerned with the maritime affairs" shall be substituted.

12. Amendment of section 32, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 32, for the words "Federal Government", the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.

13. Amendment of section 38, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 38, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Minister concerned with maritime affairs" shall be substituted.

14. Amendment of section 40, Ordinance XX of 1979.- In the said Ordinance, in section 40,-

(a) for the words "Federal Government", the words "Minister concerned with maritime affairs" shall be substituted; and

(b) for the word "it", the word "him" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) was established under the PNSC Ordinance, 1979. The ibid Ordinance confers powers to the Federal Government which are meant to be disposed off at Ministry's level. In terms of the Honourable Supreme Court decision in Al-Mustafa Impex Case, the Federal Government has been defined as the Federal Cabinet. Hence, disposal of routine matters in Pakistan National Shipping Corporation take lengthy procedure and loss of government exchequer for presenting the cases before the Federal Cabinet. The powers of the Federal Government envisaged in the ibid Ordinance have been specified in the proposed Pakistan National Shipping Corporation Ordinance, 1979 (Amendments) Bill, 2020.

2. In view of above, it is, therefore, proposed that amendments may be passed in Pakistan National Shipping Corporation Ordinance, 1979 for smooth running of Official Business of Pakistan National Shipping Corporation, Karachi.

Sd/-

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