

**REPORT 11 OF 2021**



House of the Federation

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

**REPORT OF THE  
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR**

**“THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020” MOVED  
BY SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD  
ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Interior**

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**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON  
THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the Honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on a Private Member's Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020, introduced by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	<b>Senator Mohsin Aziz</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani (Leader of the Opposition)	Member
3.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
4.	Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
5.	Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
6.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
7.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
8.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
9.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
10.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
11.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
12.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
13.	Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
14.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
15.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

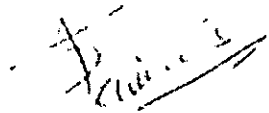
3. The Committee considered the said Bill in its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at Parliament House, Islamabad, which was attended by the following: -

1.	<b>Senator Mohsin Aziz</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
3.	Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member

4.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
5.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
6.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
7.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
8.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
9.	Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
10.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
11.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Mover
12.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Mover
13.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Mover
14.	Senator Muhammad Sabir Shah	Mover

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed expressed his consent to withdraw the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

5. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the House may grant leave to the Member-in-Charge to withdraw the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020, in terms of Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. The Committee also granted approval for presentation of this report to the House.



( TANVIR AHMED )  
D.G. / Secretary Committee



( SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ )  
Chairman  
Senate Standing Committee on Interior

Islamabad, the  
30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

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*further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 11N, Act XXVII of 1997.-** In the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), in section 11N, in sub-section (3), in the proviso, for the full stop "." occurring at the end, a colon ":" shall be substituted and thereafter the following second proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided further that before imposing the penalty a show cause notice shall be issued in the manner as may be prescribed."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

By a recent amendment in the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997, section 11N was amended whereby the directors, officers and employees of "legal person", involved of the terrorism offences, have been subjected to the punishment of imposition of huge penalty. However, in the said amended provision the principle of natural justice relating to the provision of opportunity of hearing is missing and there is likelihood that this provision may be misused, therefore this amendment proposes that show cause notice must be issued to the relevant persons before imposition of penalty.

**SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**