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PART I

**Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations including Martial Law
Orders and Regulations**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 7th January, 1990

The following Acts of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 31st December, 1989, and are hereby published for general information :—

ACT No. II OF 1990

An Act further to amend the Law Reports Act, 1875

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Law Reports Act, 1875 (XVIII of 1875), for the purposes hereinafter appearing :

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Law Reports (Amendment) Act, 1989.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Addition of new sections 5 to 8, Act XVIII of 1875.**—In the Law Reports Act, 1875 (XVIII of 1875), hereinafter referred to as the said act, after section 4, the following new sections shall be added, namely :—

“ 5. *Certification by the courts, etc.*—A court or tribunal deciding a matter shall at the end of the judgement or order, as the case may be, certify in the form specified in the Schedule that it is based upon or enunciates a principle of law or decides a question of law which is of first impression or distinguishes, over-rules, reverses or explains a previous decision.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this Act, the expression “ court or tribunal ” includes the Federal Shariat Court, a Service Tribunal, the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and the National Industrial Relations Commission.

6. *Restriction on the publication of judgements and orders.*—No judgement or order of a court tribunal shall be published or printed by any publisher, printer or any other person, unless it is approved for reporting by a court or tribunal or is certified under section 5.

7. *Penalty.*—(1) Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 6 shall be punished with fine which may extend to one lac rupees or in default of payment of fine with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months.

(2) All copies of a publication in respect of which a person is convicted under sub-section (1) shall stand forfeited to the Provincial Government.

8. *Jurisdiction to try offences.*—No court shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Act except upon a complaint in writing made by the Presiding Officer of the court or tribunal by which the judgement or order in respect of which the offence was committed was given or made, or by an officer generally or specially empowered by him in this behalf and no court other than a court of session shall try any such offence.”

3. Addition of Schedule, Act XVIII of 1875.—In the said Act, after section 8, added as aforesaid, the following Schedule shall be added, namely :—

“ SCHEDULE

(See Section 5)

CERTIFICATE

In the Court */Tribunal.....

(Title of the case)

Case No.....

Decided on.....

Certified that the judgement */order is based upon or enunciates a principal of Law */decides a question of law which is of first impression/distinguishes/over-rules/reverses/explains a previous decision.

Judge(s)/*Presiding Officer.

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.”