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The following Acts of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 29th November, 1994, and are hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. XXI OF 1994

An Act further to amend the West Pakistan Family Courts Act, 1964

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the West Pakistan Family Courts Act, 1964 (W. P. Act XXXV of 1964), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the West Pakistan Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 1994.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 3, W. P. Act XXXV of 1964.**—In the West Pakistan Family Courts Act, 1964 (XXXV of 1964), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, for section 3 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“3. **Establishment of Family Courts.**—(1) Government shall establish one

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or more Family Courts in each District or at such other place or places as it may deem necessary and appoint a Judge for each of such Courts :

Provided that at least one Family Court in each District, shall be presided over by a woman Judge to be appointed within a period of six months or within such period as the Federal Government may, on the request of Provincial Government, extend :

- (2) A woman Judge may be appointed for more than one District and in such cases the woman Judge may sit for the disposal of cases at such place or places in either District, as the Provincial Government may specify.
- (3) Government shall, in consultation with the High Court, appoint as many woman Judges as may be necessary for the purposes of sub-section (1)."

3. Amendment of section 4, W. P. Act XXXV of 1964.—In the said Act, in section 4, after the words "has been", the words "or is qualified to be appointed as" shall be inserted.

4. Amendment of section 14, W. P. Act XXXV of 1964.—In the said Act, in section 14, in sub-section (2),—

- (i) in clause (b), for the words "one thousand" the words "fifteen thousand" shall be substituted; and
- (ii) in clause (c), for the word "twenty-five" the words "five hundred" shall be substituted.