

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

[THE FACTORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022.]
PRIVATE MEMBER BILL INTRODUCED BY
SENATOR SEEMEE EZDI
ON 10TH OCTOBER, 2022

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN SSC ON INTERIOR



SENATE SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON THE FACTORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022.

I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honor to present report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934, [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2022]. This is a Private Member Bill introduced by Senator Seemee Ezdi in the Senate sitting held on 10th October, 2022 and referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report.

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

Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
Senator Faisal Subzwari	Member
Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
<u>Minister for Interior</u>	<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 28th November, 2022.

The meeting was attended by the following Members:

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
3. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member (joined online)
4. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
5. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed	Member



7. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
8. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
9. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member (joined online)
10. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
11. Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
12. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
13. Senator Seemee Ezdi	Mover


4. The Mover briefed the Committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill. The Mover stated that almost all factories in Pakistan mainly comprised of food and beverages, textile, crockery, paper printing, cement, publishing, chemical, rubber and leather products which releases diverse range of untreated waste into the nearby natural drains that are used for irrigation, drinking and other purposes. The Mover apprised the Committee that only eight percent of the country's total municipal waste water and one percent of industrial waste waters are treated before they are discharged into the rivers and drains. Such pollutants have very long lasting effects on sustainability of local ecosystem and pose a serious threat to human health. The Mover was of the view that under the current scenario, the instant amendment has been proposed in the Factories Act so that individuals and factory owners may be stopped from throwing any amount of untreated waste directly into the rivers and drains.

5. The representatives of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Law and Justice did not oppose the Bill. The Directorate of Industries and Labour Welfare, Labour Welfare Department, ICT also supported the Bill.

6. The other members of the Committee also appreciated the Bill and were of the view that the Bill may be recommended by the Committee.

7. Since no one opposed the Bill, therefore, without going into further discussion, the Bill was put to the vote of the Committee which was unanimously supported by the Committee and the Committee unanimously recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.


(MUHAMMAD AZAM)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee

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[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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further to amend the Factories Act, 1934

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 (XXV of 1934), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Factories (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory,

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 14, Act XXV of 1934.- In the Factories Act, 1934, (XXV of 1934), in section 14, in sub-section (1), for the full stop occurring at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that no amount of any industrial effluent or waste or public wastewater shall be thrown into rivers or canals without treatment of the same in an appropriate manner."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In our country rivers are being polluted in an alarming speed. Almost all factories in Pakistan mainly comprised of food and beverage, textile, crockery, paper printing, cement, publishing, chemical, rubber and leather products have been releasing a diverse range of untreated waste into their nearby natural drains. Wastewater treatment is necessary for allowing it to mix with other water bodies that are used for irrigation, drinking and other purposes. Only eight percent of the country's total municipal wastewater and one percent of the industrial wastewaters are treated before they are discharged into the rivers. Such pollutants have very long-lasting effects on the sustainability of local ecosystems and pose a serious threat to human health. Industrial wastewaters contain many hazardous organic compounds and inorganic compounds like heavy metals which can cause damage to delicate aquatic ecosystems.

Under the current scenario, the above amendment has been proposed in the Factories Law, so that individuals and factory owners may be stopped from throwing any amount of untreated wet waste directly into the rivers.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforementioned purpose.

SENATOR SEEMEE EZDI
MEMBER IN CHARGE