

**REPORT NO#7**



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON NARCOTICS CONTROL**

**ON**

***“THE CONTROL OF NARCOTICS SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 2021”***

**PRESENTED BY**

**EJAZ AHMED CHAUDHARY  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Bill, "The Control of Narcotics Substance (Amendment) Act, 2021 as introduced by Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Narcotics Control for consideration and report.

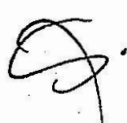
2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary	Chairman
2.	Senator Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin	Member
3.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
4.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
5.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed	Member
6.	Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan	Member
7.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
8.	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
9.	Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
10.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
11.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
12.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shaifq Tareen	Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in various sittings, however the final discussion on the Bill was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary. The following Members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
2.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
3.	Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
4.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Mover

4. The Members discussed the Bill clause by clause and proposed that in clause 2 of "The Control of Narcotics Substance (Amendment) Act, 2021" in paragraph (i), for the words "ten years" the words "five years" shall be substituted.




5. After due deliberations, the Members unanimously voted in favor of the Bill. Accordingly, it was recommended that the Bill titled as, "The Control of Narcotics Substances (Amendment) Act, 2021" may be passed by the Senate.

6. Copy of the Bill as reported by the Committee is at annexure "A". Copy of the Bill as introduced in the Senate is at annexure "B".



(ZARGHOOMA SHABBIR)  
DS/ Secretary Committee



(SENATOR EJAZ AHMED CHAUDHARY)  
Chairman Committee

**[AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]**

**A**

**BILL**

*further to amend the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the provisions of the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

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**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Control of Narcotics Substances (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 26, Act XXV of 1997.** - In the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), in section 26,-

- i. for the words "three years" the words "**Five years**" shall be substituted; and
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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Legislature had enacted "The Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997" as a special law mainly for awarding deterrent punishments to the persons involved in the trade of narcotics. Section 9(c) of the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, specifically provides that whoever contravenes the provisions of Sections 6, 7 or 8 of the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, shall be punishable with death or imprisonment for life, or imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years. However, unfortunately this law has become the easiest tool to be misused by the law enforcement agencies, especially above Section 9 (c) of it. Vexatious entries, searches, seizures or arrests have become order of the day. The officials of the enforcement agencies on the instructions of superiors, to wreak vengeance or to politically victimize someone plant huge quantities of narcotics which often lead to imposition of capital punishment on innocents. This tendency of misusing the law has certainly made the law of Control of Narcotic Substances Act less important in the eyes of general public as well as the courts. Hence, to check this misuse of Narcotic law, legislative action has become necessary.

2. This Bill is designed to achieve the above objective.

**SENATOR RANA MAQBOOL AHMAD  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

**INTRODUCED ON 27-12-2021**

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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