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REPORT NO.19 OF 2022 REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

ON

"THE TOSHA KHANA (MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION)
BILL, 2022" ADDRESSED BY SENATOR TAJ HAIDER ON 26TH
APRIL, 2023 IN "THE TOSHA KHANA (MANAGEMENT AND
REGULATION) BILL, 2022" INTRODUCED BY SENATOR
BAHRAMAND KHAN TANGI, IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON
3RD OCTOBER, 2022.

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR RANA MAQBOOL AHMAD
Chairman
Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

I, Schator Rana Maqbool Ahmad, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat have the honor to present the report of the Committee on Consideration of Amendment in the Bill titled "The ToshaKhana (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022" addressed by Senator Taj Haider on 26th April, 2023 in "The ToshaKhana (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022" introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, in the Senate Sitting held on 3rd October, 2022. The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter on 26th April, 2023 to the Committee for Consideration and report.

2. The Committee comprises of the following honorable Members: -

1. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Chairman ,	
2. Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member	
3. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member	
4. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member	
5. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member	
6. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussian Shah	Member	
7. Senator MoulaBuxChandio	Member	
8. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan	Member	
9. Senator Engineer Rukhsana Zuberi	Member	
10. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member	
11. Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member W	
12. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member 🔻	
13. Senator Muhammad Akram	Member	
14. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Member	
15. Minister-in-Charge Cabinet Division Ex-O	Ex-Officio Member	

3. The Committee considered the amendment introduced by Senator Taj Haider in its meeting held on 27th July, 2023 at 11:30 am, in Committee Room No. 1 Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following Members.

1)	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Chairman
2)	Senator Saifullah sarwar Khan Niazi	Member
3)	Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
4)	Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
5)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
6)	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Member
7)	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Mover

The Committee lauded the Amendment in Bill titled "The ToshaKhana (Management and 4. Regulation) Bill, 2022" addressed by Senator Taj Haider and on 26th April, 2023 in "The ToshaKhana (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022" introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, in the Senate Sitting held on 3rd October, 2022. The committee highly appreciated and recommended incorporation of the Amendment of Senator Taj Haider in the the Bill titled: Toshakhana (Management and Regulation) Bill 2023 introduced by Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Minister In-charge/Cabinet Division in the House on 25th July, 2023. The matter was disposed of by the committee.

Secretary Committee

Chairman Committee

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

Bill

to provide for management and regulation of Toshakhana.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for management and regulation of Toshakhana of the Government of Pakistan and for the matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

- 1. Short title, extent, application, and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the *Toshakhana* (Management and Regulation) Act, 2023.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
- (3) It shall apply to public office holders and private individuals as private members of an official delegation.
 - (4) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Definitions.- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
 - (a) "gift" includes non-perishable items received by public office holder or private member of an official delegation from a local or foreign dignitary or company other than the gift of cash given to employees in BPS-1 to BPS-4 asstips:
 - (b) "Government" means the Federal Government;
 - (c) "Toshakhana" means repository of gifts maintained by the division to which business of this Act stands allocated;
 - (d) "publicioffice molder!" means a person, his spouse or children who-
 - (i) Is: President of Pakistan or the Governor of a Province;
 - (ii) Is the Prime Minister, Chairman Senate, Speaker of the National Assembly, Deputy Chairman Senate, Deputy Speaker National Assembly, Federal Minister, Minister of State, Attorney General, AdvocaterGeneral and such officers appointed under the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VI) of 1970), Federal Prosecutor General and such officer law officers, Adviser to the Prime Minister, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Federal Parliamentary Secretary, Member of Parliament, Auditor General, Political Secretary, and a person who holds a post or office with the rank or status of a Federal Minister or Minister of State:
 - (iii) is the Chief Minister, Speaker Provincial Assembly, Deputy Speaker Provincial Assembly, Provincial Minister, Adviser to the Chief Minister, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister, Provincial

Parliamentary Secretary, Member of the Provincial Assembly, Advocate General, Provincial Prosecutor General or such other law officers, Political Secretary and a person who holds a post or office with the rank or status of a Provincial Minister;

- (iv) any person, who draws any or some benefits from public exchequer in any scale or grade or in any office or position and shall include all, whether elected, nominated, selected or under any contractual obligations where public exchequer is wholly or partially involved. It shall include any person who holds office in any service of Pakistan or renders any service in connection with the affairs of the Federal, Provincial, or the local Governments or in the management of corporations, banks, or any financial institution, firms or any other institutions or organizations established, controlled or administered by the Federal or Provincial Governments, as the case may be. It includes members of the armed forces of Pakistan and in the judiciary;
- (e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules; and
- (f) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

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- 3. Acceptance of gift and its deposit in Toshakhana.—Gift received by public office holder or private person as part of official delegation shall be deposited in the Toshakhana of Government of Pakistan within such time limit and manner as may be prescribed.
- 4: Management and regulation of Toshakhana. (1) The division to which business of this Act stands allocated shall be responsible for management and regulation of Toshakhana and to take measures in the prescribed manner.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the information in respect of *Toshakhana* shall be open to inspection subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions as may be prescribed.
- 5. Offence.- Whoever contravenes or attempts to contravene or abets in contravention of section 3 or any rules made thereunder shall be punishable with fine equal to five times the assessed market value of the gift.
- 6. Power to make rules. The Federal Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Toshakhana is centrally maintained by the Cabinet Division as assigned as per Rule of Business, 1973, and its objective is to manage and regulate gifts received by public office holders during the course of their official duty. In order to plug statutory loopholes in the existing procedure, this bill has been introduced.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

(Murtaza JavediAbbasi) Minister-In-Charge Cabinet Division

SENATE SECRETARIAT

AMENDMENT IN THE BILL THE TOSHA KHANA (MANAGEM**ENT AND** REGULATION) ACT, 2022

I, Senator Taj Haider to move that The Tosha Khana (Management and Regulation) (Second Amendment) Act, 2022 to amend The Tosha Khana (Management and Regulation) Act, 2022, after section 8 insertion of new section 8-A as follows:-

"8-A:- UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FROM DISPOSAL OF GIFTS:-

- (1) The existing and future gifts to be received in Tosha Khana shall be disposed off through open auction.
- (2) The proceeds of such auctions shall be kept in a separate account and will be utilized for promoting female primary education in the most backward areas of the Country.

Senator Taj Haider