

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

BILL

further to amend the Extradition Act, 1972

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Extradition Act, 1972 (XXI of 1972), in the matter and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Extradition (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in Section 7, Act XXI of 1972.** — In the Extradition Act, 1972 (XXI of 1972), in Section 7, for the expression “Federal Government may, if it”, the expression “Secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated may, if he” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The extradition requests are received from foreign jurisdictions through diplomatic channels. The cases are processed under Extradition Act, 1972 and have to be forwarded to the Federal Cabinet twice i.e. for initiation of the process by nominating Inquiry Officer and after receiving report from the Inquiry Officer for surrendering/extradition as per sections 7, 11, & 13 of the Extradition Act, 1972. Extradition cases are forwarded to the Federal Cabinet for consideration which takes considerable time due to busy schedule of the Federal Cabinet official business.

2. Since the enactment of Extradition Act, 1972, no amendments are made. Due to delay/ taking long time regarding disposal of extradition cases, it reflects bad impression of the country on international forums. It is need of the time to amend the said Act from the Parliament through a Bill.

3. The Federal Cabinet vide case No. 48/09/2023 dated 17-03-2023 directed the Interior Division to carry out and complete the process for necessary amendment in the Extradition Act, 1972, so that such minor administrative matters do not come before the Cabinet.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.


(Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi)
Minister for Interior