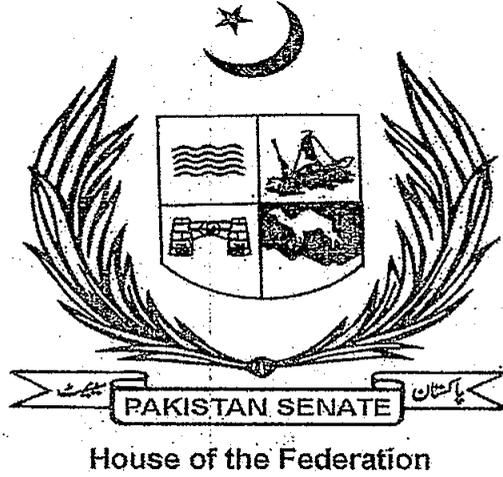


**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
**HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

**REPORT NO. 03 / 2025**



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE SOCIETIES  
REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025, MOVED BY  
SENATOR AZAM NAZIR TARAR, MINISTER FOR LAW AND  
JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SYED MOHSIN RAZA  
NAQVI, MINISTER FOR INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS  
CONTROL, IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup>  
FEBRUARY, 2025.**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON "THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR AZAM NAZIR TARAR, MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SYED MOHSIN NAQVI, MINISTER FOR INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL. IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025.

I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2025, introduced by Senator Azam Nazir Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Senator Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, in the Senate in its sitting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
7.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
9.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
11.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the bill during its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. The last meeting was attended by the following Members:

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
5.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
6.	Senator Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
7.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Mover
8.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur	Mover
9.	Minister of State for Interior	Ex-officio Member

4. The Committee was informed that Deeni Madaris have been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2024, provides that those Madaris and Wafaqs which have already registered or desirous to get registered directly with Directorate General of Religious Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training shall be reckoned to have been registered. The Committee was informed that it was earlier promulgated in the form of an Ordinance and now it is before the Committee and House in the form of Bill.

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5. After discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that “The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2025, introduced in the Senate in its sitting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025”, may be passed. *(Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annexure-A).*

  
(RAFIULLAH)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)  
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the  
20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

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**PART I**

**Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations**

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

*Islamabad, the 29th December, 2024*

**F. No. 2(1)/2024-Pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated on  
28th December, 2024 by the President is hereby published for general information:—**

**ORDINANCE NO. XI OF 2024**

**AN**

**ORDINANCE**

*Further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in its application to the  
Islamabad Capital Territory.*

**WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Societies Registration  
Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, in  
the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;**

**AND WHEREAS, the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session  
and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that  
circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;**

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**[10287(2024)/Ex. Gaz.]**

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article-89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. Short title, commencement and extent.—(1) This Ordinance shall be called the Societies Registration (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It shall extend to the entire Islamabad Capital Territory.

2. Amendments of section 21, Act XXI of 1860.—In the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860), in section 21,—

(A) in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (a), for the word "shall", the word "may" shall be substituted and the word "and" at the end shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (b), for the word "shall", the word "may" shall be substituted and after the words "under this Act", the expression "or otherwise," shall be inserted and for full stop at the end, the expression "; and" shall be substituted; and

(iii) after clause (b), amended as aforesaid, the following new clause (c) shall be inserted, namely:—

"(c) those Madaris and Wafaqs already registered or desirous to register themselves directly with Directorate General of Religious Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, shall be reckoned to have been registered and shall be dealt with accordingly under the relevant dispensations.";

(B) in sub-section (5), after the expression "resources," the words "accord priority to" shall be inserted;

(C) in sub-section (6), after the words "under this Act", the words "or otherwise" shall be inserted; and

(D) in sub-section (7), after the words "under this Act", the words "or otherwise" shall be inserted.

ASIF ALI ZARDARI,  
*President.*

RAJA NAEEM AKBAR,  
*Secretary.*

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Deeni Madaris have been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. However, it is proposed that those Madaris and Wafaqs already registered or desirous to get registered directly with Directorate General of Religious Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, shall be reckoned to have been registered.

2. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.



Minister-in-Charge