

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Further to amend the National Fund for Culture Heritage Act, 1994

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Fund for Culture Heritage Act, 1994 (VIII of 1994), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**-(1) This Bill shall be called the National Fund for Culture Heritage (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act No. VIII of 1994.**- In the National Fund for Culture Heritage Act, 1994 (VIII of 1994), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(aa) “Division concerned” means the Division to which business of the Act stands allocated.”

3. **Amendment of section 6, Act No. VIII of 1994.**- In the said Act, in section 6,-

(i) in sub-section (1), for clauses (a) to (f), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

(a)	Minister-in-charge of the Division concerned	Patron
(b)	Secretary, Ministry/Division concerned	Member
(c)	Joint Secretary, Ministry/Division concerned	Member
(d)	Financial Advisor of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue	Member
(e)	Director General, Federal Department of Archaeology and Museums	Member
(f)	Ten eminent persons in the field of Archaeology and National Heritage from private sector nominated by Ministry/Division concerned	Members

(ii) after sub-section (1), as amended above, the following new sub-section (1A) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(1A) The Secretary and the Joint Secretary of the Division concerned shall also act as the treasurer and Secretary of the Division concerned, respectively.”; and

(iii) in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Minister-in-charge of the Division concerned” shall be substituted.

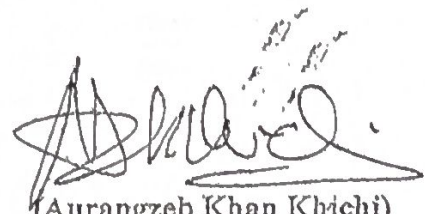
4. **Amendment of section 8, Act No. VIII of 1994.**- In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government” the words “Division concerned” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The National Fund for Cultural Heritage Act, 1994 was enacted in 1994 by the then Ministry of Culture and re-enacted through the National Fund for Cultural Heritage (Amendment) Ordinance, 2002. The objective of the fund is to promote the conservation and preservation of national heritage of Pakistan through various means, including financial and technical assistance, and to create awareness amongst the people for appreciating the preservation of archaeological, architectural, historical and cultural heritage of Pakistan as per NFCH Act, 1994.

2. In pursuance of the instructions of the Cabinet Division dated 13th May, 2025 regarding the substitution of the term "Federal Government" with the appropriate authority in relevant laws and rules, this Division proposed necessary amendments to specific provisions of the National Fund for Cultural Heritage Act, 1994. Accordingly, the draft amendments were submitted to the Ministry of Law and Justice for vetting. Ministry of Law & Justice vetted the draft amendments. Subsequently, the Cabinet Committee for Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC) approved the proposed amendments in its meeting held on 08.10.2025 under case No.CCLC-133/22/2025 and the decision of the CCLC was ratified by the Federal Cabinet, under Case No.192/22/2025 dated 16.10.2025.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object and is therefore submitted for enactment by the Parliament.



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