

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION

Report No.03/2026



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR & NARCOTICS
CONTROL ON THE BILL FURTHER TO AMEND "THE CODE OF CRIMINAL,
PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT), BILL 2026" MOVED BY SENATOR SARMAD ALI, IN
THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 11TH MAY, 2026

PRESENTED BY:
SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SARMAH ALI, IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 11TH MAY, 2026.

I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honor to present this report, on behalf of the Committee, on the Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), "*The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2026*", moved by Senator Sarmad Ali, in the Senate sitting held on 11th May, 2026; and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

1. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2. Senator Syedaal Khan	Member
3. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Sabzwari	Member
4. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5. Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
6. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
7. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
8. Senator Umer Farooq	Member
9. Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
10. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
11. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
12. Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
13. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
14. Senator Abid Sher Ali	Member
15. Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill during its meeting held on 20th May, 2026, which was attended by the following Members, namely:-

1. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
3. Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
5. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
6. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
7. Senator Abid Sher Ali	Member
8. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
9. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
10. Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
11. Senator Sarmad Ali	Mover
12. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Special Invitee
12. Senator Abdul Qadir	Special Invitee
13. Senator Nasir Mehmood Butt	Special Invitee

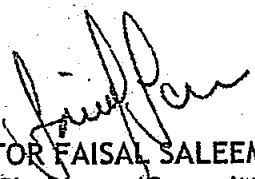
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4. Senator Sarmad Ali, Mover of the Bill, while sharing with the Committee the salient features and objective of the Bill stated that the purpose of this amendment is to correct a discrepancy between the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 regarding the punishment for Shajjah-i-Aamah under Section 337A(v). While the Pakistan Penal Code prescribes imprisonment of up to ten years for this offence, Schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure incorrectly reflects the punishment as fourteen years. This amendment seeks to harmonize both statutes by substituting the incorrect entry with the correct punishment, thereby removing the existing anomaly and ensuring statutory consistency.

5. The representatives of the Ministry of Interior & Narcotics Control and the Ministry of Law and Justice both supported the Bill, and the Members of the Committee likewise endorsed the proposal.

6. The Committee, thereafter, recommended that the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2026, as introduced in the Senate, be passed. (The Bill is placed at Annexure-A).


(HAMMAD KHAN MARRI)
J.S/Secretary (Committee)


(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad, the
20th May, 2026.

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898)

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in Schedule II, in the tabular statement of offences, in the entries relating to section 337A(v), in column (7), for the words, "fourteen years", the words, "ten years" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The purpose of this amendment is to correct a discrepancy between the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, regarding the punishment for *Shajjah-i-Aamah* under section 337A(v). While the Pakistan Penal Code prescribes imprisonment of up to ten years for this offence, Schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure incorrectly reflects the punishment as fourteen years. This amendment seeks to harmonize both statutes by substituting the incorrect term with the correct punishment, thereby removing the existing anomaly and ensuring statutory consistency.

SENATOR SARMAD ALI
Member-in-Charge