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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment in Article 31 of Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 31, in clause (2), after paragraph (c), the following new paragraphs shall be added, namely:-
 - “(d) to learn Arabic Language to acquire basic teachings of Islam and act upon them in a better manner;
 - (e) to make Arabic language compulsory at all stages of education, for it such coordinated education syllabus will have to be made which gives special attention to different skills (Reading, writing, speaking, understanding);
 - (f) to establish National Institution for monitoring Arabic Language;
 - (g) to establish regular schools, institutes, centers and departments for maintaining standard of Arabic Language which should not be in contradiction to National Language;
 - (h) to establish standard institutions for Training and preparation of Arabic Language Teacher;
 - (i) to establish departments for specialization of Arabic Language in Higher Education institution in the country;
 - (j) to encourage Arabic writing/composition, publicity/publication, Arabic Media and to promote academic and cultural activities relating the Arabic Language.

- (k) to devise syllabus for Arabic Language , which should be at par with international standard;
- (l) to assess the teachers, students, syllabi and examinations for betterment of educational system of Arabic Language;
- (m) to deem it an attack on national and fundamentals of religion if any person, group, entity or organization remove Arabic language from academic syllabus or disrespect Arabic language.
- (n) to provide punishment of imprisonment or fine or both to a person, group, entity or organization opposing the resolution or respect of Arabic language.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Arabic language is unique from the other languages due to the fact that Almighty Allah has selected this language out of the other languages to address the humanity. Arabic language enjoys supreme status in Islamic principle being the language of Quran and Islamic teachings. Prayer, Dua and other worships are completed only in Arabic language and for that very reason Arabic language is an indispensable requirement for every Muslim.

With reference to the encouragement to learn Arabic language, the same has been mentioned in Article No. 31, in part 2, in clause (a) but it is absolutely insufficient to shape the life according to the basic principles and fundamental concepts.

It is the responsibility of every Muslim country to give Arabic language national, religious and constitutional status; declare it compulsory in educational curriculum and to praise and encourage the development and promotion of Arabic language. Promotion of Arabic language will not only be beneficial for individual life of a Muslim but also have collective and social benefits.

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