

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999)

WHEREAS the Majlis-e-Shoora passed 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment to provide greater provincial autonomy to all the Provinces of the Federation of Pakistan;

WHEREAS it is essential that all statutory organizations must act strictly within the parameters laid by the Constitution of Pakistan and there should be no transgression or interference in matters pertaining to the Provinces;

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), so as to bring it in consonance with the parameters laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan and for ancillary matters connected therewith:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2016.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 5, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance in section 5,-
  - (1) in paragraph (b), the words "the Provincial Government or the Local Government concerned", shall be omitted;
  - (2) in paragraph (m),-
    - (a) sub-paragraph (iii) shall be omitted;
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (iv), the words, "or a Provincial Government", and the words "a Provincial Law" wherever occurring, shall be omitted; and
    - (c) in sub-paragraph (v), the words "or Provincial Law", shall be omitted; and
    - (d) sub-paragraph (va) shall be omitted.
3. **Amendment of section 25, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 25, in paragraph (c), the words "a Provincial Government or", shall be omitted.
4. **Amendment of section 27, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 27,-
  - (a) the words "Provincial Government", shall be omitted; and
  - (b) after the words "public sector" occurring in the sixth line, the words "working only under the Federal Government", shall be omitted.
5. **Amendment of section 33B, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 33B, the words "Provincial and" occurring in the second line, the words, "or Provincial Government"

occurring in fourth line, the words "Provincial Government or" occurring in sixth line and the words "Provincial Government or" occurring in eighth line, shall be omitted.

6. **Amendment of section 33C, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 33C, in paragraph (c), the words "or Provincial Government", shall be omitted.

7. **Amendment of section 36, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 36, the words "Provincial Government", shall be omitted.

8. **Amendment of the Schedule, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in the Schedule, in serial number 5, the comma and the words ", a Provincial Government", shall be omitted.

### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of Pakistan provides for greater autonomy of the Federating units.

The subject of Anti-Corruption is a residuary subject. There is a need to constitute autonomous Accountability Bureau at the level of the provinces. Legislation to this effect is already underway in the provinces.

It is, therefore, expedient that while the provincial Accountability Bureaus deal with the cases within the respective provinces, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) performs its duties more diligently in the departments of the Federal Government.

The Bill seeks to delete the provisions extending the jurisdiction of NAB in departments of provincial governments from the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999.

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