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ORDINANCE NO. LVI OF 2009

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*further to amend the West Pakistan Regulation and Control of  
Loudspeakers and Sound Amplifiers Ordinance, 1965 in its  
application to the Islamabad Capital Territory:*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the West Pakistan Regulation and control of Loudspeakers and Sound Amplifiers Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ord. II of 1965) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND, WHEREAS, the National Assembly is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

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 is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the West Pakistan Regulation and Control of Loudspeakers and Sound Amplifiers Ordinance, 2009.
2. It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 2nd February, 2008.
2. **Amendment of section 3, W.P. Ordinance II of 1965.**—In the West Pakistan Regulation and Control of Loudspeakers and Sound Amplifiers Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ord. II of 1965), in section 3,—
  - (a) for the words “one month” the words “three months” shall be substituted; and
  - (b) for the words “two hundred” the words “one thousand” shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The following amendments in Section 3 of the "The West Pakistan Regulation and Control of Loudspeakers and Sound Amplifiers Ordinance, 1965" were proposed to maintain law and order more effectively and to award adequate imprisonment/fine to the persons who are involved in violation of provisions of the aforesaid Ordinance:-

- i. **Enhancement of imprisonment from one month to three months**
- ii. **Enhancement of fine from Rupees two hundred (Rs. 200/-) to Rupees one thousands (Rs. 1000/-)**

The law provides a mechanism for control and regulation of loudspeakers and amplifiers and under section 3 of the said ordinance whoever misuses the amplifier loudspeakers by violating the Ordinance shall in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable under any other law for the time being in force, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or with fine, which may extend to two hundred rupees or with both. However, over the years it has been felt that not only the proposed fine is very meager; the proposed punishment of imprisonment extending to one month does not create any deterrent effect. Therefore, there is a need to revise the punishment to be awarded under section 3 of the Ordinance.

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