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further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (Act No. LXXI of 1973), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 19, Act LXXI of 1973.**- In the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (Act No. LXXI of 1973), in section 19, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:-

“(5) If the pension as provided in sub-sections (1) and (2) or in sub-section (4) is not determined and paid by the prescribed authority, within a period of one month, the persons responsible for delay will be deemed to be inefficient in terms of the Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1973, liable to be punished with major penalty.

(6) The Establishment Division shall call a monthly statement of all civil servants who retired during the immediate preceding month and status of their cases regarding settlement of their pensions.

(7) If any case regarding determination and payment of pension is pending decision beyond one month as provided in sub-section (5), a direction shall be issued to the prescribed authority for initiating disciplinary action and imposition of penalty as provided in sub-section (5) against the responsible persons:

Provided that if the prescribed authority is the Secretary of a Ministry or Division, then the case shall be placed before the competent authority for initiating disciplinary proceedings and imposition of penalty as provided in sub-section (5) immediately after such fact will come into knowledge of the Secretary, Establishment Division.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Non-settlement or causing extraordinary delay in finalization of pension case by the prescribed authorities after retirement of civil servants is a matter of serious concern and violation of Fundamental Rights as provided in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as no nation can afford humiliation of such persons who had devoted their lives for this nation and country. To streamline and settlement of pension cases at the earliest is only possible with an effective deterrent. So none can be harassed and humiliated for his due rights after a long civil service.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

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