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BILL

further to amend the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (No. XXI of 2012), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of the Schedule-II of Act XXI of 2012.**- In the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (No. XXI of 2012), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in the Schedule-II, in heading (A), paragraph (2), shall be omitted.

3. **Amendment of the Schedule-III of Act XXI of 2012.**- In the said Act, in Schedule-III,-

(a) in clause (1), for the words "three years or more than ten years and with fine which may extend to ten lakh rupees", the words "ten years with fine which may extend to one million rupees", shall be substituted;

(b) in clause (2), for the words and coma " seven years, or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both", the words "ten years and fine which may extend to one million rupees", shall be substituted; and

(c) after clause (4), the following new clause (5), shall be inserted and remaining paragraphs shall be renumbered, accordingly:-

"(5) The License of a person once convicted on the charge of any offence under this Act shall be cancelled permanently and such person shall not be allowed to establish business relating to drugs again in the country by his own or, as the case may be, on partnership basis."

4. **Amendment of Schedule-V of Act XXI of 2012.**- In the said Act, in Schedule-V, after clause (2), the following new clause (3), shall be added and the remaining paragraphs shall be renumbered, accordingly:-

"(3) An inspector found misusing his powers under the Act, or acting in contrivance with the provisions of this Act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, and fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It has been noted with concern that despite prohibition, offences and punishments in the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, Act 2012, crimes in the field of drug manufacturing, selling and imports or exports are increasing manifold. One of the main causes thereof is less quantum of punishment under the Act which has made the Act ineffective in controlling offences as prescribed under the Act.

2. In the proposed bill, punishments have been proposed to be increased. There are complaints against the Drug Inspectors for inefficiency or connivance with the drug dealers at initial stages which also needs to be addressed. Therefore, punishment has also been proposed in the Bill in this regard.

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

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