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BILL

further to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1908

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 (VI of 1908) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Explosive Substances (Amendment) Act, 2016

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 7, Act VI of 1908.**— In the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 (VI of 1908), in section 7, for full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that if the consent is neither received nor refused within sixty days of the registration of case by the Government, such consent shall be deemed to have been duly given."

Statement of Objects and Reasons

The Prime Minister has constituted a Law Reforms Committee, *inter alia*, to make law reforms proposals and process proposals made by the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan and other relevant institutions and committees or any other person.

2. The Law Reforms Committee has recommended amendment of section 7 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 (VI of 1908), for the reason that jurisdiction of Court for trial of any person under this Act has been barred except with the consent of the Provincial Government and such consent normally is neither given nor refused, therefore, to avoid inordinate delay for the trial, a proviso is being added to the said section 7.

3. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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