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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 8th January, 1976

The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 3rd January, 1976, and are hereby published for general information :—

An Act to amend the Suppression of Terrorist Activities (Special Courts) Act, 1975

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Suppression of Terrorist Activities (Special Courts) Act, 1975 (XV of 1975), for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Suppression of Terrorist Activities (Special Courts) (Amendment) Act, 1975.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 6, Act XV of 1975.—In the Suppression of Terrorist Activities (Special Courts) Act, 1975 (XV of 1975), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, section 6 shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section and after sub-section (1) re-numbered as aforesaid, the following new sub-section shall be added, namely :—

“(2) A Special Court shall have the same power as the High Court has to punish any person who—

- (a) abuses, interferes with or obstructs the process of the Court in any way or disobeys any order of the Court ;
- (b) scandalises the Court or otherwise does anything which tends to bring the Court or the person constituting the Court in relation to his office into hatred, ridicule or contempt ;
- (c) does anything which tends to prejudice the determination of a matter pending before the Court ; or

- (d) does any other thing which, by any other law, constitutes contempt of court :

Provided that fair comment made in good faith and in the public interest on the working of the Court or any of its final decision after the expiry of the period of limitation for appeal shall not constitute contempt of court.”.

3. **Amendment of section 7, Act XV of 1975.**—In the said Act, in section 7,—

- (a) in sub-section (1), after the word and comma “passed,” the words and comma “and the Provincial Government may direct any person appointed by it for the purpose to present an appeal to the High Court from an order of acquittal passed by a Special Court,” shall be inserted ; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), after the word “sentence”, the words and commas “or order of acquittal, as the case may be,” shall be inserted.

4. **Repeal.**—The Suppression of Terrorist Activities (Special Courts) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975 (XVII of 1975), is hereby repealed.
