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further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.-** 1) This Act may be called the National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Act, 2019.

2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new Section 10-A, Ordinance VIII of 2000.-** In the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), after Section 10, the following new section shall be inserted, namely: -

"10-A Clearance of National Identity Cards.- A National Identity Card shall be issued and objections, if any, shall be treated as clear when the applicant provides one or more of the following documents: -

- a) Land Record Registered prior to thirty years (verified by Revenue Department);
- b) Local/ Domicile Certificate issued prior to thirty years and verified by the issuing authority;
- c) Pedigree (Shajra-e-Nasab) issued and verified by the Revenue Department;
- d) Government Employment Certificate of Applicant or of blood-relative, employed before twenty five years;
- e) Verified Education Certificate issued prior to thirty years;
- f) Passport issued to applicant prior to thirty years; and
- g) other documents issued by Government of Pakistan prior to thirty years and verified by issuing authority containing Arms license, driving license or manual NIC issued prior to thirty years duly verified by record).

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Federal Government constituted a Review Committee under section 47 of National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (VIII of 2000), headed by Deputy Speaker National Assembly vide notification No. 8/37/2016 NADRA dated 05th January 2017. On the recommendation of the said Committee, the Federal Government was pleased to approve the mechanism for clearance of National Identity Cards.

In a welfare State, the inhabitants are treated on the basis of their living behaviors in that country. A person residing in a country and follows the constitution, laws and rules of that country and is not involved in any anti-state activities should have the right to get issued National Identity Card as a citizen of Pakistan.

This amendment seeks to achieve the afore-said objectives.

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