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BILL

further to amend the "Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. V of 2002)"

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the "Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. V of 2002)".

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act shall be called the "Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities (Amendment), Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in Section 3, Ordinance V of 2002. - In the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001 (V of 2002), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 3, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "Ministry concerned" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment in Section 6, Ordinance V of 2002. - In the said Ordinance, in Section 6, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Ministry concerned" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In pursuance of the Proclamation of emergency of the 14th day of October, 1999 and the provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999, read with Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order No. 9 of 1999, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was pleased to make and promulgate the "**Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance No. V of 2002) dated 22.01.2002**".

By virtue of Article 270AA, on the revival of Constitution through Constitution (17th amendment), 2003, the Ordinance promulgated during the 14th October, 1999 and the 31st December, 2003 has been protected and shall have the same force and effect as Act of Parliament.

It is, therefore, necessary to replace the word "**Ordinance**" with the "**Act**". Under this Act, the properties of Minority communities meant for their communal use have been protected and this Ministry has been mandated to issue NOC for the sale/purchase/transfers/gifts of communal properties of minorities on the recommendations of the National Commission for Minorities. The said Act contains the words "**Federal Government**", which needs to be replaced with "**Ministry concerned**" in sections 3 & 6. The Bill has been formulated to achieve the above said purposes. Hence this needs to be passed by the Parliament.

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