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further to amend the Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1973

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1973 (LVIII of 1973), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act LVIII of 1973.— In the Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1973 (LVIII of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (b), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(ba) “division concerned” means the division to which business of this Act stands allocated;”.

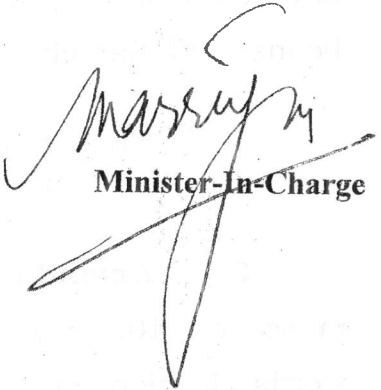
3. Amendment of section 10, Act LVIII of 1973.— In the said Act, in section 10, in sub-section (3), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 11, Act LVIII of 1973.— In the said Act, in section 11, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted.

Subject: **STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE AND REASONS**

In the light of Supreme Court's decision in Mustafa Impex Case, the Federal Cabinet, in Case No. 419/19/2017 dated 08-09-2017, directed that all Ministries/Divisions, in consultation with the Law and Justice Division, shall make amendments in respective Acts/Ordinances/Rules and replace the word "Federal Government" with appropriate authority(ies). The Federal Cabinet reiterated its earlier directions in Cases No. 241/15/2018 dated 12-04-2018 and No. 64/05/2022 dated 15-02-2022.

2. It is informed vide Cabinet Division's Memorandum No.5/5/2023-Progress-II, dated 4th July, 2023 that the case of amendments in Newspaper Employees (Condition of Service) Act, 1973 to replace the word "Federal Government" with other appropriate authority(ies) has been ratified by Federal Cabinet in Case No. CCLC-71/09/2023, dated 08-06-2023.


Minister-In-Charge