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BILL

further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (XL of 1997) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 18, Act XL of 1997.- In the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997, in section 18, in sub-section (1), for the full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that any distribution company, shall not disconnect the electricity, on any ground of any consumer who regularly pays his bill. Moreover, the electricity of a consumer regularly paying bill, shall not be disconnected on the pretext that his neighbor or other consumer of that particular locality do not pay bill.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It has come to knowledge that electricity distribution companies also disconnect electricity connections of those consumers who pay their bills regularly. However their neighbours or the people of that locality (Mohalla) do not pay Bills. This is injustice to those who pay their bills regularly and they are punished for the crime committed by others. Distribution companies have failed to evolve a mechanism in this regard. So this Bill is need of the hour.

Sd/-

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