

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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*further to amend the Indus River System Authority Act, 1992*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Indus River System Authority Act, 1992 (Act XXII of 1992) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Indus River System Authority (Amendment) Act, 2010.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Section 8, Act XXII of 1992.**- In the Indus River System Authority Act, 1992 (XXII of 1992) in section 8, in sub-section (1), in paragraph (f), after the word "waters" the words, "including compensation mechanism for use of water rights", shall be added.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

It has been observed that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has in the past, foregone its right to utilize its full quota of water as assigned to it under the water accord of 1991 due to lack of infrastructure. The unutilized water has been instead, used by downstream provinces. Water is among the most precious resources of nature, and hence any province that foregoes its right should be adequately compensated by the province or provinces or federation that makes use of it. The proposed amendment shall make it compulsory upon the authority to work out a mutually acceptable formula for compensation, in case of use of foregone irrigation water. The formula for compensation may be sufficient and substantial so as to force the federation to develop the infrastructure of the province in order to save the payment on account of irrigation water.

**SENATOR ILYAS AHMED BILOUR**  
**Member-in-charge**