

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

**A
BILL**

further to amend the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956 (Act No. VI of 1956), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Act, 2012.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 8A, Act VI of 1956.- In the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956 (Act No.VI of 1956), after section 8, the following new section 8A, shall be added, namely: -

“8A. Subject to the provisions herein under, the Commission shall, on an application made to it, provide a certified copy to the Applicant of its final or interim report or orders made during or after conclusion of its proceedings for the purpose of the inquiry, for which the Commission was constituted under the Act, on payment of such costs and charges as the Commission may determine. The Commission may on its own accord release to the press a copy of its orders and reports.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The said Bill provides for the release of the orders and reports of the Commissions of Inquiry, to the press and the public to ensure that the purpose for which the Commissions are constituted, is achieved and the facts of the matter are brought before the public.

SENATOR MIAN RAZA RABBANI
Member-in-Charge