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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Fourth Schedule.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Fourth Schedule, in Part I, after entry 16, the following new entry shall be inserted, namely:-

“16A. Printing and publication of Holy Quran.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Constitutional Amendment Bill seeks to amend the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution that is to say the Federal Legislative list, Part I for the purpose of making and amending the laws related to the Printing and Publication of the Holy Quran, as a Federal subject.

Holy Quran being the divine revelation is the Primary guiding source of Islamic law and is mandatory to be respected to the utmost level.

Under Article 31(2)(a) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan it is the duty of the State to secure correct and exact printing and publishing of the Holy Quran, but after devolution this subject appears to have been devolved and the provinces legislate upon the subject to the extent of their own province. But keeping in view the importance of the subject it is more expedient that the Federal Parliament may take the responsibility to make proper arrangements for the publication of free of error, authenticated, correct and exact printing of the Holy Quran with best durable binding using the best quality paper.

Therefore, the Bill seeks to achieve the above said purposes.

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