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further to amend the Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1976

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1976 (V of 1976), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.-(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Engineering Council (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 27, V of 1976.- In the Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1976 (V of 1976), in section 27, in sub-section (5A), for the words, "in an engineering organization" the phrases "including the posts of Chairman, C.E.O, MD or Secretary of any Government or public sector entity dealing with infrastructure, energy, irrigation, communications and works projects all over the country or any area of the county, or the post of DG of any Development Authority dealing with infrastructure projects or any post in a private engineering organization" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Public sector companies or public service entities or any other Government organization which deals with the infrastructure, energy, communication, construction or any kind of development work in the country hold huge significance from the point of view of public exchequer as well as people's safety. In the past we have seen that mostly non-engineers were being appointed as heads or on high executive posts in such entities with a little know how of the engineering profession. On account of the said negligence the significant infrastructure or energy or roads projects did not produce the desired outcome and caused huge losses to the economy. For example, the energy sector circular debt had reached Rs. 1.7 trillion mainly because of the inability of the successive governments to utilize the potential of engineers and their planning skills. These highly professional and technical assignments should be given to competent engineers only. Keeping in view of the significance of the appointment of technical persons at higher positions, Supreme court of Pakistan had three years ago ordered that non-technical persons be removed from technical positions against which the government of that time went into appeal but the appeal was rejected and yet the implementation of that court decision was still pending.

Through the amendment proposed in this Bill it has been brought under the ambit of the Pakistan Engineering Council to especially take care / monitor that only the persons having sound technical knowledge and recognized engineering background may be selected for such posts.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforementioned purpose.

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