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further to amend the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services Act, 2008

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services Act, 2008 (III of 2008) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act III of 2008.- In the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services Act, 2008 (III of 2008), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (b), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ba) "employee" means a person appointed in the Institute, who shall have the status of a civil servant subject to such modifications as the Board may make, but does not include-

- (i) a person who is on deputation to the Institute; and
- (ii) a person who is employed on contract or work-charged basis or who is paid from contingencies;"

3. Amendment of section 15, Act III of 2008.- In the said Act, in section 15, -

(i) in the marginal note, for the words "Appointments of employees", the words "Appointments of employees and conditions of service", shall be substituted;

ii. after sub-section (3), the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:-

"(4) The terms and conditions of service of any person to whom this Act applies shall not be varied to his disadvantage.

(5) Subject to this Act and Rules, the employees shall be entitled to such rights, perks, privileges, prerogatives, concessions, entitlements, memberships, facilities, including but not limited to medical, housing, education and all other schemes of the Federal Government for an employee, notwithstanding any judgment or order of any court, tribunal or a quasi-judicial authority, as provided by the law, rules, policies, instructions and guidelines for the time being in force and applicable, admissible or enjoyed or available to the civil servants in the corresponding equivalent scales."

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) is the exclusive seat of parliamentary learning; providing legislative, research, capacity building and outreach services to the Members of Senate, National Assembly and four Provincial Assemblies as well as their functionaries. PIPS provides technical assistance to individual Members of Parliament MPs and parliamentary committees in addition to holding courses for civil society, youth, media persons and bureaucracy in federal and provincial tier on role and working of the Parliament. In this context, employees of the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS), essentially need to retrieve credible information and data from other Government departments to conduct their day to day technical assistance on matters of national importance. Therefore, PIPS employees' status need to be at par with civil servants so as to enable them timely completion of their requisite functions as per PIPS Act, 2008.

The Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, seeks to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

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