

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement— (1) This Act may be called the Anti-terrorism (Third Amendment) Act, 2020:-

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 19C, Act XXVII of 1997.— In the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), after section 19B, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"19C. Application of investigation techniques.— (1) The investigating officer, may with the permission of Court, within sixty days of such permission, use techniques including undercover operation, intercepting communications, accessing computer system and controlled delivery for investigation of financing of terrorism under the law in force. The aforementioned period of sixty days may be extended upto further period of sixty days by the Court on a request made to it in writing. The Court may grant extension, if it is satisfied, on the basis of situation/reasons given in the written request. The provision of this sub-section shall be addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.

(2) The Federal Government may make rules to regulate the procedure and execution of orders for the purpose of this section."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Terror financing is one of the major obstacle which is not only playing a degrading role against the development of a country but also imbuing such elements with the financial means which are an ultimate threat against the internal and external peace of the country and the allies to the extent. The genuine purpose behind the introduction of this Bill is to enable the Law Enforcement Authorities via aforementioned insertion to take certain encountering techniques with an authoritative support of the Courts of Law to curb with these menaces.

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