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further to amend the Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933 (II of 1933) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement:- (1) This Act may be called the Children (Pledging of Labour) (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 4, Act II of 1933.- In the Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933 (II of 1933), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 4, for the words "fifty rupees" the words "twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 5, Act II of 1933).- In the said Act, in section 5, for the words "two hundred rupees" occurring at the end, the words "twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 6, Act II of 1933.- In the said Act, in section 6, for the words "with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees" occurring at the end the words "with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to twenty five thousand rupees or with both" shall be substituted.

5. Insertion of new Section 7, Act II of 1933).- In the said Act, after section 6, a new section 7, shall be inserted, namely:-

"7. Penalty for making second default.- Whoever having been convicted for an offense under sections 4, 5 or 6, commits same offense afterwards shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than six months and not more than two years or with fine of twenty five thousand rupees or with both".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The deterrence provided in the law to curb and eliminate the crime and social evil of child labour has failed to control it effectively. While requiring better oversight mechanism the penalties in the law also need to be enhanced for effective control of child labour.

This Bills aims to achieve the said objective by increasing the penalties in the existing Act.

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