

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

*further to amend the Port Qasim Authority Act, 1973*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Port Qasim Authority Act, 1973 (XLIII of 1973), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act shall be called the Port Qasim Authority (Amendments) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act XLIII of 1973.** - In the Port Qasim Authority Act, 1973 (XLIII of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (r), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(fa) “division concerned” means the Minister of the Division to which the business of the Authority stands allocated;”.

3. **Amendment of section 6, Act XLIII of 1973.** - In the said Act, in section 6, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 7, Act XLIII of 1973.** - In the said Act, in section 7, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

5. **Amendment of section 8, Act XLIII of 1973.** - In the said Act, in section 8, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted.

6. **Amendment of sections 10, 11 & 12, Act XLIII of 1973.** - In the said Act, in sections 10, 11 & 12, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted.

7. **Amendment of section 13, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 13,-

(a) in sub-section (2), in clause (j), in the proviso for the words “Federal Government”, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-section (4), for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occurring, the words “division concerned” shall be substituted.

8. **Amendment of section 14, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 14, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
9. **Amendment of section 25, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 25, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
10. **Amendment of section 26, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 26, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
11. **Amendment of section 30, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 30, for the words "Federal Government", the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
12. **Amendment of section 31, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 31, in sub section(2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
13. **Amendment of section 32, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 32, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words " Finance Division" shall be substituted.
14. **Amendment of section 51, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 51, for the words "Federal Government", the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
15. **Amendment of section 56(I), Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 56, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
16. **Amendment of section 57, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 57, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
17. **Amendment of section 63, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 63, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
18. **Amendment of section 69, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 69, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.
19. **Amendment of section 70, Act XLIII of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 70, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "division concerned" shall be substituted.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Port Qasim Authority (PQA) was established under Port Qasim Authority Act, 1973 (Flag-A). The ibid Act confers powers to the Federal Government to carry out official business which are meant to be disposed of at Ministry's level. In terms of honorable Supreme Court decision in Al-Mustafa Impex case, the Federal Government has been defined as Federal Cabinet. Hence disposal of routine matters in Port Qasim Authority take lengthy procedure and lossof government exchequer for presenting the cases before the Federal Cabinet. The powers of Federal Government envisaged in the ibid Act have been specified in the proposed PQA Amendment Act, 2019 (Flag-B).

2. In view of above, it is therefore proposed that amendments may be passed in Port Qasim Authority Act, 1973 for smooth running of Official Business of Port Qasim Authority, Karachi.

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