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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

*Islamabad, the 20th February, 1975*

The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 15th February, 1975, and are hereby published for general information:—

## ACT No. XXIV OF 1975

*An Act further to amend the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956 (VI of 1956), for the purposes hereinafter appearing :

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Act, 1975.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **General amendment, Act VI of 1956.**—In the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956 (VI of 1956), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, for the words “Central Government” wherever occurring the words “Federal Government” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 5, Act VI of 1956.**—In the said Act, in section 5,—

(a) in sub-section (1), after the brackets and figure “(4)”, the words, brackets, figure and letter “or sub-section (4A)” shall be inserted ; and

(b) after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely :—

“(4A) Where a Commission consists of, or the President thereof is, a Judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court, the Commission shall have the same power as the High Court has to punish any person who—

(a) abuses, interferes with or obstructs the process of the Commission in any way or disobeys any order of the Commission ;

(b) scandalizes the Commission or otherwise does anything which tends to bring the Commission or a member of the Commission in relation to his office into hatred, ridicule or contempt ;

(c) does anything which tends to prejudice the determination of a matter pending before the Commission ; or

(d) does any other thing which, by any other law, constitutes contempt of court :

Provided that fair comment made in good faith and in the public interest on the working of the Commission or on its final report after the completion of the enquiry shall not constitute contempt of the Commission.

(4B) The exercise of the power conferred on a Commission by sub-section (4A) shall be regulated by rules made by the Supreme Court.”

4. **Repeal.**—The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Ordinance, 1974 (XXII of 1974) is hereby repealed.