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SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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Report No 06

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS
CONTROL

THE CONTROL OF NARCOTICS SUBSTANCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022,
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMAD KHAN IN THE SITTING OF
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PRESENTED BY

SENATOR EJAZ AHMAD CHAUDHARY

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Narcotics Control have the honour to present, on behalf of Committee, this report on Private Member's Bill (The Control of Narcotics Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2022, introduced by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan in the sitting of the Senate on 14th February, 2022 and referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report."

The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Chairman
2.	Senator Dost Muhammd Khan	Member
3.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
4.	Senator Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin	Member
5.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed	Member
6.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
7.	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
8.	Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
9.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
10.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
11.	Senator Rana Mahmood-ud-Hassan	Member
12.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmad	Mover
14.	Minister for Narcotics Control	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee held its meeting on the agenda on 19th October, 2022. The meeting of Committee was attended by the following:

1.	Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
2.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
3.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
4.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
5.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
6.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
7.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan	Mover

4. The Committee held its meeting on the agenda on 19th October, 2022. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, the Mover, enlightened the Committee that the law relating to narcotics has recently been amended with a view to check the ownership of assets supposed to be the proceeds of narcotics business however the generalized power of taking action against the supposed "other means of concealment" needs to be qualified by the addition of the term "as may be prescribed". He further enlightened that to remove the ambiguity in defining the other means of concealment, the Bill proposes amendment in section 12, in clause (c), after the words "any other means of concealment" the commas and words, "as may be prescribed", shall be inserted.

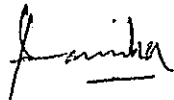
5. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad seconded the amendment in the Bill and considered it is a useful amendment in a very important piece of legislation. Senators Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar and Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen appreciated and supported the amendment.

6. However, the Ministry of Narcotics Control opposed the proposed amendment by deliberating that as all possible means of concealment are well described in the Bill, there is no need for proposed amendment.

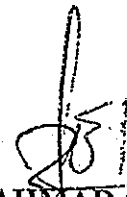
7. After detailed deliberations as aforesaid, the Committee passed the Bill unanimously with following amendment:

Amendment of Section 12, Act XXV of 1997. In the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), in section 12, in clause (c), after the words "any other means of concealment" the commas and words "as prescribed in (a) and (b)" shall be inserted.

7. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that "The Control of Narcotics Substances (Amendment) Act 2022" as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan. (Copy of the Bill as reported by the Committee is annexed as "A" and copy of Bill as introduced in the Senate is annexed as "B").



(SABIHA SHAKIR)
Acting Secretary Committee



(SENATOR EJAZ AHMAD CHAUDHARY)
Chairman Committee

[AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]

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**SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

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