

Bill

further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Substitution of section 21, Act XXI of 1860.- In the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), for section 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"21. Registration of Deeni Madaris.- (1) Every *Deeni Madrassah*, by whatever name called, shall not operate without getting itself registered in the following manner, namely:-

- (a) the *Deeni Madrassah* in existence before the commencement of the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2023, if not already registered, shall get itself registered under this Act within six months from commencement of the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2023; and
- (b) the *Deeni Madrassah* established after commencement of the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2023, shall get itself registered within one year of its establishment.

Explanation.— A *Deeni Madrassah* having more than one campus shall need only one registration.

(2) Every *Deeni Madrassah* shall submit to the Registrar annual report of its educational activities.

(3) Every *Deeni Madrassah* shall cause to be carried out audit of its accounts by an auditor and submit a copy of its audit report to the Registrar.

(4) No *Deeni Madrassah* shall teach or publish any literature which promotes militancy or spreads sectarianism or religious hatred:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall bar the comparative study of various religions or schools of thought or the study of any other subject covered by the Holy *Quran*, *Sunnah* or the Islamic jurisprudence.

(5) *Deeni Madrassah* shall, subject to their resources, include basic contemporary subjects in their curriculum according to a phased program.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, once registered under this Act no *Deeni Madrassah* shall be required to register itself under any other law whatsoever.

Explanation.— In this section "*Deeni Madrassah*" means a religious institution and includes a *Jamia* or *Dar-ul-Uloom*, called by any other name, established or operated primarily for the purposes of imparting religious education, which provides boarding and lodging facilities."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The aim of the bill is to regulate the registration of madrassahs. There are serious issues in registration of Madrassahs in the absence of proper legislation. It is necessary to registrar the madrassahs under the umbrella of legislation.

2. The bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objects

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