

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

**A
BILL**

further to amend the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024 (XXIV of 2024) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 15, Act XXIV of 2024.**- In the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024 (XXIV of 2024), in section 15, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:-

“(3) The Authority shall allocate one percent (1%) of its annual fund towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. These initiatives may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) establishing rehabilitation centers for drug addicts;
- (b) skills development and job creation;
- (c) poverty alleviation;
- (d) reducing child mortality and improving Public Health; and
- (e) promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment.

(4) The Authority shall ensure transparency and accountability in the utilization of CSR funds in accordance with relevant rules and regulations, to be made under this Act.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) defines Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a management concept through which authorities, companies, and organizations integrate social and environmental concerns into their business operations and interactions with stakeholders. CSR is generally understood as a means for organizations to balance economic, environmental, and social imperatives while addressing stakeholder expectations.

2. Given its significance, mandatory CSR is the need of the hour to ensure that all companies actively contribute to societal development and the improvement of living standards.

3. This bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

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