

**A
Bill**

*further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)
Act, 1974*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII of 1974), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- This Act shall be called the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 12, Act XXVII of 1974.- In the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII of 1974), in section 12, for sub-section (4), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(4) An ex-member, the spouse of the ex-member and the dependent children of the ex-member below the age of twenty-eight years shall be entitled to a gratis official (blue) passport."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The sub-section (4) of section 12 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974, relates to the issuance of official passports to Members of Parliament.

2. At present, the facility of a gratis official (blue) passport is available to certain categories of retired senior civil servants, including retired Federal Secretaries in Basic Pay Scale (BPS-22), along with their spouses and dependent children below the age of twenty-eight years. However, a similar facility is not available to former Members of Parliament and their families in the same manner.

3. In order to bring parity with the facility extended to retired Federal Secretaries in BPS-22 and to ensure uniformity in the grant of official passports to persons who have served the State at the highest levels.

4. Therefore, it is appropriate to amend sub-section (4) of section 12 of the Act so as to entitle an ex-Member of Parliament, the spouse of the ex-Member and the dependent children of the ex-Member below the age of twenty-eight years to a gratis official (blue) passport.

5. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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