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PART III

Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 13th January, 2015

No. F. 23(78)/2014-Legis.—The following Bill was introduced in the National Assembly on 13th January, 2015.

N.A. BILL NO. 4 OF 2015

A Bill to make provisions for the rights of special citizens

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provisions for the rights of special citizens for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Special Citizens Bill, 2015.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

(79)

Price : Rs. 5.00

2. **Definitions.**—In this Bill, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context:

- (a) "Special Citizens" means the disabled citizens of Pakistan; and
- (b) "rights" means the accessibility of disabled citizens to everywhere, just like the accessibility of normal citizens of Pakistan.

3. **Facility of access of wheel chairs in all Building.**—Government shall make the concerned authorities bound, before the construction of buildings in public or private sectors particularly in Educational Institutions, Banks, Hospitals, Shopping Malls, Police Stations, Airports, Railway Stations, Bus Stops, Hotels and at every public place to provide the facility of access of wheel chairs.

4. **Allocation of seats for special citizens.**—Public Transporters shall be made bound to allocate seats for special citizens and provide easy access to their seats in the public transport.

5. **Facility on Footpaths.**—Concerned authorities shall provide maximum facilities on footpaths for the wheel chairs and blind persons.

6. **Priority while crossing roads.**—While crossing the roads special citizens must be given priority and traffic police should be responsible for its implementation.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to provide the accessibility to disabled citizens at every public place, with regard to allocation of seats in public transports, provision of facilities on footpaths for wheel chairs and blind persons. Similarly while crossing the roads special citizens must be given priority.

Sd/-

BELUM HASNAIN

Member National Assembly.

Pursuant to rule 235 (4) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007, the following report of the Standing Committee, presented to the Assembly on 13th January, 2015 is published for information:—

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ON THE POLITICAL ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013 (PRIVATE MEMBER BILL)

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs have the honour to present, this Report on the Bill further to amendment the Political

Parties Order, 2002 (Private Member Bill), referred to the Committee on 17-09-2013.

2. The Committee comprises the following members:—

1. Mian Abdul Mannan	<i>Chairman</i>
2. Sardar Ashiq Hussain Gopang	<i>Member</i>
3. Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla	<i>Member</i>
4. Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt	<i>Member</i>
5. Sheikh Muhammad Akram	<i>Member</i>
6. Mian Tariq Mehmood	<i>Member</i>
7. Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra	<i>Member</i>
8. Mr. Rasheed Ahmad Khan	<i>Member</i>
9. Mr. Nadeem Abbas Rabaira	<i>Member</i>
10. Ch. Salman Haneef Khan	<i>Member</i>
11. Ms. Arifa Khalid Parvez	<i>Member</i>
12. Ms. Belum Hasnain	<i>Member</i>
13. Ms. Shahida Rehmani	<i>Member</i>
14. Dr. Nafisa Shah	<i>Member</i>
15. Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak	<i>Member</i>
16. Mr. Salim Rehman	<i>Member</i>
17. Ms. Saman Sultana Jafri	<i>Member</i>
18. Mr. Essa Nori	<i>Member</i>
19. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs	<i>Ex-officio Member</i>

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 7th November, 2014 considered the Bill in detail and recommended that the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly (**Annex-A**) may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-

(MIAN ABDUL MANNAN)

Chairman

Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.

Sd/-

(MOHAMMAD RIAZ)

Secretary

Islamabad, the 27th November, 2014

Annex-A

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Political Parties Order, 2002 to enhance women's meaningful representation in political process within the Political Parties, Parliament, Provincial Assemblies and Local Government.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Political Parties Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. XVIII of 2002) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Political Parties Order (Amendment) Bill, 2013.

(2) it shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new Article 8A, Order, XVIII of 2002.**—In the Political Parties Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. XVIII of 2002), hereinafter referred to as the said Order, after Article 8, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely:—

“8-A. **Nomination of Women as Candidates:** Every political party shall make a selection of a minimum of ten-percent women candidates for elective offices for general seats.”

3. **Amendment of Article 10, Order, XVIII of 2002.**—In the said Order, in Article 10, after sub-Article (1), the following new sub-Article shall be inserted, namely and the existing sub-Article shall be re-numbered as sub-Article (3) and (4):

“(2) Every Political Party shall have a minimum of 33 percent quota for women in the Party's elected general council and in any associated party committee and forum at the Federal, Provincial and Local levels of the party, wherever applicable, and to whatever names these may be referred to.”

4. **Amendment of Article 11, Order, XVIII of 2002.**—In the said Order, in Article 11, in sub-Article (1), after the proviso, the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that women members shall be elected to a minimum of 10 percent of these elected offices.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

1. The National and International Commitments of Government of Pakistan including the Constitution, the National Policy for the Development and Empowerment of Women (NPDEW) 2002, Convention on Elimination of All kinds of discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Article 23, and International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) underscore attainment of non-discriminatory and equal opportunities for women in the public and political spheres as inextricably linked to human right, democracy and inclusive sustainable development and human security.

2. The Bill seeks to protect and strengthen women's representation in the political and legislative process.

Sd/-

DR. NAFISA SHAH

DR. AZRA FAZAL PECHUHO,

Members, National Assembly.

MOHAMMAD RIAZ,

Secretary.