

A
BILL

further to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act, 2013.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act, 2013 (Act No. XXVII of 2013), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted by the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVII of 2013.---In the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act, 2013 (Act No. XXVII of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(1) **“requester”** means any citizen, legal person or an organization registered or incorporated in Pakistan who has made a request for information under this Act.”

3. Amendment of section 6 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVII of 2013.---In the said Act, in section 6, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:

“(4) The head of the public body shall facilitate the Public Information Officer in the discharge for his functions under this Act.”

4. Amendment of section 25 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVII of 2013.---In the said Act, in section 25, in sub-section (4), before the comma appearing after the word “complaint”, the words “for disposal of its business” shall be inserted.

5. Amendment of section 26 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVII of 2013.---In the said Act, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:

“(5) Any person, aggrieved by the order issued under sub-section (3) of section 26 of this Act, may file an appeal before the Peshawar High Court, Peshawar, within forty five (45) days of the receipt of the order.”

6. Insertion of new sections in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVII of 2013.---In the said Act, after section 32, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely:

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“32A. Power to make regulations.---The Information Commission may make regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and the rules.

32B. Bar of jurisdiction.---No Civil Court shall take cognizance in the matter taken up by the Information Commission.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is desirable to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act, 2013 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVII of 2013), for the purposes to make it more effective and to ensure that the citizens have an improved access to information, held by public bodies and to make the Government entities more accountable to its people for smooth functioning of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission and to efficiently manage its business, besides affording the citizens any opportunity of appeal against the orders passed by the Information Commission. Hence, this Bill.

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