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*further to amend the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 (XVIII of 1980), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act shall be called the Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance XVIII of 1980.-**In the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 (XVIII of 1980), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2, after clause (x), the following new clause (xa) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(xa) ‘Division concerned’ means the Division to which the business of this Ordinance stands allocated;”.

**3. Amendment of section 13, Ordinance XVIII of 1980. –** In the said Ordinance, in section 13, in sub section (1), for the expression “Religious Affairs, Zakat, Ushr and Minorities Affairs Division”, the words “of the Division concerned” shall be substituted.

**4. Amendment of section 22, Ordinance XVIII of 1980. –** In the said Ordinance, in section 22,-

(a) in sub- section (1), for the expression “ a Division to be known as the Religious Affairs, Zakat , Ushr and Minorities Affairs Division”, the words “ the Division concerned” shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-section (2), for the expression “Religious Affairs, Zakat, Ushr and Minorities Affairs Division”, the words “ the Division concerned” shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.**

The subject of Zakat and Ushr has been re-allocated from Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony to newly created Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety w.e.f 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Since the subject is being dealt in the Ministry in accordance with Sr.No.31AA the Rules of Business, 1973. In the presence of the Section 13 and 22 of the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980, this Ministry was facing legal impediment to deal with the subject of Zakat in this Ministry. In order to cope the position of this Ministry and for appropriate legal cover, amendments are proposed in the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980.

  
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