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**REPORT OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR
ON “THE ANTI-TERRORISM (THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL 2020”
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI IN THE
HOUSE ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

I, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honour to present report on the Bill “The Anti-Terrorism (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020” introduced by Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi in the House on 15th September, 2020.

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2. The Bill, upon introduction in the Senate, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report back to the House.

3. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior as under:-

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Kalsoom Parveen	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
4.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
6.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
7.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
8.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
9.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
10.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem	Member
13.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
14.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member/Mover

4. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 16th September, 2020. The following attended the Committee:-

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
3.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Shehzad Waseem	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
6.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
7.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh	Member
8.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Mover
9.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Special Invitee
10.	Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	Special Invitee
11.	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Special Invitee

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5. The Committee was briefed that Terror financing is one of the major obstacle which is not only playing a degrading role against the development of a country but also imbuing such elements with the financial means which are an ultimate threat against the internal and external peace of the country and the allies to the extent. The genuine purpose behind the introduction of this Bill is to enable the Law Enforcement Authorities *via* aforementioned insertion to take certain encountering techniques with an authoritative support of the Courts of Law to curb with the menace.

6. The Chairman Committee informed that Senators Sherry Rehman, Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar and Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot have moved the following amendments in the Clause 2 of The Anti-Terrorism (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020: -

“19-C. Application of investigation techniques.—(1) The investigating officer may with the permission of Court use modern techniques for investigation of funds being used for terrorism.

(2) The Court may grant such permission for a period of sixty days if it is satisfied on the basis of written requests by an investigating officer that reasonable grounds exist for the grant of such permission.

(3) The Federal Government may frame rules to regulate the procedure and execution of orders for the purpose of this section”.

7. Senators Sherry Rehman and Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar briefed the Committee on various aspects of the proposed amendments in the Bill and stated that the primary object of the amendments is to avoid misuse of the authority by an investigating officer against an innocent person and political opponents. They further stated that investigating officer should not be below the rank of SP and personal privacy of a citizen should be not affected adversely.

8. Senator Sherry Rehman asked to provide a copy of the FATF document received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for which the proposed legislation of the Government is under process.

9. The Ministry of Interior provided the copy of the FATF document and Senator Sherry Rehman expressed her satisfaction on the document.

10. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Narcotics Control gave the undertaking that the investigating officer shall be not below than the Rules within rank of SP and all the apprehensions of movers will be address while making 120 days after passage of the Bill from the Parliament.

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11. Thereafter, the Chairman Committee put the proposed amendments for vote clause by clause.

12. The majority of the Committee members rejected the said amendments proposed by PPP Senators.

13. The majority of the Committee members voted to pass the Bill.

14. In view of the above, the Committee recommends that “The Anti-Terrorism (Third Amendments) Bill, 2020” as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. (Copy of the Bill is enclosed).

(TANVIR AHMED)
D.G. / Secretary Committee.

(SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK)
Chairman
Senate Standing Committee on Interior.

Islamabad, the 16th September, 2020

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Anti-terrorism (Third Amendment) Act, 2020:-

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section 19C, Act XXVII of 1997.**— In the Anti terrorism Act, 1997(XXVII of 1997), after section 19B, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

“19C. Application of investigation techniques.— (1) The investigating officer, may with the permission of Court, within sixty days of such permission, use techniques including undercover operation, intercepting communications, accessing computer system and controlled delivery for investigation of financing of terrorism under the law in force. The aforementioned period of sixty days may be extended upto further period of sixty days by the Court on a request made to it in writing. The Court may grant extension, if it is satisfied, on the basis of situation/reasons given in the written request. The provision of this subsection shall be addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.

(2) The Federal Government may make rules to regulate the procedure and execution of orders for the purpose of this section.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Terror financing is one of the major obstacle which is not only playing a degrading role against the development of a country but also imbuing such elements with the financial means which are an ultimate threat against the internal and external peace of the country and the allies to the extent. The genuine purpose behind the introduction of this Bill is to enable the Law Enforcement Authorities *via* aforementioned insertion to take certain encountering techniques with an authoritative support of the Courts of Law to curb with these menaces.

Sd/-
MR.FAHEEM KHAN,
Member National Assembly.

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS,
Secretary.