**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**27 April 2018**

**No.PAP/Legis-2(190)/2018/1744.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Friday, April 27, 2018, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:

**THE EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES (PUNJAB AMENDMENT) BILL 2018**

**Bill No. 14 of 2018**

A

BILL

*to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.*

It is necessary further to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 *(VI of 1908)* for purposes hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Explosive Substances (Punjab Amendment) Act 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 7 of Act VI of 1908**.– In the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 *(VI of 1908)*, in its application to Province of the Punjab, in section 7, for the full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following Proviso shall be added:

“Provided that the consent to proceed to the trial of an offence under section 3 or section 4 of the Act shall be deemed to have been given if the Provincial Government does not convey its decision to the court within sixty days of the report forwarded to it under section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 *(V of 1898)*.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Section 7 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908 *(VI of 1908)* provides that no court shall proceed to the trial of any person for an offence against this Act except with the consent of the Provincial Government. The trial of the cases is sometimes delayed because sanction is neither accorded nor refused in a reasonable time. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, it is proposed to amend section 7 to insert a proviso stipulating that if sanction of the provincial government is neither received nor refused within 60 days, such sanction shall be deemed to have been duly accorded. The proposed amendment shall expedite the disposal of cases under 1908 Act; Hence this Bill.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**27 April 2018 Secretary**