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PART II

**Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)**

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
**MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

NOTIFICATION

*Islamabad, the 22nd August, 2024*

**S. R. O. 1288(I)/2024.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 and sub-section (2) of section 24 of the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 (XXX of 2021, the Ministry of Law and Justice, upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, is pleased to direct that the following amendments shall be made in the Anti-Rape (Sex Offenders Register) Rules, 2023, namely:

In the aforesaid Rules,—

(a) in rule 2,—

(i) for clause (b), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(b) **“database”** means database maintained by NADRA and operated by the National Police Bureau (NPB) that contains information relating to sex offenders within the meaning of clause (h) of section 2 of the Act”;

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(ii) for clause (d), the following shall be inserted, namely:—

“(da) **“NPB”** means the National Police Bureau established under Article 162 of the Police Order 2002 (C.E. Order No. 22 of 2002).”, and;

(b) in rule 3,—

(i) in sub-rule (1), after the word “retrieved”, the words “by NPB” shall be inserted; and

(ii) in sub-rule (3), the words “and destruction” shall be omitted; and the word “and” be inserted after “storage, protection,”;

(c) in rule 4,—

(i) in clause (t), the word “and”, occurring at the end, shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (u), for full stop at the end, the expression “;and” shall be substituted; and

(iii) after clause (u), amended as aforesaid, the following new clauses shall be added, namely:—

“(v) previous convictions, if any;

(w) date of conviction;

(x) duration of sentence;

(y) place of incarceration; and

(z) other identity documents or identification information, if any.”;

(d) in rule 5,—

(i) in sub-rule (1), for the words “onward submission to NADRA”, the words “entry into the Sex Offenders Register” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (2), for the expression “transmit the information received under sub-rule (1) to NADRA electronically through the prescribed application programming interface for storage

of data in the Sex Offenders Register”, the words “enter the information received under sub-rule (1) electronically in the Sex Offenders Register for storage through a mutually agreed technical interface” shall be substituted; and

(iii) for sub-rule (3), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

(3) All agencies or authorities involved in the process of making an entry into the Sex Offenders Register shall ensure that an entry in the Sex Offenders Register shall be made as early as possible but not later than fifteen days of a person convicted of a sex offence.”;

(e) in rule 6,—

(i) in sub-rule (2), after the words “prior to” the word “providing” shall be substituted with “forwarding the request to NPB for provision of shall be inserted”; and

(ii) in sub-rule (3), after the word “District”, the word “Public” shall be inserted.

(f) in rule 7,—

(i) for the existing marginal heading, the expression “Compliance with data protection principles.-” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (4), for the words “Authorities with access to the Sex Offenders Register”, the expression “The NPB” shall be substituted; and

(iii) in sub-rule (6), for the word “implementation”, the word “operation” shall be substituted;

(g) in rule 9, for the marginal heading “Categories of offenders for notification”, the marginal heading “Duration of notification requirements” shall be substituted;

(h) in rule 10,—

(i) in sub-rule (2), the words “NADRA through” shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-rule (4), after the words “notify” to the”, the words “District Police Officer and” shall be inserted; and

(iii) for sub-rule (5), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(5) The District Police Officer shall inform the NPB within seven days of receiving information from the superintendent of prison about the change in the status of the offender so that the Sex Offenders Register may be uploaded.”;

(i) in rule 13, after full stop at the end, the following shall be added, namely:—

“The District Police Officer shall for the purpose of updating the Sex Offenders Register submit Form C to the NPB within seven days of receiving information from the concerned police station.”;

(j) in rule 14,—

(i) in sub-rule (1), for the word “frequency”, the word “requirement” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (2), after the expression “Form B”, the expression “or Form C, as the case may be” shall be inserted and for the words “transmission to NADRA through”, the words “submission to the” shall be substituted;

(k) for rule 16, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

**16. Updating of record.**—(1) If an appeal is filled after the conviction, which results in an acquittal or a change in the sentence awarded to the sex offender, the District Public Prosecutor shall communicate the same in writing to NPB and the previous conviction record shall be omitted from the Sex Offenders Register or updated accordingly.

(2) Upon death of the offender, the conviction record shall be omitted from the Sex Offenders Register by NPB after receipt of an intimation in this regard from the District Police Officer.

(3) A person acquitted after having previously been included in the Sex Offenders Register shall immediately be released from notification requirements upon such acquittal recorded by a court.”;

(l) in Form A,—

(i) for the expression “CNIC”, the expression “number of CNIC, Pakistan Origin Card number, Proof of Registration Card

number, Alien Registration Card number or any other valid identity document” shall be substituted;

- (ii) after the entry “Contact details of officer completing the Form:”, the following new entries shall be added, namely:—

“Name of officer verifying the form:

Signature of officer verifying the form:”.

- (m) in Form B, after the entry “Contact details of officer completing the Form:”, the following new entries shall be added, namely:-

“Name of officer verifying the form:

Signature of officer verifying the form:”; and

- (n) in Form C, after the entry “Contact details of officer completing the Form:”, the following new entries shall be added, namely:-

“Name of officer verifying the form:

Signature of officer verifying the form:”.

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