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NEWSLETTER

LAW DEPARTMENT Government of Sindh

"Any Country's Laws are as strong as their people's will to see them enforced" Lord Byron



SYED MURAD ALI SHAH
CHIEF MINISTER SINDH

It is indeed a matter of immense pleasure to know that Law Department is planning to issue a regular "Newsletter" for updating the general public about multi sectoral legislative initiatives taken up by the Law Department. It goes without saying that Sindh Government is the leading province in terms of various human right legislations passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh. The Provincial Assembly of Sindh has been promulgating laws, with the aim of dispensing justice to the society in every positive aspect of life. Department of Law and Parliamentary Affairs of Sindh plays a pivotal role in giving assistance to all the departments of Government of Sindh, who seek advice and opinion on various legal issues as well as defend the Government functionaries of the Provincial Government in litigation before the court of law.

The Law Department works hand in glove with the Parliament of Sindh from drafting to vetting of laws initiated by various departments of the province for promulgation by the Parliament.

I congratulate the Law Minister and Law Secretary for taking this initiative and projecting the positive image of the Government of Sindh.



ZIA-UL-HASSAN LANJAR
MINISTER FOR LAW & PRISONS, SINDH

It is indeed very heartening news to know that Law Department, Government of Sindh is planning to publish a "Newsletter" to apprise the general public about the legislative initiatives taken by Sindh Government. The publication of the Newsletter is a step in the right direction to sensitize the people in general and international fora in particular about the steps taken by the Law Department to introduce necessary laws for the betterment of the people of Sindh. The Law Department is pivotal Department for all the departments of Government of Sindh for providing advisory service on legal, judicial and constitutional matters. The main function of Law Department is to defend Government functionaries of the province of Sindh in the cases filed for and against them before the lower as well as superior courts.

I congratulate the Law Secretary for taking this initiative and hope such steps will continue to highlight the working and performance of Law Department, effectively.



RIZWAN MEMON
CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH

It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride to learn that Law Department is publishing a Newsletter to highlight its activities and apprise the national and international fora and media about the legislative initiatives. Projecting a positive image of the province by letting people know about its legislative initiatives and proposals is imperative for any organization and department. Law Department must ensure that the departments of Government of Sindh properly discharge their business, its members vigorously work to safeguard its interest in relation to all parties whether within or outside the department. This often is accomplished by adopting well defined rules and regulations. The Law Department is the pivot on which hinges all other departments working in harmony.

I hope publication of the Newsletter will bode well for the provinces and other departments will also follow suit to apprise the positive initiatives taken by the Government of Sindh.



IFTIKHAR ALI SHALLWANI
Law Secretary

Ever since, I took over the charge of Law Secretary, Sindh, I have come to terms with the fact that Sindh, despite its capacity constraints, is the leading province in terms of legislative initiatives undertaken by the Provincial Assembly and the Law Department under the rubrics of Human Rights, Women and Social sector development. Ironically, many initiatives taken by Sindh Government are not projected positively and lack of awareness and ignorance about the existing laws causes despondency and consternation among the populace and the civil society. To nip this phenomena in its bud, the Law Department signed a MoU with German Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry to organise various seminars and capacity building measures for different sections of the civil society and now the publication of this 'Newsletter' is also the step in the same direction. I hope this initiative of portraying the factual and positive image through bridging the gaps between the Law Department and various segments of the civil society will fill the void and create awareness about various enactments and legislation undertaken by the Sindh Government.

I am grateful to the Chief Minister, Law Minister and Chief Secretary for their support on various initiatives of the Law Department.



Legislation by The Province of Sindh

RECENT LEGISLATION

The Sindh Differently Aabled Persons (Employment, Rehabilitation and Welfare) (Amendment) Act, 2017.
The Sindh Removal from Service (Special Powers) (Repeal) Act, 2017.
The Code of Criminal Procedure (Sindh Amendment) Act, 2017-Relating to DNA Testing.
The Sindh Prohibition of Employment of Children Act, 2017.
The Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act, 2016.
The Sindh Food Authority Act, 2016.
The Sindh Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Act, 2016
The Sindh Sacked Employees (Reinstatement) Act, 2016.
The Sindh Employees Old-Age Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2016.
The Sindh Hindu Marriage Act, 2016.
The Sindh Employees Social Security Act, 2016.

FUTURE LEGISLATION

The Z.A. Bhutto Institute of Cardiovascular Disease Bill, 2017.
The Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resources and Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Accountability Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Employees Exchange Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Societies Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Animal Health Institute Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority Bill, 2017.
The Sindh Internal Audit Bill, 2016.
The Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
The Mehran Institute of Cardiovascular and Chest Disease Bill, 2016.
The Peoples University of Medical and Health Science for Women (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
The Sindh Teaching Hospitals (Establishment of Management Boards) Bill, 2016.
The Holy Quran (Printing, Recording and Disposal of Damages or Shaheed and Sacred Auras) Bill, 2016.
The Sindh Prohibition of Preparation, Manufacturing, Storage, Sale and Use of Gutka and Manpuri Bill, 2016.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Restoration of Foot Paths in Urban Areas Bill, 2017.
Restoration, Renovation of Old Building and Architecture Bill, 2017.
Sindh Hindu Marriage Registration Rules, 2017.
The Prohibition of Sheesha Smoking Bill, 2017.

TREATY IMPLEMENTATION CELL (TIC)

ESTABLISHMENT OF TREATY IMPLEMENTATION CELL IN THE PROVINCE OF SINDH FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS RATIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

The Province of Sindh has established Provincial Treaty Implementation Cell (TIC) under convenorship of Law Secretary, for implementation of Human Rights Conventions ratified and signed by the Government of Pakistan and to develop a coordination mechanism with Government of Pakistan as required under treaties and conventions.

The main purpose of this cell to-

- develop identical protocols for implementation which can work as effective tools for Provincial Government and its departments to document the progress regularly.
- help and guide the relevant departments for formulation of templates which can provide for reporting in prescribed and tabulated formats and generation of reports on compliance, in line with the international best practice.

FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

Review of Pakistan Third Universal Periodic Report on 13th November, 2017 in GENEVA-Switzerland.

Mr. Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Secretary, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of Sindh has been nominated by the Chief Minister as a member of the high level Pakistan delegation to be led by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, which will visit GENEVA-Switzerland on 13th November, 2017 and will present Pakistan's 3rd Universal Periodic Report in the 28th Session of United Nation's Human Rights Council on behalf of the Government of Sindh.



Speaker Provincial Assembly with Italian C.G and Law Secretary.



Law Secretary Meeting with Political Secretary US-Consulate.



Secretary Law (Convener TIC Sindh) in meeting on Human Rights by UNDP in Islamabad.



Additional Secretary Mr. Muhammad Baber Qadeer attending Meeting of Sindh Human Rights Commission.



ACTIVITIES OF LAW DAPARTMENT



Parliamentary Committee Meeting on Legislation



Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah with L.S., PSCM and Education Secretary.



Mr. Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar Law Minister, Sindh and Law Secretary Sindh in census meeting in islamabad



MoU signing ceremony between GPCCI and the Law Department, Sindh



With Dutch Ambassador Jeanette Seppen.



The First Committee meeting to draw an action plan after signing MoU between German Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Law Department Government of Sindh.



Officials of US Consulate at Law Secretary's Chamber.



TEAM OF LAW DEPARTMENT



AUTOMATION & I.T CENTER OF LAW DEPARTMENT

1. QR-CODE DMS(DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

(Now authentication of files and documents)

Law Department recently introduced QR-Code DMS software to make secure record of official documents, (letters, summaries, orders, notifications, judgments of Hon'ble Courts, legal opinions) etc.

This system turn paper into digital images as PDF files that can be stored electronically and, with software help, searched or edited.

Advantages:-

- Easily tracking of electronic documents
- Relief of paperwork burdens
- Minimization of the possibility of lost information

2. LAW WEBSITE(www.sindhlaws.gov.pk)



This department is hosting website (official portal) by our Automation Team since 2013, and uploads legislation in form of digital image PDF file and on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court started SINDH CODE by uploading translation of laws in Sindhi & Urdu for easy understanding of people.

3. CMS (CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

Law Department core software to centralize data of cases in all district courts to search with software help or edit.

Advantages:-

- Cases search easily.
- Generate paperless reports.
- Single all disposed and transfer cases can be seen.



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