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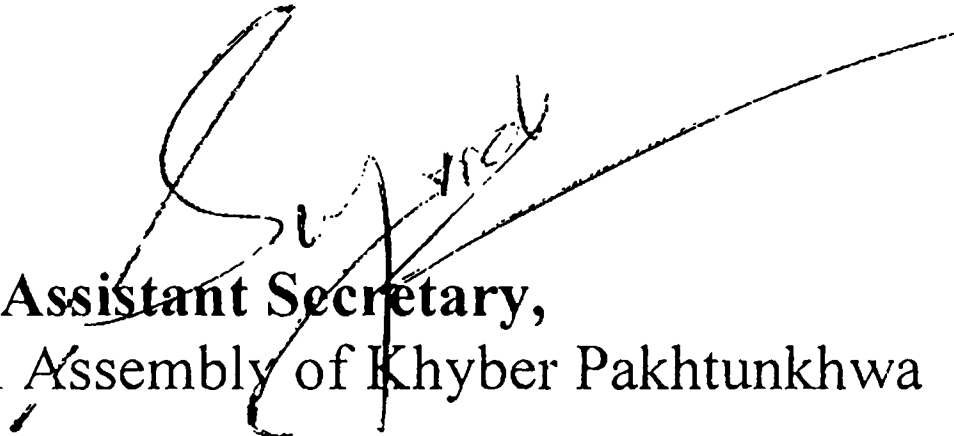
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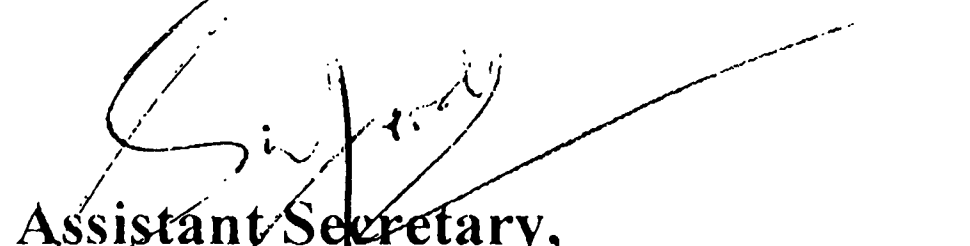
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4. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for information of the Honourable Chief Minister.
5. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, for information of the Honourable Governor.
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REPORT



STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 18 ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ON "THE HINDU
MARRIAGE (KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA)
AMENDMENT BILL, 2026".

MR. ABDUL KABIR KHAN, MPA/CHAIRPERSON

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 18 ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
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MARRIAGE (KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA) AMENDMENT BILL, 2026".

I, Abdul Kabir Khan, MPA/Chairperson of the Standing Committee No. 18 on Local Government, Elections and Rural Development Department have the honor to present the report on "The Hindu Marriage (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Amendment Bill, 2026" (Government Bill), (F/A) as introduced in the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and referred to the Committee on 13th April 2026 for thorough examination and detailed deliberation.

2. The Committee examined the said Bill in its meeting held on 11th May, 2026 and the following Hon'ble Members of the Committee attended the meeting: -

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| 1) Mr. Ejaz Muhammad Khan, MPA | Member |
| 2) Ms. Sobia Shahid | Member |
| 3) Ms. Farzana Shereen, MPA | Member |

3. The following Hon'ble Members of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly attended the meeting on special invitation: -

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| 1) Mr. Suresh Kumar, | MPA |
| 2) Mr. Asker Pervaiz, | MPA |
| 3) Ms. Gurpal Singh, | MPA |
| 4) Mr. Beari Lal, | MPA |

4. Ms. Shazia Tehmas Khan, MPA attended the meeting as a mover.

5. The following Officers attended the meeting:

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| 1) Mr. Shah Saud, | Special Secretary, Local Government, Elections & Rural Development Department. |
| 2) Mr. Kamran Khan, | Director General, Local Government, Elections & Rural Development Department. |
| 3) Mr. Asadullah Khan, | Director Operations, Local Government, Elections & Rural Development Department. |
| 4) Mr. Nisar Ahmed, | DD Operations, DG, Local Government, Elections & Rural Development Department. |
| 5) Syed Ali Raza Shah, | Deputy Secretary, Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department. |

6. The following religious leaders of the Hindu Community attended the meeting on special invitation:

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| 1) Advocate Shakeel Chander, | Legal expert |
| 2) Mr. Ratin Kumar, | Pandit |
| 3) Mr. Chaman Lal, | Pandit |
| 4) Mr. Kishwar Soni, | |
| 5) Mr. Asif Kumar, | |
| 6) Mr. Kaka Ram, | |

Legislative Intent and Background:-

7. Mr. Kanran Khan, Director General, Local Government, Elections & Rural Development Department, informed the Committee that the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017 (Principal Act) was enacted by the Majlis-e-Shoora under Article 144 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan based on resolutions passed by the Provincial Assemblies of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Baluchistan. He further stated that the provinces are constitutionally empowered to amend or repeal the said law, accordingly. The Local Government Department drafted "The Hindu Marriage (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Amendment Bill, 2026", which, was introduced in the House and referred to the Committee for deliberation. The said is presently under consideration of the Standing Committee on Local Government.

8. He further informed the Committee that the said draft Bill had been framed and vetted by the Law Department. He stated that the concerns and proposed amendments put forth by the Hindu community would appropriately be addressed in the rules to be framed under the Act. The Committee strictly directed the Department to consult representatives and leaders of the Hindu community while framing and finalizing the rules, and to notify the same rule on a war-footing basis.

9. Mr. Shah Saud, Special Secretary, Local Government, Elections & Rural Development Department informed the Committee that the Department intends to devolve the power of registration of Hindu marriages to the lowest tier of government, namely the Local Government. In this regard, the Department has proposed amendments in Section 2(g) of the Principal Act relating to the definition of "Marriage Registrar" and in Section 7 pertaining to the appointment and functions of the Marriage Registrar. He further stated that the proposed amendments are in line with the existing mechanism for registration of Muslim marriages at the Local Government level.

10. The Committee observed that the proposed amendments appear to have been made in haste, as a consequential/necessary amendment is also required in Section 2(d) of the Principal Act, wherein the definition of "Government" does not include "Local Government". The Committee recommended that this ambiguity be addressed through a future amendment and, in the meantime, the same may be appropriately clarified and incorporated in the rules to be framed under the Act.

11. The committee unanimously agreed with the proposed amendments of Mr. Suresh Kumar, MPA in Section 7 (1) of the principal law, as referred to in clause-3 of the proposed Bill, as amended by the following, namely,-

"(1) The Local Government Department shall notify one or such numbers of marriage registrars, who shall be appointed in the manner as may be prescribed, in the territory of a district and union councils or such other areas, as would be convenient for the living Hindu population."

12. Ms. Shazia Tehmas Khan, MPA, withdrew her proposed amendments in Section 7(1) of the Principal Act, as referred to in clause 3 of the Bill.

Recommendation: -

13. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Bill at "Annex-B", as amended by the Committee, may be taken into consideration at once.


(ABDUL KABIR KHAN)
CHAIRPERSON,
Standing Committee No. 18 on Local
Government, Elections and Rural
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to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017.

WHEREAS It is expedient to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017 (Act No. VII of 2017), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted by the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as follows:

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(2) It shall come into force at once.

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“(g) “marriage registrar” means the marriage registrar appointed under section 7 of this Act;”.

3. **Amendment of section 7 of Act No. VII of 2017.**---In the said Act, in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(1) There shall be one or such numbers of marriage registrars, who shall be appointed in the manner as may be prescribed, in the territory of a district or such other areas, as would be convenient for Hindu population, living in the said district or such other areas.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is desirable to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017 (Act No. VII of 2017), to enable the local governments to grant licenses to the marriage registrars, at gross root level, for registration of Hindu marriages. Hence, this Bill.

Peshawar,
dated the
, 2026.

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