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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 5th August, 1996

The following Act of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 1st August, 1996, and is hereby published for general information :—

ACT NO. X OF 1996

An Act further to amend the West Pakistan Family Courts Act, 1964

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the West Pakistan Family Courts Act, 1964 (W. P. Act XXXV of 1964), for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 1996.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 1, W. P. Act XXXV of 1964.**—In the West Pakistan Family Courts Act, 1964 (W. P. Act XXXV of 1964), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 1, in sub-section (1), the words "West Pakistan" shall be omitted.

3. **Insertion of section 12A, W. P. Act XXXV of 1964.**—In the said Act, after section 12, the following new section shall be inserted, namely :—

"12A. *Certain cases to be disposed of within a specified period.*—Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore, a suit for dissolution of

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marriage shall finally be disposed of within a period of four months from its institution :

Provided that where an appeal lies against the dissolution of marriage, such appeal shall be disposed of within four months.”

ABDUL QAYYUM KHAN,
Secretary.