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No. F. 2(1)/2019-pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated on 26th December, 2019 by the President is hereby published for general information:—

ORDINANCE NO. XXV OF 2019

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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 462-O, Act XLV of 1860.**—In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), for section 462-O, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“**462-O. Cognizance.**—The offences punishable under this Chapter shall be cognizable but the police shall not take cognizance of an offence under this Chapter except where information of such offence is provided to the police in writing by a duly authorized officer (not below Grade 17) of the Government or by an officer of an equivalent grade of a Distribution Licensee, as the case may be.”.

DR. ARIF ALVI,
President.

MUHAMMAD KHASHIH-UR-REHMAN,
Secretary.