

Torture, Custodial Death and Custodial Rape (Prevention and Punishment) Bill, 2018.

Torture, Custodial Death and Custodial Rape (Prevention and Punishment) Bill, 2018, prepared by Ministry of Human Rights was placed before CCLC in its meeting held on 6th February, 2019. As advised by CCLC, Law Division was requested on 8th February, 2019 for vetting the subject Bill. However, Law Division had conveyed their observations on the Bill, which were clarified/ responded. However, the Law Division had again conveyed their observations on 18th April, 2019 with the stance that why stand alone legislation is required instead the amendments. Their queries were addressed on 28th May, 2019. On 7th August, 2019, the Law Division has again advised MoHR to get inputs and comments of Ministry of Interior. Accordingly, the Ministry of Interior was approached to provide their inputs and comments on the Bill. After incorporating the Ministry of Interior and relevant institutions (FIA, Police etc.) Bill was sent for vetting to Ministry of Law and Justice on 29th October, 2019. Ministry of Law & Justice had further communicated their views on 30th November, 2019. After addressing their observations the Ministry of Law & Justice was requested to vet the Bill on 6th January, 2020. Thereafter, Ministry of Law & Justice has communicated further observations for response on 21st February, 2020, same were responded on 16th March, 2020. In this regard, Ministry of Law & Justice convened meetings during the month of April, 2020 to finalize the Bill. Ministry of Law & Justice sent back the Bill to this Ministry on 30th June, 2020 with advise to reexamine the Bill from technical perspective, before further processing. The said Bill was reexamined and forwarded revised Bill to the Ministry of Law & Justice on 15th July, 2020. Moreover, Law & Justice Division has shared queries on the said Bill on 17th September, 2020. Queries were responded on 1st October, 2020. On 3rd November, 2020, Law & Justice has raised few more queries, which have been responded on 10th November, 2020. The said Bill is with Ministry of Law & Justice for vetting.