PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH **NOTIFICATION** KARACHI, THE 22ND MARCH, 2017

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-02/2017-The Code of Criminal Procedure (Sindh Amendment) Bill, 2017 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 2nd February, 2017 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 10th March, 2017 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SINDH AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017.

SINDH ACT NO. IV OF 2017.

AN**ACT**

to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in its application to the Province of Sindh.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Code of Criminal Preamble. Procedure, 1898, in its application to the Province of Sindh, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- **1.** (1) This Act may be called the Code of Criminal Procedure (Sindh Amendment) Act, 2017.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.
- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in its application to the Province of Sindh, after section 156-B, the following shall be inserted:-
 - "156-C. Mandatory DNA Testing in Rape cases. In case involving the offence of rape-
 - (a) the DNA testing of the rape victim shall be mandatorily conducted by a Police Officer through the Laboratories recognized by Government of Sindh;
 - (b) the DNA sample shall be collected from the raped victim within seventy two hours from the time of incident:

Provided that if the DNA sample is not collected within seventy two hours, the Police Officer shall make all efforts to collect and preserve the DNA sample within seven days from the date of the rape, for the purpose of investigation of the offence of the rape.

- "156-D. Preservation of DNA evidence. (1) The DNA sample and its results shall be preserved in privacy in the hospital or the Forensic Lab, as the case may be.
- (2) The corresponding record of all DNA sample and DNA testing results shall be maintained in Central Police Office in confidentiality and under the control of an officer not below the rank of an BS-19.".

Commencement.

Short title and

Insertion of sections 156-C and 156-D in Act No. V of 1898.

BY ORDER OF THE SPEAKER PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

G.M.UMAR FAROOQ SECRETARY PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH