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# Federal Shariat Court

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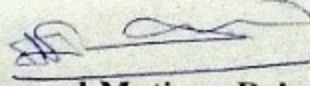
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**Federal Shariat Court admitted the petition regarding Section 5 and 7 of the Protection of Women (Criminal Law Amendment) Act, 2006.**

Full Bench of the Federal Shariat Court of Pakistan comprising the Hon. Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Iqbal Hameed ur Rahman, Hon. Mr. Justice Khadim Hussain M. Shaikh and Hon. Mr. Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwar, Judges, heard a Shariat Petition challenging the validity of Section 5 and Section 7 of the Protection of Women (Criminal Law Amendment) Act, 2006, whereby Section 376 (punishment of Rape) and Section 496-B (Fornication) were incorporated in the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860. The Petitioner prayed that the impugned law may be declared null and void being against the principles of Islamic Injunctions i.e. the Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet(ﷺ).

2. The Court admitted the instant Shariat Petition to regular hearing and notices were issued to the respondents/Federation as well as the Advocate Generals of all the provinces including Advocate General Islamabad.

  
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