

**SINDH ACT NO.IV OF 2017**

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

[22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017]

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 Procedure, 1898, in its application to the Province of Sindh, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

**Preamble**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Code of Criminal Procedure (Sindh Amendment) Act, 2017.

**Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in its application to the Province of Sindh, after section 156-B, the following shall be inserted:-

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

“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.”.