PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS ACT 2018

The Parliament of Pakistan has passed an Act namely Prevention of Migrants Act 2018 with the primary purpose of combating smuggling of migrants. The Act shall apply to such offence committed (a) within the territory of Pakistan; (b) outside the territory of Pakistan by a Pakistani citizen; (c) on board a vessel or aircraft that is registered under the laws of Pakistan at the time of commission of the offence.

PUNISHMENT

Smuggling of Migrants
- Imprisonment up to Five years
- Fine up to One Million Rupees

Harbouring Illegal Residents for Benefit
- Imprisonment up to Three years
- Fine up to One Million Rupees

Production/Provision of Documents for Smuggling of Migrants
- Imprisonment up to Three years
- Fine up to One Million Rupees

Aggravated Offences
- Imprisonment up to Fourteen years
- Fine up to Two Million Rupees

Objectives
- Preventing/Combating Smuggling of Migrants
- Promotion and facilitation of National and International Cooperation
- Protection of the Rights of Smuggled Migrants