

THE CANNABIS BILL, 2021

MEMORANDUM

The objects of this Bill are to—

- (a) provide for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific or research purposes;
- (b) designate the Lead Agency for the licensing of cannabis for medicinal, scientific and research purposes;
- (c) provide for security measures for the cultivation, manufacture, production, storage, distribution, import and export of cannabis for medicinal, scientific or research purposes;
- (d) provide for the constitution of the National Cannabis Coordinating Committee and provide for its functions;
- (e) domesticate the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; and
- (f) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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