

Bill No. 255 of 2015

THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

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further to amend the Constitution of India.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2015.

Short title.

2. In article 124 of the Constitution, in clause (1), the following proviso shall be added at the end, namely:—

Amendment
of article 124.

5 "Provided that one-third of such Judges shall be appointed from amongst persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes."

3. In article 216 of the Constitution, the following proviso shall be added at the end, namely:—

Amendment
of article 216.

10 "Provided that one-third of such Judges shall be appointed from amongst persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes have been considered as the weakest sections of the society for ages. They have been ill treated, insulted and ignored.

Many steps taken by the Government to improve their standard of living have shown some results. Provisions have been made for reservation in their favour in Government jobs and also in educational institutions. However, their representation is limited. Demands have been made from several quarters for reservation in favour of the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in judiciary also. As such, it is proposed to amend the Constitution with a view to making provisions for reservation in favour of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the Supreme Court and in High Courts.

Hence this Bill.

NEW DELHI;
November 13, 2015.

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ANNEXURE

EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

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124. (1) There shall be a Supreme Court of India consisting of a Chief Justice of India and, until Parliament by law prescribes a larger number, of not more than seven other Judges.	Establishment and Constitution of Supreme Court		
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216. Every High Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and such other Judges as the President may from time to time deem it necessary to appoint.	Constitution of High Courts.		
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