

THE CONSTITUTION (ONE HUNDRED AND XXXXXX AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2017

A BILL

further to amend the Constitution.

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

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (One Hundred and XXXXXX Amendment) Act, 2017.
2. It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
3. In article 15 of the Constitution, under section 1, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:--

“15 (1) (a) In all matters concerned with access to, control over, or distribution of, any material resource of the country that is not private-owned, the State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

All citizens in this country have equal rights to the resources of this country. There cannot be any discrimination when it comes to the State distributing the material resources of the country. Such discrimination leads to appeasement of certain sections of society that can only harm the nation in the long term. Needless to state, such discrimination is also unconstitutional.

It is to be noted that the proposed amendment will not conflict with the objectives of the special schemes sanctioned by the Constitution for the development of socially and economically backward sections of the society.

In order to ensure the original intent of the founders of the nation with regard to Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution is brought to fruition, and to ensure the spirit of the Constitution makers with respect to Article 39(b) is explicitly upheld, it is necessary to amend the Constitution, as above.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

New Delhi

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