

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016] referred to the Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

2. The Committee comprised the following: -

i)	Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
ii)	Justice (Retd.) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
iii)	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
iv)	Mr. Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
v)	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
vi)	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
vii)	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
viii)	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
ix)	Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sherazi	Member
x)	Mr. Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar	Member
xi)	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
xii)	Mr. Rajab Ali Khan Baloch	Member
xiii)	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
xiv)	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
xv)	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
xvi)	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
xvii)	Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
xviii)	Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri	Member
xix)	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
xx)	Ms. Aisha	Member
xxi)	Mr. Zahid Hamid	Ex-officio Member

*Minister for Law and Justice*

3. The Committee in its meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016 discussed the contents of the said Bill in detail and decided not to pursue it. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Bill may not be considered for Legislation. The Bill as introduced in the National Assembly is at Annex-A.

Sd/-  
( CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK )  
Chairman

Sd/-  
( ABDUL JABBAR ALI )  
Secretary  
*Islamabad the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016*

[ AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ]

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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2016.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Insertion of new proviso in Article 92 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 92, in clause (1), after second proviso, the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely  
"Provided further that there shall be seventeen percent of women in the total strength of cabinet who shall be appointed among the women members of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Gender equality doesn't just improve the lives of individual women, girls and their families; it too makes economic sense, strengthens democracy, and enables long-term sustainable progress. No country will reach its full potential if its female citizens do not enjoy full equality. To recognize the importance of women in a society, 17 percent constitutional quota of women in the National Assembly was added in 2002 to achieve gender balance in legislatures. However, it could not help the real political empowerment and democratic participation of women in the country. Today hundreds of individuals holding cabinet or cabinet level portfolios at the moment in the national and provincials' cabinet. This reflects that women are under-represented in cabinet. To give real political empowerment and democratic participation of powers to women by appointing them in cabinet, as they can use their strength in the prosperity of the country. Therefore, this amendment will make sure true representation of women in national politics.

Sd/-

DR. NIKHAT SHAKEEL KHAN  
MS. SAMAN SULTANA JAFRI  
MS. KISHWER ZEHRA  
DR. FOUZIA HAMEED,  
Members, National Assembly.