

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Subject: - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

I, the Chairman of 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, 2017](Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 19th September, 2017.

2. The Committee comprises of the following: -

1)	Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
2)	Justice (Retd.) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
3)	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
4)	Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan	Member
5)	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
6)	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
7)	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
8)	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
9)	Syed Imran Ahmad Shah	Member
10)	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
11)	Mr. Rajab Ali Khan Baloch	Member
12)	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
13)	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
14)	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
15)	Mr. Shahab-ud-Din Khan	Member
16)	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
17)	Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
18)	Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri	Member
19)	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
20)	Ms. Aisha Syed	Member
21)	Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill placed at Annex-A, in its meeting held on 25-10-2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 15th November, 2017

Sd/-
(CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK)
Chairman Standing Committee on
Law and Justice

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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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, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 160 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 160, after clause (4), the following new clause (4A) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(4A) The resources, so agreed to be distributed amongst the Federation and the Provinces after an award given by the National Finance Commission, shall compulsorily be distributed by the government of the Province in the Division / Districts in the same manner and as per formula agreed between the Federation and the Provinces in the form of National Finance Commission Award.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is desirable that amount received by the Provincial Governments under National Finance Commission Award shall be distributed in the Divisions/Districts of the Province. It will be equitable and in all fairness and interest of public that such amount shall be distributed in the Divisions / Districts as per same formula and manner as agreed between the Federation and Provinces in the National Finance Commission agreement in the form of National Finance Commission Award.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar
Member-in-charge