

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

*further to amend the Institute of Art and Culture Act, 2018*

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Institute of Art and Culture Act, 2018 (XXXI of 2018), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Institute of Art and Culture (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 3, Act XXXI 2018.**— In the Institute of Art and Culture Act, 2018, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (1), after the word, "Institute", the words "along with its sub-offices in major cities of the country", shall be inserted.

3. **Amendment of section 4, Act XXXI 2018.**— In the said Act, in section 4, in paragraph (xxi) for the semi colon at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following new proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that such teaching departments, schools and other centers of learning shall be established in each province, incorporating the relevant local language in trilingual approach, as proportionate to the population of that specific area or city or town whatsoever in this regard."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The purpose of Art and Culture Institute constituted under the Act of Parliament is to promote the scholarship and education in the field of Art and Culture all over the country. One of the important functions of ACI as per paragraph (xxi) of section 4 of the Act, is to establish teaching departments, schools, faculties, institutes, museums and other centers of learning for the development of teaching and research, professional and technical training and special studies and to make such arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration as it may prescribe; its important to mention that while establishing such institutes of learning special care may be taken that all the provinces should have equal share in this regard depending upon the number of population respectively. In addition to that, regional languages of other provinces should also be added into the trilingual approach followed by ACI, as presently the trilingual approach adopted by ACI includes only Punjabi as a regional language. Through the said amendment proposed by this bill the Institutes and teaching departments established in other provinces would include their relevant local/regional languages while following trilingual approach. Through said amendment the burden of providing hostel facilities to students of other cities/provinces could also be lessened.

Hence the bill has been proposed.

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