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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 5 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 5, after clause (2), the following new clauses shall be added, namely:-

(3) Every citizen of the State between sixteenth to twenty-fifth year of age shall participate in compulsory national training to sufficiently train and educate him to a disciplined life, serve in national disasters and to defend the nation during external aggression or threat of war and subject to law and directions of the Federal Government, to act in aid of civil power whenever called upon to do so.

(4) The Federal Government shall make arrangements, in consultation and collaboration with Provincial Governments, in all educational institutions imparting education at the level of intermediate or advanced level, for compulsory and necessary national training as provided in clause (3) for a fixed duration and periodical refreshing trainings, from time to time.

(5) The Federal Government shall make arrangements, in consultation and collaboration with Provincial Governments, in the nearest educational institutions or cantonments for compulsory national training for all citizens who have not participated in compulsory national training during their education, having ages between eighteen to twenty-five years subject to payment of a reasonable compensatory allowance for their travelling during such national training or refreshing trainings on part-time basis.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Natural or man-made disasters are happening or occurring from time to time which require immediate and quick response from all citizens of the State. However, in our country, in case of such eventualities and emergencies the people are displaying and acting as a mob instead of a necessary disciplined behavior to further increase the miseries of the sufferers and victims of such natural or man-made disasters. Such behavior cannot be controlled without proper education and

training for such situations or basic knowledge about disaster management. Previously there were Civil Defence Trainings in schools, colleges, universities and in all other institutions, etc., and with the passage of time such important aspect is being ignored.

2. There is also no doubt that the Pakistan is facing menace of terrorism since more than a quarter of century with loss of precious lives and property. The people, departments, organizations, institutions and the respective governments, etc., are doing nothing on long term basis except to issue condemnation statements and pay compensations, etc., to a few victims but no steps are being taken to educate and train the people of Pakistan to themselves face such menace and challenges to minimize loss of lives and properties.

3. Similarly, with emerging international threats to national security of Pakistan and internal threats of terrorism to the State institutions, it is expedient to provide compulsory national training to all citizens of Pakistan between the ages of sixteenth to twenty-fifth year of age or to all the students who are enrolled in intermediate and advanced level educational institutions for their education, training and learning about disaster-management, emergency-response and having necessary know-how to assist the Armed Forces of Pakistan in enhancing the national security of the State and make them more disciplined in their lives which will ultimately promote loyalty to the State and the Constitution. This will certainly also ensure a back up support to the Armed Forces of Pakistan to protect and defend the State and the Constitution.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objective.

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