

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

I, 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, 2015] referred to the Committee on the 24th November, 2015.

2. The Committee comprises the following members: -

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 considered the Bill in its meetings held on 30-08-2016, 03-10-2016, 24-10-2016, 07-11-2016, 09-01-2017, 18-01-2017, 27-02-2017, 05-04-2017 and 02-05-2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annex-A may not be passed by the Assembly.

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

Sd/-
(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 17th May, 2017

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

A**BILL**

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, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new Article in the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, after Article 19A, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely;

"19B. Right to social Security.- (1) Every citizen shall have a right to social security which includes provision of such financial resources of basic necessities like food, clothing and health cover through a system of national social security service.

(2) The state shall take such steps which are necessary to enforce the provision of clause (1) of this Article, within a period of five years.

(3) In the absence of steps required under clause (2) a person, in need of necessary social security cover, may approach the session judge of district or the nearest judicial Magistrate who shall refer his case to concerned authority for immediate relief without any delay."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A sizeable number of the people of Pakistan are living in abject poverty and are deprived of the basic necessities of life. In the daily life, we see all over the country, hundreds of citizens are losing their patience to fight with the poverty and uncountable sad incidents are taking place in the country.

Promotion of social justice and economic well-being of the people of Pakistan is a constitutional duty of the government but unfortunately successive governments have failed to ensure that all members of the society have at least necessary wherewithal for survival, particularly food and medicines. Hunger and starvation have created situations where some of the people have in desperation committed suicide and even taken lives of their kith and kin.

In above difficult circumstances citizens have no platform where they can raise their voice and get immediate relief because state has not made any mechanism for such relief.

Sd/-

MS. MUNAZA HASSAN,
Member, National Assembly.