

LOK SABHA PASSES THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

Relevant for: Developmental Issues | Topic: Rights Issues - Human Rights and NHRC

Ministry of Home Affairs

Lok Sabha passes The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019

Parliament should come together to support Government's step to make NHRC more Inclusive and Efficient: Shri Nityanand Rai

Posted On: 19 JUL 2019 5:16PM by PIB Delhi

Parliament should come together to support Government's step to make NHRC more inclusive and efficient, said Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, while moving the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019 for consideration and passing in Lok Sabha today.

The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 was enacted to provide for the constitution of a National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) and the Human Rights Courts for protection of human rights.

The NHRC has proposed certain amendments to the Act to address the concerns raised at certain global platforms. Besides this, certain State Governments have also proposed for amendment of the Act, as they have been facing difficulties in finding suitable candidates to the post of Chairperson of the respective State Commissions owing to the existing eligibility criteria to the said post.

In view of the above, it has become necessary to amend certain provisions of the said Act. The proposed amendments will enable both the Commission as well as the State Commissions to be more compliant with the Paris Principles concerning its autonomy, independence, pluralism and wide-ranging functions in order to effectively protect and promote human rights.

The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019, inter alia, provides

- that a person who has been a Judge of the Supreme Court is also made eligible to be appointed as Chairperson of the Commission in addition to the person who has been the Chief Justice of India;
- to increase the Members of the Commission from two to three of which, one shall be a woman;
- to include Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes, Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities as deemed Members of the Commission;
- to reduce the term of the Chairperson and Members of the Commission and the State Commissions from five to three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment;
- to provide that a person who has been a Judge of a High Court is also made eligible to be appointed as Chairperson of the State Commission in addition to the person who has been the Chief Justice of the High Court; and,
- to confer upon State Commissions, the functions relating to human rights being discharged by the Union territories, other than the Union territory of Delhi, which will be dealt with by the Commission.

VG/VM

(Release ID: 1579522) Visitor Counter : 226

Read this release in: [Hindi](#) , [Bengali](#)

END

Downloaded from **crackIAS.com**

© **Zuccess App** by crackIAS.com