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Bill

further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Supreme Court (Number Judges) Act, 1997 (XXXIII of 1997) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 2, Act XXXIII of 1997.- In the Supreme Court (Number Judges) Act, 1997 (XXXIII of 1997), in section 2, for the full stop occurring at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that there shall be at least one-third female Judges, one each from four provinces, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA).”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Women constitute more than half of our demography in numeric strength, but are unfortunately enough being still under-represented in almost all the institutions, particularly in public sector. Despite heterogeneous in ideologies, women improvement remained common agenda of successive governments across the party affiliations. Women are proportionally taken in almost every sphere of life including Civil Services, district Governments, Provincial Assemblies, and National Assembly and in the Senate. Notwithstanding the fact that the women are still deprived of their share in the third and most important branch of the Government viz; Judiciary.

2. The instant Bill is amid at providing due share to this deprived gender in the higher Judiciary like other organs of the State referred to above.
3. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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Member-in-Charge