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BILL

further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution 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, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 251 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 251, in clause (1),-

(a) for the word "language", occurring in the first line, the word "languages" shall be substituted;

(b) for the word "is", the word "are" shall be substituted; and

(c) after the word and comma "Urdu," the words and commas "Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, Balochi, Brahvi, Hindko and Siraiki" shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The languages in any part of the world are considered to be the strong tool to transmit the memory from older generation to the newer one. Pakistan has inherited the old civilizations of Mohenjadero, Taxila, Ghandara, Harappa, Mehar Garh. All these civilizations have a great spread in the whole country and have their own beauty and expression. The expression in terms of languages which born from these civilizations and got their identity and maturity over the period of many centuries is in our culture, traditions and literature.

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Since the major mother tongues of Pakistan which are Balochi, Brahvi, Punjabi, Pushto, Sindhi, Siraiki and Hindko and these tongues have preserved our regional and national history and culture. The Constitution of Pakistan is a mother document of the country which should recognize all languages equally and does not set preference of one language over the others

Thus the objective of this Bill is to recognize all the languages in constitution and set an example of having acceptance of all people of Pakistan speaking any language, belonging to any corner of the country. This will ensure equality among the citizens of the country. So above languages be given the status of National Languages of Pakistan.

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