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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 28th November, 1977:—

BILL No 135 OF 1977

A Bill further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act, 1977.

short
title.

55 of 1956

2. In section 2 of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956, for the word "thirteen", the word "seventeen" shall be substituted.

Amend-
ment of
section 2

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The maximum number of Judges of the Supreme Court which under article 124(1) of the Constitution was fixed at seven, excluding the Chief Justice, was raised to ten by the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956 (55 of 1956). This number was subsequently raised to thirteen by the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act, 1960 (17 of 1960). The institutions have increased from 3241 in 1960 to 8254 in 1976 and the pendency has gone up from 2319 cases in 1960 to 14,109 in 1976. The Chief Justice has proposed that as the arrears of cases have mounted and are going up daily, the sanctioned strength of the Judges of the Supreme Court may be increased. The present Bill accordingly seeks to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956, so as to provide that the maximum number of Judges of the Supreme Court, excluding the Chief Justice, shall be seventeen.

NEW DELHI,

SHANTI BHUSHAN.

The 14th November, 1977.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill provides for an increase in the maximum strength of the Supreme Court by four more Judges. The salary to be paid to each of these Judges will be Rs. 4,000 per mensem and they will also be entitled to the use of an official residence without payment of rent under rule 4 of the Supreme Court Judges Rules, 1959, conveyance allowance of Rs. 300 per month and sumptuary allowance of Rs. 300 per month. The total cost on account of these Judges will, therefore, be Rs. 2,20,800 per annum plus the cost of maintaining four official residences. There will be no non-recurring expenditure.

