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further to amend the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993.

*Preamble.*—Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

- 1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes (Amendment) Act, 2007.
  - (2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of Section 3.—In the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 (11 of 1993), for clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 3, the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—
- "(b) a person having special knowledge in matters relating to Backward Classes, to be nominated by the Government.".

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 (11 of 1993) the Commission shall consist of two persons having special knowledge in matters relating to Backward Classes to be nominated by the Government, besides the Chairman and Member Secretary.

2. The Government have already decided to limit the number of members of the Commission in the State to three, as part of the steps taken in bringing down the expenses considering the stringent financial position of the State.

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Government have, therefore, decided to reduce the number of members in the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes from four to three by amending section 3 of the Act.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

### FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The bill, if enacted and brought into operation, would not involve any additional expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

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- 3. Constitution of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes.—
  (1) The Government shall constitute a body to be known as the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to, it under this Act.
- (2) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court appointed by the Government and the following members, that is to say,—
- (a) the Secretary to Government in charge of the Backward Classes Welfare Department of the Government, *ex-officio*, who shall be the Member-Secretary if the Commission;
- (b) two persons having special knowledge in matters relating to Backward Classes to be nominated by the Government

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