**Critique of 26th Amendment: PTI’s Perspective**

1. Impacts of removal of suo motu powers: PTI argues this weakens judiciary’s independence. Example: Fewer cases of public interest after 2023.

2. Parliamentary committee over CJ appointment: Increases political interference; unlike India/UK where merit-based judicial councils dominate.

3. Performance reviews of judges: While accountability is needed, reviews by politicians risk undermining judicial neutrality.

4. Separation of power: Amendment disturbs balance by shifting powers from judiciary to parliament.

5. Judicial Commission composition: Greater political role risks favoritism in appointments.

6. Working of judiciary: Post-amendment backlog rose by 20,000 cases in High Courts (2022–2025).

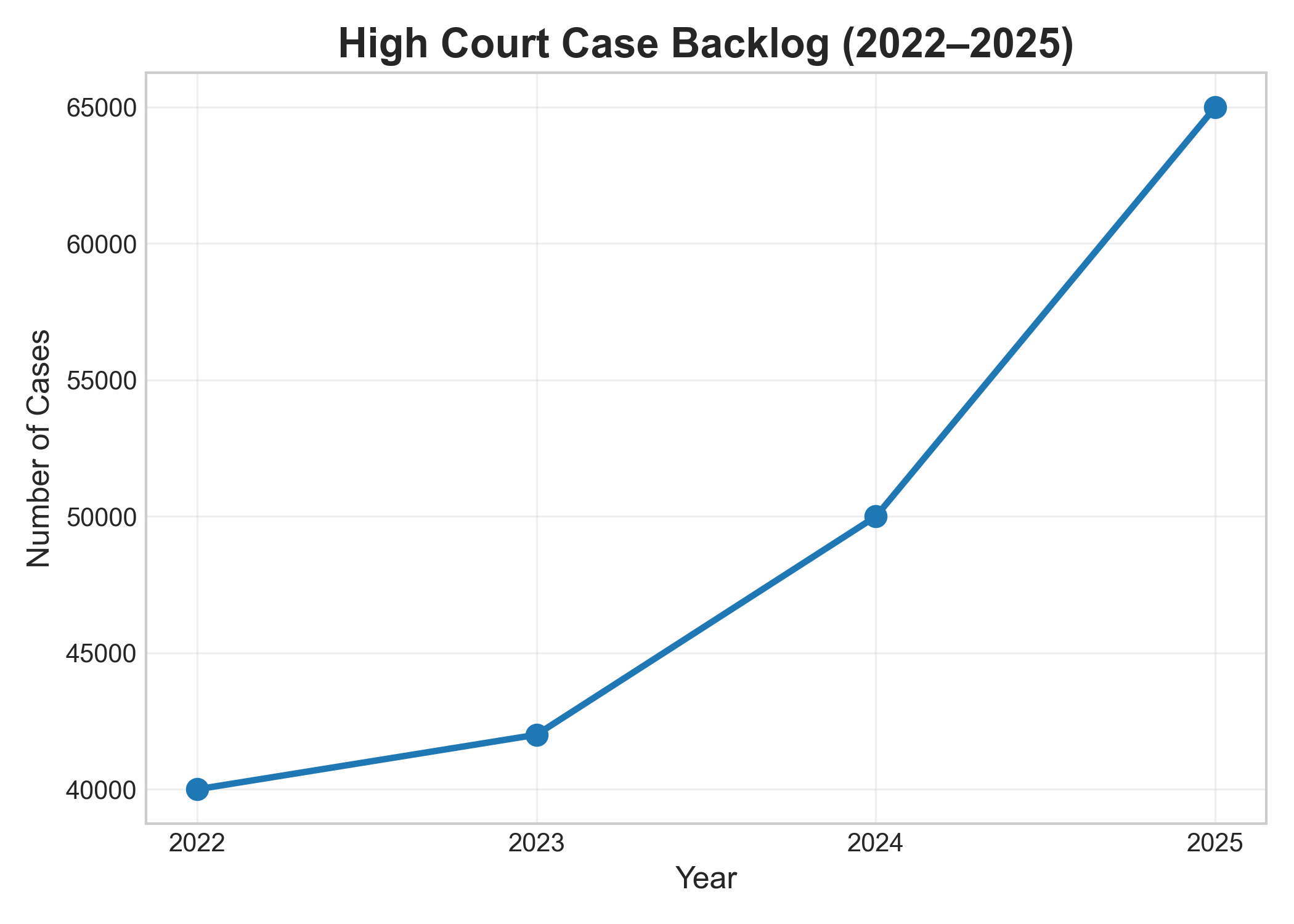
7. Social trust and legitimacy: Surveys (Gallup 2024) show trust dropped from 55% to 42% after amendment.

8. Rule of law: Excessive parliamentary control reduces checks on government actions.

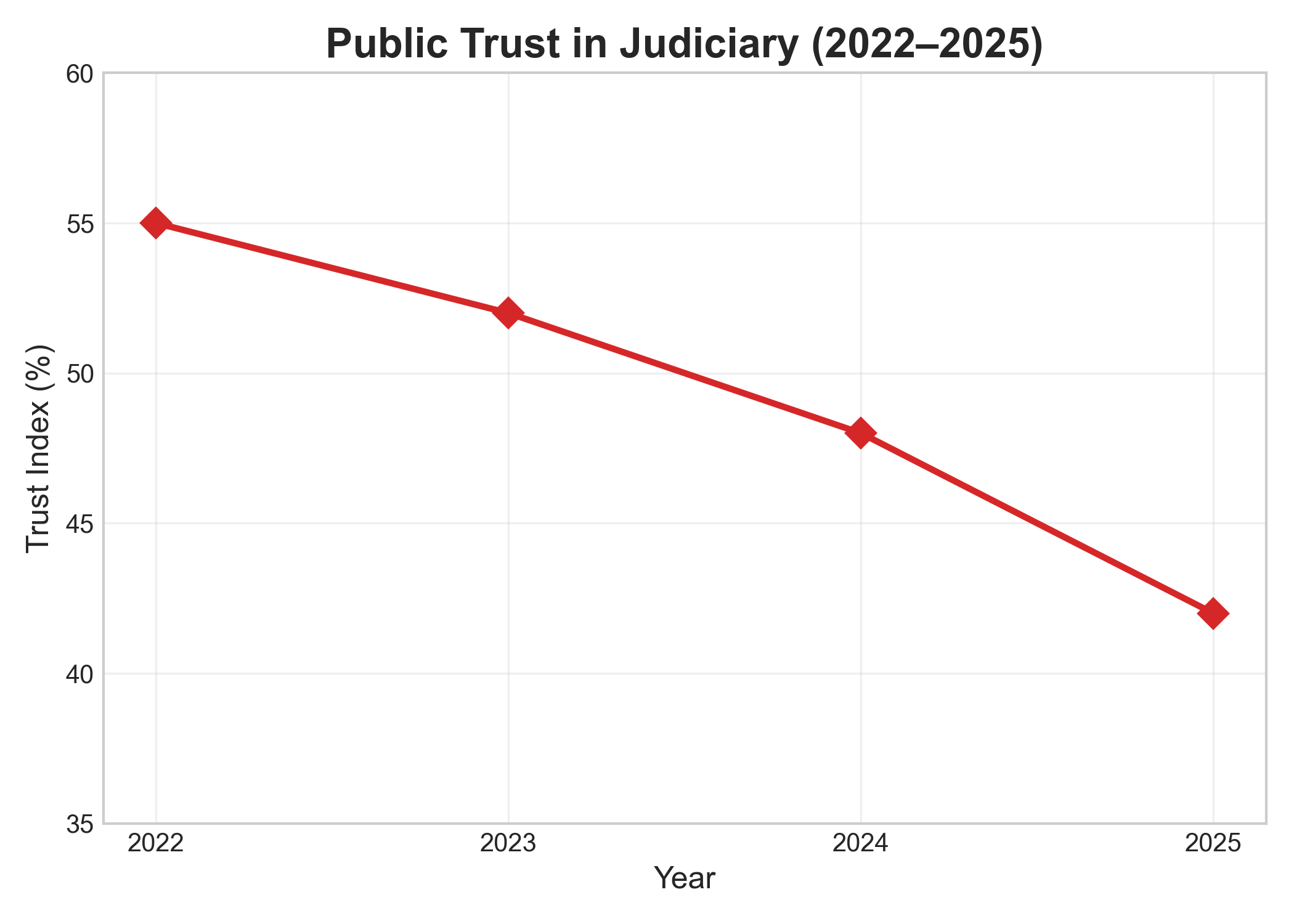
9. High courts backlog: Backlog grew sharply due to fewer benches formed under altered rules.

10. Political influence: Politicians gained leverage in judicial administration, reducing impartiality.

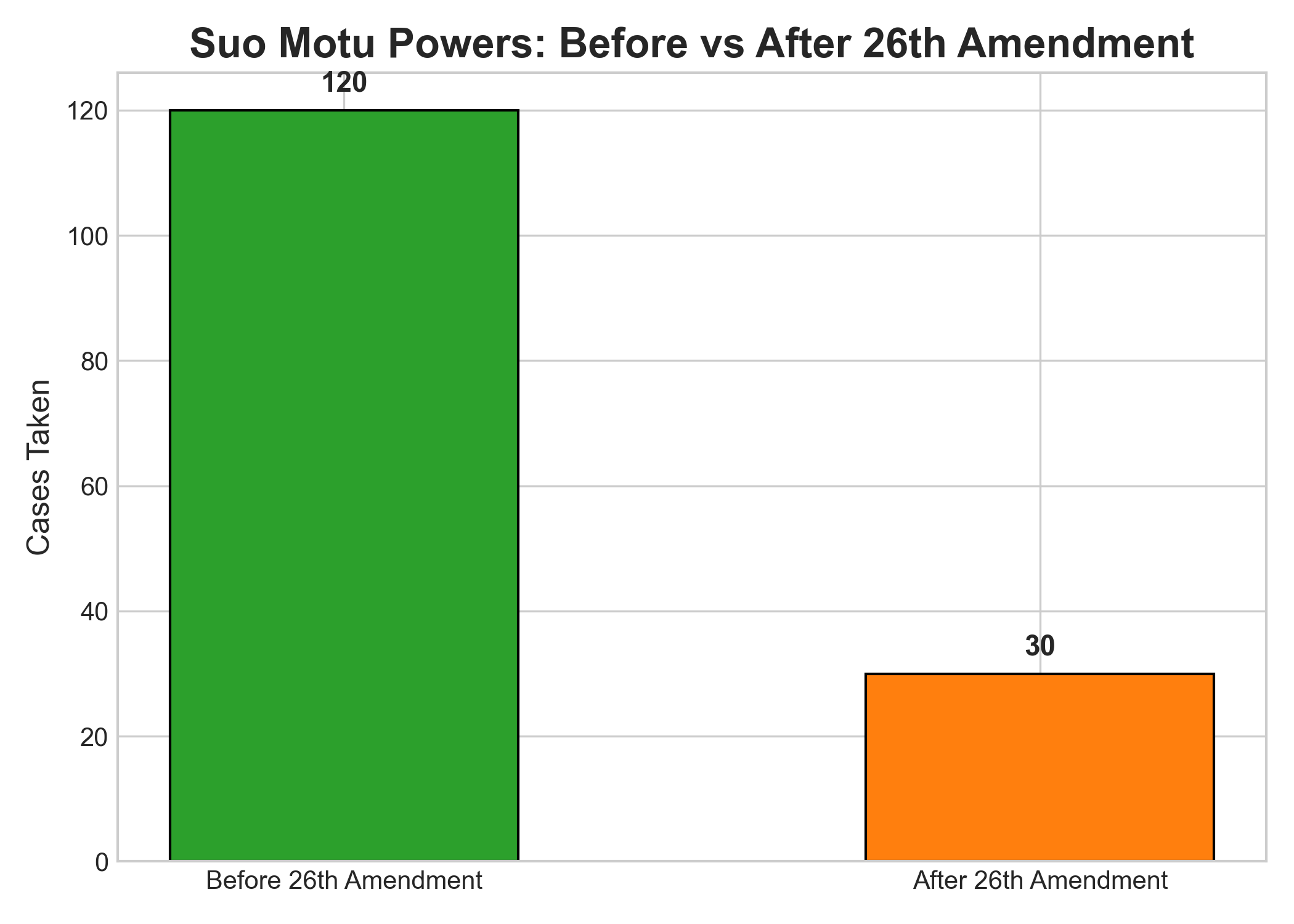
Figures and Data Visualizations:



*Figure 1: High Court Case Backlog Trend (2022–2025)*



*Figure 2: Public Trust in Judiciary (2022–2025)*



*Figure 3: Suo Motu Powers Before vs After 26th Amendment*

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