

Constitution Bill Becomes Law

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The 44th Constitution Amendment Bill, which sought to undo some of the changes made during the Emergency, received the President's assent to-day. It came into force immediately.

Apart from dealing with the issues arising from the 42nd Amendment, the present law converts the fundamental right to property into a legal right. This change, however, will not affect the right of the minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice, nor the right of persons holding land for personal cultivation within the ceiling limit, to receive compensation at the market value.

The President's assent followed the ratification of the Bill, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament, by the Assemblies of 14 States.