

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

PRESIDENT ASSENTS TO BILL

ZAMINDARI LAWS VALIDATED

NEW DELHI, June 18.

The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, to-day gave his assent to the Constitution Amending Bill passed by Parliament on June 2.

The Bill, which becomes an Act from to-day, amends in the main three Articles of the Constitution, apart from other minor ones.

It empowers States to impose reasonable restrictions on the freedom of speech relating to public order, incitement to offence and friendly relations with foreign Powers, reviving at the same time certain laws which were considered to have offended against provisions of the Constitution.

The Bill amends Article 15 of the Constitution permitting States to make special provision for the advancement of any socially and/or educationally backward class of citizens or for Scheduled Classes or Tribes. It also validates certain laws passed by the States in regard to the abolition of the zamindari system.

Parliament adopted the amending Bill by the requisite two-third majority of those present and voting.
