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Constitution (95th Amendment) Act, 2009An Act further to amend the Constitution of IndiaBe it enacted by Parliament in the Sixtieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-Prefatory Note-Statement of Objects and Reasons.-Article 334 of the Constitution lays down that the provisions of the Constitution relating to the reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the representation of the Anglo-Indian community by nomination in the House of the People and the Legislative Assemblies of the States shall cease to have effect on the expiration of the period of sixty years from the commencement of the Constitution. In other words, these provisions will cease to have effect on the 25th January, 2010, if not extended further.

2. Although the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes have made considerable progress in the last sixty years, the reasons which weighed with the Constituent Assembly in making provisions with regard to the aforesaid reservation of seats and nomination of members have not ceased to exist. It is, therefore, proposed to continue the reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the representation of the Anglo-Indian community by nomination for a further period of ten years.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

1. Short title and commencement.-

(1)This Act may be called the Constitution (Ninety-fifth Amendment) Act, 2009.(2)It shall come into force on the 25th day of January, 2010.

2. Amendment of Article 334.-

In Article 334 of the Constitution, for the words "sixty years", the words "seventy years" shall be substituted.[The Constitution (Ninety-fifth Amendment) Act, 2009, extended the reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and representation of the Anglo-Indians in the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies for another ten years, i.e., up to 26 January 2020. Article 334 of the Constitution had originally mandated that the reservation of elected seats must cease in 1960, but this was extended to 1970 by the 8th Amendment. The period of reservation was subsequently extended to 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 by the 23rd, 45th, 62nd, and 79th Amendments, respectively. The 95th Amendment further extended the period of reservation to 2020, and the 104th Amendment extended it to 2030.Also Refer]