



## Protection of Human Right (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- To make the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) more inclusive and efficient, Lok Sabha passes the Protection of **Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019** which amends the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

### Amendment proposed

- A person **who has been a Judge of the Supreme Court** is also made eligible to be appointed as Chairperson of the Commission in addition to the person who has been the Chief Justice of India.
- **Increasing the members of the commission who have knowledge of human rights issues**, from two to three, out of which one must be a woman;
- Include **Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes, Chairperson of the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights and the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities** as deemed Members of the Commission;
- **Reduces the term of the Chairperson** and Members of the Commission and the State Commissions from **five to three years** and shall be eligible for re-appointment;
- A person who has **been a Judge of the High Court is also made eligible** to be appointed as Chairperson of the State Commission in addition to the person who has been the Chief Justice of the High Court; and,
- **Confer upon State Commissions**, the functions relating to human rights being discharged by the Union territories, other than the Union territory of Delhi, which will be dealt with by the Commission.

### Protection of Human Right Act, 1993

- The **Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993** came into force with **retrospective effect from September 28, 1993**.
- It applies to the **whole of India and in case of J&K, it applies to matters pertaining to Union List and the Concurrent List only**.
- The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 was enacted to provide for the constitution of:
  - **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)**,
  - **State Human Rights Commission (SHRC)** and
  - **Human Rights Courts for the protection of human rights**.

### Human Right

- According to Section 2 of the act -“**Human Rights**” means the rights relating to **life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the Constitution or embodied in the International covenants and enforceable by courts in India**.

