[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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Bill

further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (LXXI of 1973), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 9, Act LXXI of 1973.- In the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (LXXI of 1973), in section 9, in clause (1), in the proviso, for the full stop, at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following second proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided further that a civil servant holding dual nationality or citizenship of any foreign country shall not be entitled for promotion to posts in Basic Pay Scale 20 or equivalent and above.".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Senior civil bureaucracy must have their stakes in the country in which they hold positions of power, privilege and trust. It has been observed that such senior bureaucrats hold dual nationality status commonly serve the interest of foreign states, putting at stake the interest of the country of their origin and the moment they retire, they leave this country to evade accountability. There is need to ensure the loyalty of senior bureaucrats (holding influential and sensitive posts i.e. Basic Pay Scale 20 or equivalent and above) in the light of Article 5 of the Constitution.

The Bill is designed to achieve the said object.