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further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (Act XXIV of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 16 of Act XXIV.**- In the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (Act No. XXIV), in section 16.-

(a) in sub-section (1), after the words "School Management Committee" the words and coma ",within one month of commencement of each academic year" shall be inserted.

(b) in sub-section (2), after paragraph (a), the following new paragraph (b) shall be inserted and thereafter the existing paragraph alongwith subsequent paragraphs shall be renumbered accordingly:

"(b) ensure that the admissions in each class and shift are granted on merit."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (Act No.XXIV of 2012) was drafted aiming at providing the community access to the school affairs but neither elections of the School Management Committee are held in time nor the Management Committee is empowered to check whether admissions are granted on merit. The Committee may be empowered to function as an apex body to monitor the activities of the institutions.

This Bill is aimed at achieving the above-mentioned objectives.

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