

14.22 hrs.

TERRORIST AND DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): On behalf of S. Bhuta Singh, I beg to move for leave to introduce Bill to make special provisions for the prevention of and for coping with terrorist and disruptive activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to make special provisions for the prevention of and for coping with terrorist and disruptive activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

The motion was adopted

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I introduce the Bill.

14.22 1/2 hrs

STATEMENT RE: TERRORIST AND DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ORDINANCE, 1987.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): On behalf of S. Buta Singh: I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Ordinance, 1987 [Placed in library. See No. LT-4634/87]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House shall now take up matters under Rule 377.

14.23 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[Translation]

(1) Demand for developing Deghar in Bihar as a tourist resort.

SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH (Banka): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Deoghar district in Bihar is a very backward district but it is extremely important from the point of view of our ancient culture and spiritual traditions. This district has a long history. It is the most important place of pilgrimage as well as there is twelfth 'Jyotirlingam' i.e. 'Kamana Lingam' Deoghar, means the 'Abode of Gods.' 'Jyotirlingam' is installed in the temple here. Nearly 80 lakh pilgrims and tourists visit this place every year. There is a legend that Lord Ram Chandra brought water of the river Ganga and worshipped 'Shiv Lingam' here. Accordingly, lakhs of devotees fetch water from Sultanganj (Bhagalpur) and travel 90 kms on foot carrying that water on their shoulders to worship Lord Shiva with it. During the month of 'Shravana' every year, nearly 5 lakh tourists visit the Shiv temple daily to worship Lord Shiva. In spite of its being such an important place from the point of view of tourism, neither good hotels nor any direct bus service from Patna is available here. Small tourist lodges have been constructed by the Bihar Government but they are not sufficient keeping in view the number of tourists visiting this place. There are several attractive tourists spots in the adjacent areas. Apart from this, there are hot springs, Rama Krishna Ashram, Thakur Ankul Chand, Bal Brahmachari, Maharishi Mohananda Ashram etc. Where domestic and foreign tourists keep on pouring. Hence, I

* Published in Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II, section 2, dated 19.8.1987.