

MR. SPEAKER : What is the reason for the delay in regard to Item No. 7 ?

SHRI JAGBIR SINGH : There was delay.

MR. SPEAKER : I will send it to the Committee to look into it.

MESSAGE FROM RAJYA SABHA

SECRETARY : Sir, I have to report the following message received from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:—

"I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Special Courts Bill, 1979, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 9th March, 1979 has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 21st March, 1979, with the following amendments:—

Preamble

1. That at page 1, after line 17, the following be inserted, namely :—

"And Whereas all powers being a trust, and holders of high public or political offices are accountable for the exercise of their powers in all cases where Commissions of Inquiry appointed under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 or investigations conducted by Government through its agencies disclose offences committed by such holders:

Clause 3

2. That at page 2, for lines 27 to 29, the following be substituted, namely :—

"(2) A Special Court shall consist of a sitting Judge of a High Court nominated by the Chief Justice of the High Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the Special Court is situated, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of India.

Explanation.—Any reference to a High Court or to the Chief Justice or Judge of a High Court shall, in relation to a Union territory having a Court of the Judicial Commissioner, be construed as a reference to the said Court of the Judicial Commissioner or to the Judicial Commissioner or any Additional Judicial Commissioner, as the case may be."

Clause 5

3. That at page 2, line 34, the words "during the period mentioned in the Preamble hereto" be deleted.

Clause 11

4. That at page 4,—

(i) in line 2, for the words "judgement or order" the words "judgement, sentence or order, not being interlocutory order" be substituted;

(ii) in line 5, for the words "judgment or order" the words "judgment, sentence or order" be substituted; and

(iii) after sub-clause (2), the following sub-clause be inserted, namely :—

"(3) Every appeal under this section shall be preferred within a period of thirty days from the date of any judgment, sentence or order of a Special Court :

Provided that the Supreme Court may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the said period of thirty days if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within the period of thirty days."

I am, therefore, to return herewith the said Bill in accordance with the provisions of rule 128 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha with the request that the concurrence of the Lok Sabha to the said amendments be communicated to this House.

SPECIAL COURTS BILL

RETURNED BY RAJYA SABHA WITH AMENDMENTS

SECRETARY : Sir, I lay on the Table of the House the Special Courts Bill 1979 which has been returned by Rajya Sabha with amendments.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Reported serious situation arising out of demolition of Churches, etc. by the Authorities in Arunachal Pradesh

MR. SPEAKER : Calling Attention.

SHRI RINCHING KHANDU KHRIME (Arunachal West) : This Calling Attention is not necessary. Firstly no recent incident of demolition of churches