

MR. SPEAKER: I have not got it.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: Kindly bear this in mind.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, I will bear it in mind.

SHRI HABI VISHNU Kamath (Hoshangabad): Sir, on a point of order. I would invite your attention to rule 315, sub-rule (2), which permits a debate not exceeding half an hour. But, considering the importance of this Report. . .

MR. SPEAKER: We will look into up when the motion comes. We will consider it when the motion comes.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: There must be enough time.

MR. SPEAKER: We will look into it.

12.57 hrs.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF EXCISE TEXTILES AND TEXTILE ARTI- CLES) BILL*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the levy and collection of additional duties of excise on certain textiles and textile articles.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the levy and collection of additional duties of excise on certain textiles and textile articles."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH: I introduce the Bill.

STATEMENT RE. ADDITIONAL LUTIES OF EXCISE (TEXTILE AND TEXTILE ARTICLES) ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Additional Duties of Excise (Textile and Textile Articles) Ordinance, 1978.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR INDIAN CRICKET TEAM THAT TOURED PAKISTAN.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri K. Gopal wants to have precedence, because he has to attend some committee meeting.

SHRI K. GOPAL (Karur): Sir, under rule 377, I wish to raise the following matter of public interest.

Contingents and teams are sent to foreign countries to take part in sports and games. Recently, an Indian Cricket team toured Pakistan and the performance of the team was miserable.

Selections are made on the basis of merit and so far there has been no other consideration for any player to be included in the teams that have gone abroad of played in our own country against foreign teams. We lost the test series with Pakistan miserably owing to many factors. One of the factors appears to be the partiality of those who are in charge of the teams in selecting the right players. Even commentators observed that due to weightage to individual merit has not been given in the selection of Indian team that played all the three tests. For example, we chose to field the team without an off spinner, which has not happened in the recent years. This

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