

[Shri A. C. George]

- (iv) The Export of Cumin Seeds (Inspection) Rules, 1973, published in Notification No. S.O. 3099, in Gazette of India dated the 3rd November, 1973. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5725/73].

12.40 hrs.

ARREST AND RELEASE OF MEMBER
(*Shrimati Bibha Ghosh Goswami*)

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that I have received the following telegram, dated 15th November 1973, from the District Magistrate, Nadia:

"Shrimati Bibha Ghosh Goswami, Member, Lok Sabha, was arrested along with others by Ranaghat Police under sec. 151, Criminal Procedure Code, on the 14th November 1973, at 14.50 hours, when she broke the police cordon and proceeded towards the court of the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Ranaghat, in connection with law violation movement. On the same day, that is, the 14th November, 1973, at 18.00 hours, Shrimati Bibha Ghosh Goswami, Member, Lok Sabha, and fifteen other women Satyagrahis were discharged from custody by the Magistrate on police report".

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Sir, yesterday, it was learnt that Mr. Bijoy Modak, one of the Members of the House belonging to the CPM Group was arrested on the 12th, according to the press report.

MR. SPEAKER: I will get the information. Let me get the full details. Kindly note it so that I may have the information from the Home Minister.

12.41 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. THEFT OF SILVER COINS FROM NATIONAL MUSEUM, NEW DELHI

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): I regret to inform the House that 41 coins dis-

appeared from the National Museum yesterday.

The theft took place from the numismatic gallery on the 2nd floor of the Museum. It was discovered at about 2.40 P.M. The police authorities were immediately informed and they commenced their investigation soon thereafter.

While the most valuable coins are kept in a strong room, and are not normally displayed in the galleries, other coins of historical interest are exhibited in the Numismatic Gallery. The coins on display yesterday were 254 in number and are mainly Indian coins dating from different periods of our history. Also on display yesterday afternoon were 50 Persian coins of the Sassanian period (226 - 651 A.D.). The 41 coins found missing belong to the latter category. These coins were acquired by the National Museum in 1950 when 1691 coins of the Sassanian period were purchased from the collection of a Bombay collector, the late Shri F. D. J. Paruck, at a total cost of Rs. 12,000.

Government take an extremely serious view of this theft. A security lapse has undoubtedly taken place and I have ordered an enquiry by a senior officer of the Department. I also assure the House that immediate steps will be taken to further strengthen security measures in the Museum in order to prevent such occurrence in the future.

12.43 hrs.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business in this House during the week commencing 19th November, 1973, will consist of:

- (1) Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.