

UNION DUTIES OF EXCISE (DISTRIBUTION) AMENDMENT BILL*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Union Duties of Excise (Distribution) Act, 1962.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Union Duties of Excise (Distribution) Act, 1962."

The motion was adopted

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : I introduce† the bill.

13.15 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till ten minutes past Two of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at thirteen minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[SHRI M. B. RANA in the chair]

Re. PRESENTATION OF PETITION BY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AND STUDENTS

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE (Kanpur): Before you occupied your Chair, I wanted your permission to raise this matter. Thousands of young persons and students from all over the country have come to Delhi to present a petition to Parliament. They are unemployed and they wanted to knock at the doors of this august House and present the petition. On Saturday, unfortunately, the House did not meet and they could not present it. They are here today. They were not allowed to come up to the Lok Sabha; so they marched in procession upto the Boat Club. They demanded the Prime Minister's intervention to end unemployment.

The Prime Minister had promised last time, and a solemn promise was made even by a Member of the Planning Commission that they would do some planning by which the educated unemployed could get some employment. They wanted to present a petition, but unfortunately it could not be done. So, with your permission, I want to place it on the Table; I am placing a copy of the petition on the Table, and I am sending this to you, and if you think it proper, this may kindly be placed on the Table of the House.

SHRI SHEO NARAIN (Basti): I support Shri S. M. Banerjee.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: I am very happy that Shri Sheo Narain is supporting it. I accept his support. I would have accepted his support in better humour, but I ate the defectors from the very core of my heart.

SHRI SHEO NARAIN: The policy of the Congress was to provide employment to the unemployed. I have been demanding from this Government that they should fulfil the programme and see that Rs. 100 per month is given to these people who are remaining unemployed in the country. This Government had promised this to the people and they should fulfil this promise. The people who were opposing this Government were my friends from the Opposition and not I. Therefore, I demand of the present Government that they should fulfil this promise. I support the demand of Shri S. M. Banerjee.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Let my hon. friend not get angry. I know that he has changed his colour to face unemployment.

SHRI SHEO NARAIN : Our colour is very clear. We are not of the Russian colour. We are of Indian colour, and not of the Russian colour.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : I would only request the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to convey our feeling, and the feelings

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