

13-09 hrs

INLAND AIR TRAVEL TAX BILL*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the levy of a tax on inland air travel.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is -

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the levy of a tax on inland air travel."

The Motion was adopted.

SHRI K. R. GANESH : I introduce† the Bill.

3.10 hrs.

STATEMENT Re. INLAND AIR TRAVEL TAX ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESWANTRAO CHAVAN) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Inland Air Travel Tax Ordinance, 1971, as required under rule 71 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha.

MR. SPEAKER : Item No. 18. Shrimati M. Godfrey—She will continue after lunch.

13-12 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fifteen Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Twenty Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

MOTION RE : REPORT OF UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION 1969-70—(Contd.)

SHRIMATI M. GODFREY (Nominated Anglo-Indian) : As I said on Friday, there is a disease eating in to our educational system, and this disease should be rooted out. It should be possible to find out where the roots of this disease lie. I am sure that if the bigger people put their heads together, they will be able to find it out exactly.

It is impossible to build a beautiful or strong structure on a weak foundation. Although we are discussing the University Grants Commission's Report, we should begin from the very beginning, and the rest will follow smoothly. We should first give sound primary education to our younger children, and for this we need experienced teachers who will really impress the children. Many think that primary education can be given by any one. This is absolutely wrong. It is at this stage that the child imbibes a love for learning or dislike for studies and grows up with that feeling. It is important, therefore, that we inculcate in the child a desire for learning. Once that is done, the child will want to go forward without any pressure and will go through the college stage of study with great ease.

We are proud that our country has a high percentage of literates and our standard of education is high when compared to other countries. But we find that in the last few years, the standards have been deteriorating. I cannot blame the youth for this fall in standards. The fault definitely lies with the teachers.

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† Introduced with the recommendation of the President.