

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I introduce† the Bill.

**ESTATE DUTY (DISTRIBUTION)
AMENDMENT BILL***

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Estate Duty (Distribution) Act, 1962.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Estate Duty (Distribution) Act, 1962."

The motion was adopted.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I introduce† the Bill.

12.29 hrs.

**DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY
GRANTS (KERALA), 1965-66—Contd.**

Mr. Speaker: The House will now take up further discussion and voting on the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Kerala) for 1965-66. Out of 2 hours allotted, one hour has already been availed of, Shri Ravindra Varma may now continue his speech.

Shri Ravindra Varma (Thiruvella): Mr. Speaker, when the House took up other business yesterday, I had just said that I would like to begin by making a few observations on the way in which these supplementary demands are put before the House. This House is called upon to consider these supplementary demands because the State of Kerala is under President's rule,

and the powers of the legislature to make grants and scrutinise the way grants are spent are taken over now by this House. I must say that it is a matter for regret that though a good deal of time has passed since the State came under President rule, no effort has been made by Government to present before this House a comprehensive supplementary budget.

Sir, on the 26th of March, when our distinguished Finance Minister presented to the House what was termed a Kerala budget, he said,—and I would like to remind the House of it—

"I had mentioned in para 9 that I am presenting only a provisional budget of the Kerala Government for the next year. It was the Government's hope at that time that an appropriate budget would be framed and presented later at an appropriate place and we could get the vote on account for carrying on the administration until the other contingency developed. Unfortunately, other events have overtaken us and maybe, the responsibility for having to frame a budget for Kerala would devolve on the Central Government".

I can quote from other portions of the hon. Finance Minister's speech too at that time, to show that there was definitely an intention to put before the House a comprehensive supplementary budget.

Unfortunately, such a comprehensive supplementary budget has not been presented. This is the second time that Government is coming before the House with a batch of patchy supplementary demands. Last time as well as this time, we find that most of these demands are in respect of charged expenditure; there is very little mention

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