

**UNION DUTIES OF EXCISE (DISTRIBUTION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1985\***

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : On behalf of Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Union Duties of Excise (Distribution) Act, 1979.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is:

“That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Union Duties of Excise (Distribution) Act, 1979.

*The motion was adopted*

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : I introduce the Bill.

**ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF EXCISE GOODS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL, 1985\***

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance) Act, 1957.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance) Act, 1957.”

*The motion was adopted.*

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : I introduced the Bill.

12.10 hrs

**MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

[Translation]

- (i) Need to bring Talcher Coal fields and Ib Valley Coal fields under one Separate Subsidiary Company of Coal India Ltd., with head quarters in Orissa.

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN (Keonjhar)\*\* : Orissa accounts for about 8% of the total coal production in the country.

[English]

AN HON. MEMBER : Not audible Sir.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please come nearer to the mike.

[Translation]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : Why don't you ensure the proper functioning of the sound system?

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will look into it.

[Translation]

SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Orissa accounts for about 3% of the total coal production in the country. The total coal bearing area in the State in Talcher and Ib Valley coal fields is approximately 3,000 sq. km. With only 10% of the total coal bearing area covered by exploration so far, the total reserves of coal established are of the order of 5,800 million tonnes. Recent exploration activities have resulted in the discovery of thick coal seams to the west of the present mining areas in Talcher field. There is positive indication about occurrence of large deposits of coal around Gopalpur in Sundargarh district. Most of these coal resources are easily quarriable with low over-burden to coal ratio.

As the resources of coal available in Orissa are essentially of thermal grade, development and utilisation of the coal

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