

[Sh. A.K. Panja]

with an explanatory memorandum seeking to prescribe effective rate of duty of 15 per cent on articles of cement as per decision announced in 1988 Budget.

(ii) G.S.R. 343 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 15th March, 1988 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments to Notification No 53/88 Central Excises dated the 1st March, 1988 so as to make some minor rectificatory amendments.

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Notification under Electricity (Supply) Act 1948.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 4 B of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948:-

(i) The Central Electricity Authority (Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairman and Other Members) Rules, 1988 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 123 in Gazette of India dated the 27th February, 1988.

(ii) The Central Electricity Authority (Amendment) Rules, 1988 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 124 in Gazette of India dated the 27th February, 1988.

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12.07 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM RAJYA SABHA

[*English*]

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report the following message received

from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:—

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha, at its sitting held on the 30th March, 1988, agreed without any amendment to the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Amendment Bill, 1988, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th March, 1988.

12.07 1/2 hrs

ELECTION TO COMMITTEE

Court of Aligarh Muslim University

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (Shri L.P. Shahi): I beg to move:

"That in pursuance of sub-clause (xxiv) of Clause (1) of the Statute 14 of the Statutes of the Aligarh Muslim University, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, six members from among themselves to serve as members of the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University for a term of three years, subject to the other provisions of the said Statutes. The members so elected shall not be the employees of the Aligarh Muslim University."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That in pursuance of sub-clause (xxiv) Of Clause (1) of the Statute 14 of the Statutes of the Aligarh Muslim University, the members of this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Speaker may direct, six members from among themselves to serve as members of the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University for a term of three years, subject to the other provisions of the said Statutes. The members so elected shall not be the employees of the Aligarh Muslim University."

The motion was adopted.

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CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT)
BILL

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (Shri A.K. Panja): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962."

The motion was adopted.

**SHRI A.K. PANJA: I introduced Bill.

12.09 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

(i) **Need to enact law banning sacrifice of animals and birds.**

SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA (Vaishali): The report that a girl was sacrificed by a priest in a temple at Thane should shock our conscience and expose the amount of superstition we have to drive out, not only in remote rural areas but even in such highly civilized areas as Bombay Metropolis. While we must expect the Government not to spare the culprit, concerted move to stop sacrifices in places of religious worship even of animals and birds must be initiated. In some States like Kerala, such temple sacrifices stand completely banned. Why should there not be a model law on this, for circulation among the States? Once the very idea of sacrifice is termed as illegal inviting stringent punishment, there would be less chance for superstitions regarding alleged benefit from human sacrifices to thrive. Police should also be asked to keep a watch on animists and *tantriks* who are known to indulge in such activities.

[Translation]

(ii) **Need to take steps to improve medical facilities in the rural areas.**

SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL (Kota): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise the following matter under Rule 377:-

Medical facilities available in the rural areas far away from big cities are meagre