

or after the 1st day of April in any financial year by or on behalf on a manufacturer from one or more factories in the case of first clearances of the said goods upto an aggregate value not exceeding rupees twenty lakhs from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon. [Placed in Library See No. LT-1306/85]

- (4) G.S.R. 627 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1985 together with an explanatory memorandum regarding exemption to goods falling under Item No. 68 of the First Schedule to the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 and manufactured in a mine from the whole of the duty of excise leviable thereon. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1306/85]

12.14 hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

[English]

Second Report

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI (Bhubaneswar) : Sir, I beg to present the Second Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Estimates Committee on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Eightieth Report of the Committee (7th Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Home Affairs—Administration of Union Territory of Delhi—Part I—Law & order.

12.15 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[English]

Reported Missing of Two Privately-Owned Cargo Ships in the Bay of Bengal

SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM (Gaya) : Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of

Shipping and Transport to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon :—

“The reported missing for a long time of two privately-owned Indian Cargo Ships in the Bay of Bengal with a number of crewmen aboard and the action taken by the Government in regard thereto.”

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : Two vessels m.v. ‘Nitya Nanak’ and m.v. ‘Nitya Ram’ belonging to Maini Shipping Company, Bombay have been without radio contact since the 21st of June, 1985 and are presumed missing at sea.

M.V. ‘Nitya Nanak’ was commanded by Capt. K.D. Puri, Senior Master and had a crew of 23 persons. The vessel sailed from Kandla on 5.6.1985 for Calcutta with a cargo of 3440 tonnes of salt. After touching Colombo for supplies and repairs to its communication equipment and the radar, the vessel left Colombo on 18/19 June, 1985 for Calcutta. On 20th June in the afternoon the Master sent a message to his owners stating that fresh holes had developed in No. 1 hold and water was gushing in. On 21st June at about 0830 hours the vessel radioed to the owners that there was some ingress of water into one of the holds and the Captain had decided to make for Madras. The position of the vessel at this point of time was about 90 nautical miles east north-east of Trincomalee. No further message was received from the ship thereafter. The vessel did not reach Madras and on 26th June, 1985 the owners through their agents informed the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Madras, about the disappearance of the ship. On further inquiry it was noted that the Master had also sent a message on 12th June also stating that there were two leaks below water level.

M.V. ‘Nitya Ram’ left Calcutta on 17.6.1985 for Tuticorin with 5182 tons of coal. The vessel was commanded by Capt. Sharma and had a crew of 21 persons.