

11.18 1/2 hrs.

SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954."

The motion was adopted

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

11.19 hrs.

NATIONAL WATERWAY (QUILON-KOTTAPURAM STRETCH OF WEST COAST CANAL AND CHAMPAKARA AND UDYOGMANDAL CANALS) BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the declaration of the Quilon-Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals to be a national waterway and also to provide for the regulation and development of the said stretch and the Canals for purposes of shipping and navigation on the said waterway and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the declaration of the Quilon-Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals to be a national waterway and also to provide for the regulation and development of the said stretch and the Canals for purposes of shipping and navigation on the said waterway and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

The motion was adopted

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

11.20 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

- (1) Demand for connecting Sriperumbudur with railway lines in the Eighth Plan

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR (Sriperumbudur): Sir, Sriperumbudur is the pilgrim Centre, being the birth-place of Saint Ramanuja who was a staunch preacher of Vaishnavism. There is a famous temple of Saint Ramanuja, built some hundreds of years back. Many people from various parts visit the town to have 'darshan' of Saint Ramanuja deity.

Sir, at present the town is connected with Chingleput District only by one road. No other mode of transportation is available. It is felt that this famous pilgrim town should have Railway line with the neighbouring talukas as also the whole of Tamil Nadu. Sriperumbudur can be connected with Tiruvallur and then from Sriperumbudur the railway line can be extended to Kancheepuram-Vandavasi-Tindivanam.