THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANAR-DHANA POOJARY): On behalf of Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, 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 introduce\*\* the Bill.

14.07 hrs.

UNION DUTIES OF EXCISE (ELECTRI-CITY) DISTRIBUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL\*

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANAR-DHANA POOJARY): On behalf of Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Union Duties of Excise (Electricity) Distribution Act, 1980.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to amend the Union Duties of Excise to (Electricty) Distribution Act, 1980."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: I introduce\*\* the Bill.

14.08 hrs.

ESTATE DUTY (DISTRIBUTION)

AMENDMENT BILL.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANAR-

DHANA POOJARY): On behalf of Shri Pranab Kumar - Mukherjee, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Estate Duty (Distribution) Act, 1962.

MR. DEPUTY 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 JANARDHANA POOJARY: I introduce\*\* the Bill.

14.09 hrs.

**MATTERS UNDER RULE 377** 

(i) Need to relax the ban for hilly areas in regard to creation of new posts and filling up of vacant posts.

PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur): The imposition of total ban on the creation of new posts or filling up of the vacant posts by the Government of India has resulted in a serious set back to the provision of various developmental facilities like opening of new post offices/upgradation of BPOs/EDSOs to the status of Departmental 1 sub-offices and the provision of telecom facilities even in cases where the State Government/local public offer to pay the loss. The situation is extremely depressing in hilly areas like Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, UP Hill areas and North Eastern Hill States, which were exempted earlier from the imposition of this ban, since it takes a longer time to provide such facilities in such areas and the cost is also higher. So I request the Ministry of Finance to relax the ban and exempt the hilly areas from its operation, at least with regard to the provision of developmental facilities.

(ii) Non-availability of postal articles in certaint rural post offices in Bihar.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही (बेगूसराय): उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, नियम 377 के अधीन निम्नलिखित विषय की ओर मैं सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहती हूं।

<sup>\*</sup> Published in Gazette of India Extra-ordinary, Part II, Section 2, dated 30-4-1984.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Introduced with the recommendation of the President.