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[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1980

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI R. VENKATA-RAMAN): I beg to meve^{*}:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1979-80, be taken into consideration."

The supplementary demands have already been adopted by the House and this is only a formal motion.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1979-80, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: We shall take up clause by clause consideration. There are no amendments to clauses 2 and 3.

The question is:

"That clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2 and 3 were added to the Bill. The Schedule, clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to Bill.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I thank the House for the great consideration it has shown to me

I beg to move;

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

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SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1979-80-contd.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House will now resume further discussion on the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1979-80.

Shri Murugaiyan may continue his speech.

**SHRIS. MURUGAIYAN (Tiruppattur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. In continuation of my speech on the Supplementary Demands for Grants of the Railways which I started day before yesterday. I would like to make a few suggestions. For the past two decades the needs of Southern Railways have not been looked into by the Railway Ministry. In many junctions of the Southern Railways, the passenger amenities are woefully lacking. The railway workers are undergoing untold hardships. I hope that our elder statesman and talented administrator, Pandit Kamalapathi Tripathi, our Railway Minister will look into the problems of Southern Railways and take steps to solve them during this year.

As I was telling day before yesterday, since Tuticorin has become a major port, the hinterland should be served by broadgauge track. The metregauge track between Tuticorin and Tiruchirapalli should be converted into a broadgauge track. In Tuticorin monthly 14 lakh tonnes of salt is being produced. Because of high quality

*Moved with the recommendation of the President. **The original speech was delivered in Tamil.