

a farmer, an artisan or a technocrat. It would be futile to pretend that we can achieve at one stroke the full utilization of the latent energies represented by our vast human resources. But a beginning has to be made. I venture to think that this Budget marks such a beginning.

121. My party has emphasised liberty. But liberty does not mean freedom to starve and freedom to feel unwanted. Large-scale poverty and unemployment degrade those who have to suffer them, and debase those who tolerate them. We owe it to ourselves to see that these twin scourges are eradicated as quickly as possible. We have a long and a difficult road ahead of us. But there can be no doubt about our commitment to our goals and ideals. I believe we are on the right course, and this Budget represents the first step, however small, in that direction.

FINANCE (NO. 2) BILL, 1977*

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 1977-78.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 1977-78."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI H. M. PATEL: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the House stands adjourned. We meet again tomorrow at 11 a.m.

18.20 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven o'clock on Saturday, June 18, 1977/Jyaistha 28, 1899 (Saka).

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