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Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: I introduce the Bill.

13.05 hrs.

RE: PREVENTIVE DETENTION (CONTINUANCE) BILL

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): I want to nake just one small statement. You had mentioned earlier something about copies of the statement containing information about the working of the Preventive Detention Act. 530 copies have already been supplied to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, and these are available to the Members at the Publications Counter.

Shri U. M. Trivedi (Mandsaur): On a point of clarification. He says that copies have been sent to the Lok Sabha Sceretariat. Does it mean that the Bill will be taken up today for discussion? In that case, when shall we get time to read the statement? Let some time be given to us for reading it before the Bill is taken up here.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy (Kendrapara): Let it be taken up at 4 P.M.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: Let it be taken up at 4 P.M.

Mr. Speaker: I am told that it is a very short statement and it would not take much time.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: It may be short but there should be some time provided for us to go through it.

Mr. Speaker: All right, we shall have two hours for that purpose.

12.061 hrs.

KERALA APPROPRIATION (No. 3) BILL,* 1966

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Kerala for the services of the financail year 1966-67.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Kerala for the services of the financial year 1966-67.".

The motion was adopted.

Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri: I introducet the Bill.

13.07 hrs.

KERALA APPROPRIATION (No. 4) BILL,* 1966

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Kerala to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1963 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Kera'a to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year

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ended on the 31st day of March, 1963 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year."

The motion was adopted.

Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri: I introducet the Bill.

13.7} hrs.

KERALA APPROPRIATION (No. 5) BILL*, 1966

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Kerala to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1964, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bib to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Kerala to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March. 1964, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year.

The motion was adopted.

Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri: I introducet the Bill.

13.08 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) No. 3 BILL, 1966

The Minister of Railways (Shri S. K. Pațil): I beg to move‡:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain

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> further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the service of the financial year 1966-67 for the purpose; of Railways, be taken into consideration."

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Conolidated Fund of India for the service of the financial year 1966-67 for the purposes of Railways, be taken into consideration".

Shri U. M. Trivedi (Mandsaur): Will both the appropriation Bills be taken together?

Mr. Speaker: They will be taken up separately. Only the first one is being taken up now.

An hon. Member: What is the time allotted?

Shri U. M. Trivedi: No time is allotted.

This is an Appropriation Bill, and, therefore, I am not going to take any long time over it. The point which I want to raise on this Bill is this. There is no question here of the efficiency or otherwise of the hon. Railway Minister. But what has been happening is this. During these five years that have gone by I have seen that the Railway Board has developed a tendency towards obduracy, and the hon. Minister, having a lot of correspondence to be entered into in his hands, has got into a difficult position and perhaps he has had to sign the letters as drafted by the officers concerned.

During the last four years I have written 268 letters to the Railway Ministry. In spite of all the cogent arguments that I have advanced in support of the complaints that I have made or the suggestions that I have made, I generally get a stereotyped reply, a reply which is already known

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