

[Shri C. D. Deshmukh]

and all the practical realism that we possess.

The Second Five Year Plan will be followed by several other Plans and it is only after we have fulfilled, shall I say, the Third Five Year Plan that we shall see a marked and unmistakable improvement in living standards all round and in the capacity of the country to go ahead more rapidly on its own momentum. The burdens that the Plan imposes upon the people are by no means light nor can their weight be mitigated by any assurance that they are temporary. On the other hand, our people stand, so to say, on the threshold of a golden age; we have to build well and truly for them; and we have to raise, ungrudgingly and unhesitatingly, all the money necessary therefor. Money is, after all, mainly a measure of effort; and the success of our monetary calculations, whether for our taxation measures, or for our deficit financing, or for anything else for the matter of that, depends vitally upon the measure of productive effort put forth in the community. It is the responsibility, if I may with all respect say so, of every member of this honourable House and of similar chambers all the country over, to adjudge every proposal on this basis, that is, not of what Government seeks to take from this sector or from that (indeed Government cannot take anything for itself) but of what that proposal in terms of mobilising the real efforts of the country means and of whether by any alternative proposal we could call forth equal effort without greater sacrifice.

The success that has attended on the first Plan makes it clear, I believe, that

the people of this country are capable of, and willing to put forth, the effort necessary to achieve bigger things and to make for themselves and for their children an India befitting of her great heritage. Our destiny is now in our hands. Our people have throughout history been known for their almost infinite patience and perseverance. Given the leadership, they have never failed to respond in more than adequate measure. It is these people, Sir, that have now girt their loins and stand ready to launch forth on their new, and so far their greatest endeavour. They can rightfully expect us, their chosen leaders and representatives, to give them of our best counsels, loyal guidance and informed direction.

* FINANCE BILL

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): I beg to move for leave to introduce the Finance Bill, 1956.

Mr. Deputy-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 1956-57."

The motion was adopted.

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: I introduce * * a bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 1956-57.

6-45 P.M.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, the 1st March, 1956.

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