

[Shri Abid Ali]

person who was holding the light was injured slightly. An enquiry held by the Regional Inspector of Mines revealed that the accident was a case of misadventure.

The mine employs about 500 workers and raises 9,000 tons of coal per month. It is under the charge of a 1st class Manager assisted by a 1st class Assistant. The work in the mine was temporarily stopped as certain dams were required to be constructed to prevent danger from inundation. This has now been done and normal work resumed.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi (Puri): Sir, incorrect things have been said in this statement. The labourers there have represented six months ago that the mining condition in the mines was not very safe because the manager was cutting down the pillars without sand-stowing. May we know whether a mining inspector from the Government of India really inspected that mine before?

Shri Abid Ali: The mine was inspected in June last. This time also, when the inspector was there some representation was made to him. Some allegations were made, and he says that all of them were enquired into and found baseless.

12.47 hrs.

CENTRAL EXCISES (CONVERSION
TO METRIC UNITS) BILL*

The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Dr. B. Gopala Reddy): On behalf of Shri Morarji Desai, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend certain laws relating to duties of excise for the purpose of introducing metric units in such laws.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend

certain laws relating to duties of excise for the purpose of introducing metric units in such laws."

The motion was adopted.

Dr. B. Gopala Reddi: I introduce the Bill.

INDIAN TRADE UNIONS, AMENDMENT) BILL*

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): On behalf of Shri Nanda, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926."

The motion was adopted.

Shri Abid Ali: I introduce the Bill.

12.08 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (NO. 3) BILL

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): On behalf of Shri Morarji Desai, I beg to move:†

"That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1958, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year, be taken into consideration."

†Introduced with the recommendation of the President.

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‡Moved with the recommendation of the President.