

[Mr. Speaker] [7th May 1952]

(Continuance of Powers) Bill, 1952, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill.' "

The Hon. Minister for Land Revenue may now move his motion.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS REQUISITIONED LAND (CONTINUANCE OF POWERS) BILL, 1952 (INTRODUCED)*.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'That the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Bill, 1952, be introduced.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will now read out Rule 76 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules. It states—

'If a motion for leave to introduce' "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, is it at all necessary to move a motion like the one moved by the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has only moved that the Bill be introduced. We are not going to consider it now. The object of his doing so, is to give some time to the hon. Members to consider the Bill. It is not unparliamentary and there is no harm in his moving that motion. Now, I will read Rule 76 which says—

'If a motion for leave to introduce a Bill is opposed, the Speaker, after permitting, if he thinks fit, a brief explanatory statement from the member who moves and from a member who opposes the motion, may, without further debate, put the question thereon.'

I do not think there is any opposition to the motion. So, I am now going to put the motion to the vote of the House. The question is :

'That the Madras Requisitioned Land (Continuance of Powers) Bill, 1952, be introduced.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" We don't have the afternoon session to-day.

" I wish to point out that there is no proper audibility in the House and we must do something about it. I wish to quote what Sir Herbert Dunnico has said in his new book entitled, 'Mother of Parliaments.' He says—

'Good acoustics are most essential in a debating chamber and this was not one of the outstanding qualities of the old House. This difficulty has been largely overcome not only by placing a microphone between every two members but by making nearly two million tiny holes in the roof well above the echo.'

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We must also do something in this regard. To-day, I was not at all able to hear hon. Members' speeches. Because of poor audibility, there has been some confusion."

"I now adjourn the House till eleven of the clock to-morrow, the 8th May 1952."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 8th May 1952.

