

**Shrimati G. Durgabai** (Madras: General): Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move the following amendment:

"That after Clause 18, the following new clause be inserted:

18-A. New High Courts may be established in any newly created province on an address being presented by the Legislature of that province to the Governor and on the same being approved by the President."

Sir, I will ask your permission for a debate on this, later.

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**Shrimati G. Durgabai:** Mr. Vice-President, yesterday I moved an amendment that Clause 18A be added to Clause 18. It appears in the Supplementary List as Amendment No. 15. It reads:

"18A. New High Courts may be established in any newly created province on an address being presented by the legislature of that Province to the Governor and on the same being approved by the President."

**Mr. Vice-President:** Does any member wish to speak on this proposed Clause 18A?

**Shrimati G. Durgabai:** I wish to say a few words in support of my amendment. Sir, in the draft I found no such provision made, as is contained in my amendment. So I thought it would be necessary, because by virtue of the power we have given to the Federal Legislature we find that some new Units will be springing up hereafter, and not only that, it will become more necessary, because already there are two newly carved out units, West Bengal and East Punjab. Therefore, some kind of procedure must be laid down for the establishment of High Courts in these newly created units. That is why I have suggested the addition of this Clause 18A.

After some debate Smt. G. Durgabai, further spoke-

**Shrimati G. Durgabai:** Mr. Vice-President, Sir, with your permission I would like to add a few more words to this amendment:

"That new High Courts may be established in the already, existing provinces of Orissa and Assam and also in the newly created provinces."

The rest remain as they are.

I commend this amendment for the acceptance of the House.

*After some debate the Vice Chairman said-*

**Mr. Vice-President:** I understand Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar's assurance to mean that provision will be made for this in whatever parts of the Constitution such provision may be found necessary, by the draftsmen. Does the Mover press the amendment in view of that assurance?

**Shrimati G. Durgabai:** On that assurance, I withdraw my amendment.

The amendment was, by leave of the Assembly, withdrawn.