

Preparing Electoral Rolls

CONSTITUENT BODY'S DECISION

From Our Special Correspondent
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The Constituent Assembly to-day decided to skip five articles of the Draft Constitution and take up clause 67 and other provisions relating to elections for consideration on Monday in order to expedite the preparation of electoral rolls.

The decision was taken despite the opposition of Mr. Pocker Saheb, who vehemently objected to "such arbitrary delineations" from the regular order of business, without due notice to members.

The Vice-President, Mr. H. C. Mookerji, overruled the objection on the ground that adequate notice had in fact been given but said that it was for the House to decide whether it would stand on its dignity or help the provincial Governments to finalise the preliminaries connected with the forthcoming elections under the new constitution.

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He added that most of the provinces had already completed the electoral rolls and were waiting to know in what final form the relevant articles would be passed in the Constituent Assembly.

The House then accepted the suggestion of Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru and agreed to take up article 67 on Monday.

Earlier the Assembly passed a clause fixing the qualifications, terms of office and conditions for the appointment of the Prime Minister and other Ministers of the Cabinet. A number of amendments, including one suggesting that literacy should be a necessary qualification for a Minister and another demanding that a Minister should not be liable to removal from office except on impeachment, were turned down by the House.

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