CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA

Monday, the 13th June, 1949

The Constituent Assembly of India met in the Constitution Hall, New Delhi, at Eight of the Clock, Mr. President (The Honourable Dr. Rajendra Prasad) in the Chair.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION —(Contd.)

Article 216

Mr. President : We finished article 186 the other day. I am told we should begin with article 216 today.

(Amendment Nos. 2739 and 2740 were not moved.)

The question is:

"That article 216 stand part of the Constitution."

The motion was adopted.

Article 216 was added to the Constitution.

Article 217

(Amendment Nos. 2741 and 2742 were not moved.)

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad (West Bengal : Muslim). Sir, I beg to move:

"That in clause (2) of article 217, for the words 'next succeeding clause', the words, figure and brackets 'clause (3)' and for the words 'preceding clause', the word, figure and brackets 'clause (1)' be substituted respectively."

The only reason for moving this is that upon this a very important amendment depends. That is why I have given the initiative.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari (Madras: General): May I move amendment Nos. 87-B and 87-C? They are only formal. I move:

"That in clause (2) of article 217, after the word and figure 'Part I' the words and figures 'or Part III' be inserted."

and

"That in clause (3) of article 217, after the word and figure 'Part I' the words and figures 'or Part III' be inserted."

Prof. Shibban Lal Saksena (United Provinces: General): I have also given notice of an amendment.

Mr. President: I have not seen any amendment.

Prof. Shibban Lal Saksena: I gave notice of it this morning. I beg to move.....

The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: (Bombay: General): We have not got copies of his amendment.

Shri L. Krishnaswami Bharathi (Madras: General): We cannot follow what he is moving.

Mr. President : He gave notice of his amendment a few minutes before we actually sat. But I am told it is more or less word for word the same as No. 2741.