

The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar : Yes. Otherwise we would have merely said that the existing allocation will continue until the President issued the new order ?

Mr. President : I will now put the various amendments to vote. I will first put amendment No. 2858, moved by Shri Upendra Nath Barman.

Shri Upendra Nath Barman : Sir, in view of the statement of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, I wish to withdraw my amendment.

The amendment was, by leave of the Assembly, withdrawn.

Mr. President : Then I put amendment No. 76, moved by Dr. Ambedkar. That is a verbal amendment.

The question is :

“That in clause (2) of article 251, for the words ‘revenues of India’ the words ‘Consolidated Fund of India’ be substituted.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. President : Then there is the amendment of Shri T. T. Krishnamachari. The question is:

“That in sub-clause (c) of clause (4) of article 251, for the words ‘revenues of India’ the words ‘Consolidated Fund of India’ be substituted.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. President : Then there is Professor Saksena’s amendment.

The question is :

“That for amendment No. 2875 of the List of Amendments, the following be substituted:

“That in sub-para (i) and (ii) of sub-clause (b) of clause (4) of article 251, for the words ‘by the President by order’, the words ‘by Parliament by law’ be substituted.”

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. President : Then I put article 251 as amended.

The question is :

“That article 251, as amended, stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 251, as amended, was added to the Constitution.

Article 252

Mr. President : Then we take up article 252. But there are two new articles proposed, 251-A and 251-B. Do you wish to move them, Mr. Krishnamachari ?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : No.

Mr. President : Then we come to article 252 and to it there is amendment No. 2881 standing in the name of Shri Santhanam.

(Amendment Nos. 2881 and 2882 were not moved.)

Mr. President : Then there is amendment No. 79 in the name of Dr Ambedkar.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : Sir, it is also in my name, and I may be allowed to move it. I move :

“That in article 252, for the words ‘revenues of India’ the words ‘Consolidated Fund of India’ be substituted.”

Mr. President : Does any one wish to say anything about this article (*No Member rose*). Then I will put amendment No. 79 to vote.

The question is :

“That in article 252, for the words ‘revenues of India’ the words ‘Consolidated Fund of India’ be substituted.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. President : Then I put the article as amended, to vote.

The question is :

“That article 252, as amended, stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 252, is amended, was added to the Constitution.

Article 253

Mr. President : Then we take up article 253.

(Amendment Nos. 2883 and 2884 were not moved.)

Mr. President : What about amendment No. 2885 ? Do you wish to move it, Dr. Ambedkar ?

The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar : No; Mr. Tyagi will move his amendment.

(Amendment Nos. 2886 to 2896 were not moved.)

Mr. President : Do you move your amendment No. 2897, Mr. Bardoloi ?

The Honourable Shri Gopinath Bardoloi (Assam: General): I do not want to move the amendment, but I would like to speak on the article.

(Amendment Nos. 2898 to 2902 were not moved.)

Shri Mahavir Tyagi (United Provinces : General): Sir, I had an amendment.

Mr. President : I have not finished all the amendments. I am taking them in order and will come to your amendment later. Amendment No. 81.

The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar : Sir, I move:

“That in clause (2) of article 253, for the words ‘revenues of India’ the words ‘Consolidated Fund of India’ be substituted.”

Mr. President : Then amendment No. 214, in the name of Shri Mahavir Tyagi.

Shri Mahavir Tyagi : Sir, I move:

“That with reference to amendment No. 2886 of the List of Amendments, clause (1) of article 253 be deleted.”

Sir, clause (1) of article 253 runs as follows :—

“No duties on salt shall be levied by the Union.”

Sir I am one of those who had participated in that great movement of salt *satyagraha*, and I appreciated then, as I do appreciate today the argument that since the salt tax tells on the pockets of the poor it should not be levied. I still stick to that old opinion of mine. I also confess that it is on account of that conviction that most of the Members of this august House have preferred to bring in through this clause, the prohibition of any duties on salt. But, Sir, to levy a duty, or not to levy it is the business of the State and the Parliament. We are sitting as the Constituent Assembly. I object to this clause being here, not because