

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA

Wednesday, the 1st December 1948

The Constituent Assembly of India met in the Constitution Hall, New Delhi at Half Past Nine of the Clock, Mr. Vice-President (Dr. H. C. Mookherjee), in the Chair.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION—(Contd.)

Article 12—(Contd.)

Shri H. V. Kamath (C. P. & Berar : General): Sir, before we proceed with the business of the day, may I request you to be so good as to see that my learned friend, Shri Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar, who is frequently called upon to give us the benefit of his sage counsel is allotted a seat somewhere in the centre of the hall, neither too much to the right nor to the left so that he may be heard and appreciated in the House?

Mr. Vice-President (Dr. H. C. Mookherjee): We shall try to meet the wishes of the House.

We finished our discussion on Article 12 and Dr. Ambedkar gave his reply. I am sorry I cannot accommodate those Members who want to reopen it. I shall now put the different amendments to the vote one after the other.

Mr. Vice-President : The question is:

“That in clause (1) of article 12, after the word ‘title’ the words ‘not being a military or academic distinction’ be inserted.”

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Vice-President : The question is:

“That in clause (1) of article 12, after the words ‘be conferred’ the words ‘or recognised’ be inserted”.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Vice-President : The question is:

“That in clause (1) of article 12, after the word ‘State’ the words ‘and the State shall in no way recognize any title conferred by the British Government on any citizen of India prior to August 15, 1947’ be inserted.”

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Vice-President : The question is:

“That in clause (1) of article 12, after the word ‘conferred’ the words ‘or recognised’ be inserted.”

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Vice-President : The question is:

“That for clause (2) of article 12, the following clause be substituted. ‘(2) No title conferred by any foreign State on any citizen of India shall be recognised by any State.’ ”

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Vice-President : The question is:

“That article 12, as amended, stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 12, as amended, was added to the Constitution.

Article 13

Mr. Vice-President : We shall now take up article 13 for consideration.