

will realise that so far as the distribution of the excise duties is concerned, the result will be the same as what he proposes to bring about by his amendment. Therefore I think that his amendment is quite unnecessary.

Mr. President : I will now put the amendments to the vote.

The question is :

“That with reference to amendment No. 2950 of the List of Amendments, in article 261, for the words ‘together with an explanatory memorandum as to the action taken thereon’, the words ‘together with such explanatory memorandum as he may think fit’ be substituted.”

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. President : The question is:

“That in amendment No. 2950 of the List of Amendments for the words ‘each House of Parliament’ proposed to be substituted, the words ‘each House of Parliament for such action thereon as Parliament may deem necessary’ be substituted.”

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. President : The question is:

“That with reference to amendment No. 2950 of the List of Amendments, in article 261, for the words ‘action taken thereon to be laid before Parliament’ the following words be substituted:—

‘containing his proposals for action that should be taken thereon to be laid before each House of Parliament. The House of the People shall have the right to amend the proposals made by the President by a resolution passed by the House of the People. The proposals of the President in their original form or in the form in which they emerge after they are amended by the House of the People shall thereafter become law.’ ”

The amendment was negatived.

Mr. President : The question is:

“That in article 261, for the word ‘Parliament’ the words ‘each House of Parliament’ be substituted.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. President : The question is :

“That article 261, as amended, stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 261, as amended, was added to the Constitution.

Article 262

Mr. President : Amendment No. 141 is verbal. I take it that we should not have these formal amendments moved in every case.

Shri H. V. Kamath : This amendment relates to amendment No. 2951. If that amendment is not moved, this will not arise.

Mr. President : I am suggesting that verbal amendments like the substitution of “Consolidated Fund of India” for “the revenues of India” should be left to the Drafting Committee. Whenever such phrases occur, the Drafting Committee will put them a right.

Shri H. V. Kamath : Amendment No. 2951 seeks the substitution of the words “the revenues of India” by the words “Indian revenues”. If that amendment is not moved, my amendment will not arise.

Mr. President : That was given notice of before we accepted the term “Consolidated Fund of India”.

Does anyone wish to say anything on this article?

The question is :

“That article 262 stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 262 was added to the Constitution.

Article 263

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

“That for article 263 the following be substituted :—

‘263 (1) The custody of the Consolidated Fund of India, the payments of moneys into such Fund, the withdrawal of moneys therefrom and all other matters connected with or ancillary to the matters aforesaid shall be regulated by law made by Parliament, in to and withdrawal of and until provision in that behalf is so made by Parliament, shall be regulated moneys from such funds. by rules made by the President.

(2) The custody of the Consolidated Fund of a State, the payments of moneys into such Fund and the withdrawal of moneys therefrom, and all other matters connected with or ancillary to the matters aforesaid shall be regulated by law made by the Legislature of the State, and, until provision in that behalf is so made by the Legislature of the State, shall be regulated by rules made by the Governor of the State.’ ”

I do not think any explanation is necessary.

Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru : Mr. President, I move:

“That in the amendment just moved by Dr. Ambedkar, after the words ‘Consolidated Fund’, wherever they occur, the words ‘and the Contingency Fund’ be inserted; and for the words ‘such Fund’, wherever they occur, the words ‘such Funds’ be constituted.”

The House has already agreed to the establishment of a Contingency Fund. It is therefore necessary to provide for the manner in which money may be put into the Contingency Fund and may be withdrawn from it. This is a purely formal amendment and I trust that the House will accept it.

Mr. President : I take it that Dr. Ambedkar will accept Pandit Kunzru’s amendment.

The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar : I accept the amendment.

Mr. President : The question is :

“That in amendment No. 206 above in the proposed article 263, after the words ‘Consolidated Fund’, wherever they occur, the words ‘and the Contingency Fund’ be inserted; and for the words ‘such Fund’, wherever they occur, the words, ‘such Funds’ be substituted.”

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. President : The question is:

“That proposed article 263, as amended, stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 263, as amended, was added to the Constitution.

Article 263-A

Mr. President : There is an additional article to be moved by Dr. Ambedkar.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari : May I suggest that it should be held over?

Mr. President : Very well. Then we go to article 267. Articles 246, 265 and 266 are not on to-day’s list.

Article 267

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

“That in article 267—

- (i) after the words ‘Crown in India’ the words ‘or after such commencement in connection with the affairs of the Union or of a State’ be inserted;