Article 122

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Mr. President, Sir, I move.

"That in article 122A, after the words 'In this Chapter', the words and figures 'and in Chapter VII of Part VI of this Constitution' be inserted."

This deals with a very simple matter. Article 122A deals with interpretation of the Constitution in so far as the Supreme Court is concerned. What is now sought to be done is that this clause in so far as it refers to interpretation of the constitution in reference to any substantial question of law shall apply to the Chapter relating to High Courts as well. It is a lacuna that was not noticed at the time this article was passed and is not a matter which really involves any substantial change. It is only filling up a lacuna which exists.

Mr. President: The question is

"That in article 122A, after the words 'In this Chapter' the words and figures 'and in Chapter VII of Part VI of this Constitution' be inserted."

The amendment was adopted.

Article 130

Mr. President : We proceed to article 130.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, I move.

"That in clause (1) of article 130, for the words 'may be exercised by him', the words 'shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers subordinate to him' be substituted."

Sir, the House to day passed after some discussion a similar-amendment in respect of article 42 which relates to the President. We have been seeking to import the same wording in respect of the executive powers of the Governor.

Mr. President: There was an amendment by Mr. Kamath to the other article. Probably there is similar amendment to this. Is it necessary to have a discussion on this?

Shri H. V. Kamath: My views, are that they are simply repeating the mistake I do not move my amendment.

Mr. President : The question is :

"That in clause (1) of article 130, for the words 'may be exercised by him' the words 'shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers, subordinate to him' be substituted".

The amendment was adopted.

Article 169

Mr. President: We take up article 169. Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Sir, I move

"That for clause (3) of article 169, the following clause be substituted :-

'(3) In other respects, privileges, immunities and powers of a House of the Legislature of a State and of the members and the committees of a House of such Legislature shall be such as may from time to time be defined by the Legislature by law, and until so defined, shall be those of the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom and of its members and committees at the commencement of this Constitution.'

This follows the line of similar amendment moved to clause (3) of article 85 and the House has accepted it and this merely seeks to put in the same set of provisions in respect of powers of the Houses of Legislature, the powers and privileges and immunities of members of the Committees of Houses of Legislatures.