

Mr. President : The question is:

“That after article 153, the following new article 153-A be added :—

‘153-A. If at any time when the Assembly is not sitting, it appears necessary to more than half of the total membership of the State Legislative Assembly that a situation has arisen in the State which calls for the Assembly to be sitting and consider the situation, they may in writing signed by them address the Speaker of the Assembly to convene a meeting of the Assembly for considering the matter specified in the application; and on receipt of such a requisition the Speaker shall convene the meeting within not more than seven clear days after receipt of Requisition; provided that the Speaker may, if he deems proper, call upon such requisitioning members to bear the expenses of such a meeting, unless the Assembly specifically resolves to the contrary and exonerate the members concerned from the charge.’ ”

The amendment was negatived.

Article 154

Mr. President : I find that this article 154 is word for word the same as article 70, which we have already adopted with only this difference that one relates to the States and the other relates to the Union. Is it necessary to have any long discussion about this?

Many Honourable Members : No, Sir.

Mr. President : The question is:

“That article 154 stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 154 was added to the Constitution.

Article 155

Mr. President : This article also is word for word same as article 71 except that the present article refers to the State and the previous article refers to the Centre. The amendments to this also are of a verbal nature except the one by Mr. Sidhva—Amendment No. 2348.

Shri R. K. Sidhva : I do not wish to move that.

Mr. President : The question is:

“That article 155 stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 155 was added to the Constitution.

Article 156

Mr. President : This article is also the same as article 72, which we have already accepted. Of course there are some amendments.

(Amendment Nos. 2349 to 2352 were not moved.)

The question is:

“That article 156 stand part of the Constitution.”

The motion was adopted.

Article 156 was added to the Constitution.