

Central Excise Duties Export
Draw-fcbSck (General) Rules, 1960: —

- (i) Notification G.S.R. No. 214,
dated the 25th February, 1961.
- (ii) Notification G.S.R. No. 213,
dated the 25th February, 1961. I [Placed in
Library. See No. LT-(2715/61 for (i)
and (ii).]

THE MINIMUM WAGES (AMEND- MENT) BILL, 1961

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
(SHRI ABID ALI): Sir, I move for leave to
introduce a Bill further to amend the
Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI ABID ALI: Sir, I introduce the
Bill.

REFERENCE TO RECEPTION OF 'PRIME MINISTER NEHRU ON AR- RIVAL IN LONDON

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal) :
Sir, I want to raise a small matter. We read
in the papers that when Prime Minister
Nehru arrived in London, he was not
received by the Prime Minister of the
United Kingdom but by another Minister. I
would like to know the position. It is an
important thing. The Prime Minister is
not here. You can help us. There is a
suggestion and it is made out by this kind of
gesture that Great Britain [is somewhat above
the other member-] (countries of the
Commonwealth. When our Prime
Minister receives every Commonwealth
Prime Minister or any Prime Minister for that
matter, it is good thing. But this is not
reciprocated in England. When he was com-
ing to London from the
United Nations, he was not received at
the airport by the Prime Minister. All other
Commonwealth Prime Ministers are not being
received by the British Prime
Minister—including our Prime

Minister. Here is the acting Leader of the
other House. I think he has stepped
temporarily into his shoes . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says, "Don't be so
touchy".

THE BUDGET (GENERAL) 1961-62 GENERAL DISCUSSION—continued

SHRI P. C. SETHI (Madhya Pradesh) : Sir,
I was saying yesterday that we cannot make
the man a machine of a ruthless State, and
therefore I would say that we are proceeding
quite satisfactorily and quite in order, neither
too fast nor too slow. It was said here that the
prices of consumer goods in India have gone
very high. I admit it. But I want to ask these
hon. Members as to what the position is of all
consumer goods in the U.S.S.R. I had the
privilege of visiting that country in the year
1958 and I could say that the prices of most
of the consumer goods including the textiles,
and specially the prices of shoes, are very
high there. Secondly, I would say that even
from the variety point of view we do not find
so many varieties in the Departmental Stores
of the U.S.S.R. as are available in Department
Stores of the other continental countries. This
goes to show that the variety of consumer
goods also is very much less there. Then, Sir,
we see a very big crowd in the Departmental
Stores there, and we see that they are not able
to purchase much. This also goes to show that
as far their purchasing capacity is concerned,
it is very low. There is a very famous joke
about the consumer goods position in the
U.S.S.R. which is very prevalent in the U.S.A.
It is said that there was a discussion between
two ladies that atomic bombs and hydrogen
bombs would be dropped in a box. But the
other lady said: "My dear, don't worry as long
as they do not have the box."

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal):
Do they want that as cosmetics?