

SHRI A.C. JOS (IDUKKI): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I really congratulate the hon. Minister for having accepted most of my amendments.

More passing of this Bill by the Parliament is not going to benefit the States. The subject 'labour' is in the Concurrent List. Most of the States should have passed it earlier. But, except Kerala and Tamil Nadu, no other State had passed the Bill like this and they are not implementing it.

My request to the hon. Minister and to the Labour Department of the Central Government as such is to find out some method by which a deadline has to be drawn so that this Act is implemented or adopted by all the States. Especially in the Hindi belt and in the Northern India, this is absolutely necessary. Unless there is coaxing from the Central Labour Minister and the Central Labour Department, this Bill is not going to be implemented. This Bill is not meant for the Central Government. Of course, Advisory Committee is there and many other checks and balances are there. Unless there is a mechanism, unless there is a definite point by which the Central Government instructs the State Governments to implement this law, this law will just be on paper only.

With these words, I congratulate the hon. Minister and I am thankful to him for having accepted many of my amendments. His name will go down in the history. As Shri Ramesh Chennithala has said, Shri Venkatswamy, former Labour Minister, the present hon. Speaker, who is a former Labour Minister and others have laboured for this and finally this Bill has come up. Now it is the fortune of Shri Arunachalam to bring this Bill and get it passed. I congratulate the hon. Minister for this.

Thank you.