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The Honourable the Speaker,
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Sir,

At a meeting of the members of our Party in the Lok Sabha on the 15th instant, the view was unanimously expressed that 15 hours allotted for the discussion of the Finance Bill in all its stages, commencing 3rd May, were altogether inadequate for the purpose. As you are aware, the Finance Bill is a very voluminous measure which includes scores of amendments of the substantive ~~Income-Tax~~ law of the country which properly should have no place in the year's Finance Bill. Each of the ~~the~~ clauses calls for careful scrutiny and consideration and a large number of amendments are being drafted by our Members to these clauses. We do not think that anything less than 7 or 8 hours for the clause by clause consideration of the Bill would suffice. Considering that some time should also be kept for the third reading, at which stage we propose to ~~refer~~ ^{chance} the Bill both by speeches and a division, it is obvious that the time allocated is inadequate.

We, therefore, write to request that 20 hours may ~~kindly~~ be allotted for the Finance Bill and that this suggestion may kindly be placed before the Business Advisory Committee for its consideration.

I shall be glad to know in due course what action you have kindly taken in the matter and what extension of time has been decided on.

Yours truly,

(N.G.RANGA)
Leader