



EXPIRING LAWS BILL, 1951.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

**ENACTMENTS TO BE CONTINUED AND THE REASONS
FOR CONTINUATION.**

1.—*The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.*

2.—*The Corrupt Practices Commission Expenses Act, 1869.*

The two Acts relate to the trial of election petitions and require to be continued pending the codification of the electoral law.

3.—*Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.*

This Act makes provision for the purchase of commodities by the local authorities from Contractors appointed officially with a view to the obtaining of such commodities by local authorities at the lowest possible price, and for other matters connected therewith. Provision is made in the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1939, for the repeal of the 1925 Act, but it is not proposed to bring the 1939 Act into operation until manufactured articles and goods required by local authorities are in regular supply.

4.—*The Local Government Act, 1941—Section 65.*

Section 65 of this Act relates to temporary borrowing by local authorities for current expenses. Normally any such borrowing must be repaid out of revenue of the local authority received in respect of the financial year in which the expenses were incurred. Section 65 permits the period of repayment to be extended up to 10 years, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government in respect of moneys borrowed during the continuance of the section. The section has been continued up to 31st December, 1951, by previous Expiring Laws Acts and it is desired to continue it for a further period pending consideration of amending legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
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