

MEMO TO CABINET

Pressure is being continually exerted by the General Retailers' and Traders' Union, and by the Workers' and Family Union, as also by interested persons, to revise and amend the Shops and Hawkers (Business Hours) Act, 1957 (Act No. XXIV of 1957).

The Act has been under close study by this Ministry in conjunction with the Crown Advocate-General and the Commissioner of Police for some time, and it is now proposed to enact an enabling law whereby the Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare would issue regulations to meet the needs of the shop owners and of the general public as they arise without having to resort to amending the Act every time as at present.

The proposed new Act should render the procedure to make amendments much more elastic and would replace the Shops and Hawkers (Business Hours) Act, 1957 which is giving rise to so many difficulties and complaints.

Honourable Ministers are invited to agree that an enabling Act, the Shops and Hawkers (Business Hours) Act, 1967, be promulgated, and that the present Act be repealed.

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