

PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL VITAL

National Expenditure

By A Staff Reporter

The importance of parliamentary control over national expenditure in a democracy was stressed by Mr. A. K. Chanda, Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, in Bombay on Thursday.

Mr. Chanda, who was addressing the members of the Bombay Legislature on "Parliamentary Control Over National Expenditure" at the Council Hall, explained the growth of the Public Accounts Committee system in the United Kingdom, its introduction in India during the British regime and the great importance it had assumed in India after the attainment of independence. The talk was arranged by the Bombay branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

He explained the role of the Public Accounts Committee and that of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, which was to help and guide the Committee.

Mr. Chanda said that in the post-independence period, various public enterprises had become an important sector of the country's economy. In order to have a proper control over their working, their accounts had to be audited and the reports submitted to Parliament.

Dr. Jivraj Mehta, State Finance Minister, welcomed Mr. Chanda and Mr. S. L. Silam, Speaker of the Bombay Assembly and Joint President of the Association, proposed a vote of thanks.