

Title: Regarding inviting tenders from private companies to supply ten rupees notes.

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY (NALGONDA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the following matter. The Ministry of Finance (Economic Division) has called for tenders from private entrepreneurs for the supply of bi-metallic coins to make ten rupees coins. The last date for the tenders is 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is shocking and highly objectionable which may affect the security of the country.

Sir, there is a privatisation mania from some of the people of the NDA. Now, unfortunately, the present Government is also continuing it. Earlier, we have seen this. Even this morning, during the Question Hour we heard about the privatisation of airports and banks. Now, it is going to the mints. It may go even to the Security Press. We have four excellent mints in our country which are modernised...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Bikash Chowdhury may associate please. The matter has been mentioned.

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY : We have the capacity to mint the coins. I would request the Government to stop these private entrepreneurs

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\*Not Recorded.

entering into the field of minting, manufacturing the coins and our mints should be given the full opportunity. Our mints are starved of work. The Reserve Bank of India has said there is no demand for the coins in the press. Why are they being called now? ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. Now, Shri Bikash Chowdhury. Just associate yourself.