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Title : Observation regarding making available of detailed Demands for Grants, outcome budgets and Annual Reports.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, before we take up the discussion on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Rural Development, I have another small observation to make. It has been brought to my notice that the detailed Demands of the Ministry of Rural Development were laid on the Table of the House on Friday, the 11th March, 2011. The Outcome Budget of the Ministry has been laid on the Table only today. The Annual Report of the Ministry only in English version is also being circulated to the Members today.

Although there is no rule which bars the discussion on Demands for Grants of a particular Ministry for want of Annual Report and Outcome Budget of that Ministry, yet, I am of the view that these documents including the detailed Demands for Grants should be made available to the Members sufficiently in advance so that they get enough time to study them.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to ensure that, in future, the detailed Demands, the Outcome Budgets and also the Annual Reports of the Ministries whose Demands are to be discussed in the House are made available to the Members sufficiently in advance.
