

where is the money being raised from disinvestment is invested and thirdly how will the constitutional rights of the people belonging to the scheduled castes scheduled tribes and the backward classes will be protected?

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ajoy Chakraborty, you may place your viewpoint only in two sentences and not more than that.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Sir, the working class in lakhs and lakhs is assembling in the capital of our country. ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY (ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not being given an opportunity to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: His Notice is with me and I don't have your Notice.

[English]

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY: The working class is assembling in the capital to express its agony and protest against the anti-workers policies of the Government of India. One after other, all the public sector units are being transferred to private sector units. The Government of India is closing down even those public sector units which are making profits. Prestigious profit-making public sector units, like HPCL and BPCL, are being closed and thousands and thousands of the workers are thrown out of job.

In its last election manifesto, the BJP assured the people to provide one crore jobs every year. Instead of providing jobs, lakhs and lakhs of workers are thrown out of job. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is not possible. More than enough Members have put their viewpoints.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY: Today, lakhs and lakhs of workers are assembling under the banners of all trade unions to express their agony and protest against the anti-workers policies of the Government of India. The Government should change its policy. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, I cannot permit all the Members to speak. Please sit down. Let me have the reaction of the Government.

...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, undoubtedly the issue that has been raised by the opposition is serious. However it is also a fact that it would have been better if the opposition would have raised this issue after the Question Hour instead of raising it now. ...*(Interruptions)* I do not know how many unemployed have increased in half an hour, however I certainly know that we have spent half an hour for an issue on which there is unanimity in the House. ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please keep quiet now.

...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

The hon. Prime Minister is speaking, at least you please do not speak.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: There is serious problem of unemployment in the country. All political parties want to fight against unemployment, all parties want to generate employment opportunities, however the parties particularly the parties which are in power either in Delhi or in Calcutta know it well that there are problems in this regard. ...*(Interruptions)* I am ready to ponder over those problems.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: By when?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: When you decide. However Somnath Babu, nothing is going to come out, the way things are being discussed. You have raised this issue and you may deliver speech among workers. I also did the same thing however, I found that the problem has not been solved. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: You call it a profession however it is a principle for us.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Serious efforts are being made to generate employment opportunities. I would like to mention a figure. We had talked about one crore employment opportunities. Our target was one crore. Out of that one crore we could provide employment to 70 lakh people. ...*(Interruptions)* We are ready for the discussion. Come on let us hold a discussion on it.