

Government is not in a position to tackle problems like growing educated unemployment, generation of electricity, construction of roads, development of industries etc.

Such a situation is bound to create social tensions. It is high time that the Union Government corrects the economic imbalance and puts J&K State on par with North Eastern States and Himachal Pradesh in respect of financial allocations for development.

(vi) **Demand for measures to ensure punctuality and regularity of air flights and safety in air travel**

SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore): Travel by air has become more a necessity than a luxury. Delays and cancellation of flights, therefore, often cause the passengers heavy losses that cannot be compensated. Appointments to be kept, interviews for job opportunities, official obligations etc. are all too often disrupted due to cancellations and delays in flights, with passengers unable to fulfil the very purpose of their expensive trip. It is sad to note that flights are sometimes cancelled or discontinued at the mere drop of a hat. Giving due value to the time of its passengers and of course subject to security measures, the Civil Aviation system in our country needs to be awakened to the need for punctuality and regularity in service.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation to formulate a workable schedule to serve the passengers surely but safely.

12.19 hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET 1989-90 GENERAL DISCUSSION

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up item No. 11 General Discussion on Budget (General) for 1989-90. Shri Madhav Reddi

may initiate the discussion.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI (Adilabad): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Budget for 1989-90 which was presented by the hon. Finance Minister on the 28th of February last, had attracted a number of comments which were variously described as being the election year budget, the populist budget, the kisan budget, the structuralist budget, the balanced budget and so on. Sir, one thing is certain. Without subscribing to any of these descriptions I would like to comment that this was a very unique budget unique in many ways, unique because it was presented to the empty Benches of the opposition.

SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanore): Is it our fault? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI. C. MADHAV REDDI (Adilabad): I am not finding fault with anybody, I am just stating the facts.

PROF. MADHU DANAVATE (Rajapur): He is right, it is not his fault, it is the Prime Minister's fault, Sir.

SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN (Jalgaon): The House was full, it was not empty.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: I said, empty benches of the Opposition', you have not heard it properly.

It is unique because it had taken into consideration several factors, extraneous factors not concerning alone with the economic development of this country, but other factors, political, because it is an election year budget factors which are partisan, factors which are populist, and so on.

It is a unique budget because it has taken into consideration, for the first time, the resolution of A.I.C.C. regarding employment programmes and the poverty alleviation programmes. About the Budgets which were being presented earlier, they used to describe them as budgets which demystified several factors, excluding certain items