

COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF
SCHEDULED CASTES AND
SCHEDULED TRIBES

[English]

Twenty-fifty, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Reports

SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI (Simla) :
I beg to present the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes :

- (1) 25th Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 13th Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Home Affairs—Socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (2) 26th Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 14th Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs—Banking Division)—Reservations for, and employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Canara Bank and Credit facilities provided by the Bank for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- (3) 27th Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 11th Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Welfare—Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- (4) 28th Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 13th Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Welfare—Working of Integrated Tribal Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh.

12.08 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF
URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[English]

Situation arising out of non-confirmation/reduction in orders for purchase of tobacco

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO (Vijayawada) : I call the attention of the Minister of Commerce to the situation arising out of non-confirmation/reduction in orders for purchase of tobacco by certain countries resulting in exploitation of tobacco growers and the steps taken by the Government to ensure remunerative support price for tobacco.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : Sir : Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco is grown largely in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Order please...there is too much noise in the House. Is the House interested in this business; or are they interested in talking among themselves all around ? There is too much of talking. I do not like it. I would like the House to hear him now.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : Sir, Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco is grown largely in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The production of FCV tobacco which has been fluctuating is estimated to be about 106 million kgs. in 1986-87, the production in Andhra Pradesh being placed at 90 million kgs. The exports which had reached a peak level in 1981-82 have been of the order of 52 million kgs. in the last two years.

The major export markets for Indian tobacco have been USSR and other East European countries; UK and other West European countries; Middle East countries, North and West Africa and Nepal. Small quantities have been exported to Japan, Australia and New Zealand. USSR which has been by far the major buyer of Indian tobacco and purchased 35800 tonnes during 1983 has gradually reduced its purchases.