

[Sh. Aziz Qureshi]  
anti-Indian powers, has been trying to tarnish the image of India and create differences between India and its Arab and Muslim countries. History bears testimony that India, its people and Government have been the sincere friends of Arab and Muslim nations. Its relations particularly with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia its rulers and people deserve special mention.

12.12 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair.*]

Late Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was extended a historic welcome and was described as 'Prophet of Peace' (Rasool-as-Salam) during his visit of Saudia Arabia. Similarly, our relations with Kuwait, Libya, Egypt and other countries have been very cordial. We have championed their just causes and have fought for them in the world forums.

Pakistan with a sinister motive has launched an ugly and unholy propaganda and publicity campaign to spoil this relationship between us. They are trying to create serious misunderstandings between us just to damage our image.

What is urgently required is the re-assurance from our side to the Arab and Muslim countries that we shall continue to champion and plead their genuine causes and fight their wars in the world forums.

The Ministry of External Affairs through its external publicity division must initiate immediate action to counter this Pakistani propoganda and nip it in the bud, to convince and re-assure our Arab and Muslim friends of our unequivocal support.

(vii) Demand for financial assistance to Tamil Nadu Government to meet the acute scarcity of drinking water in Madras City.

DR. A. KALANIDHI (Madras Central):  
The people of Tamil Nadu especially the

residents of Madras City are worst hit by water scarcity. The women folk have to trudge long distances to fetch water. In other places the people have to pay for water. The Veeranam Project has been discarded and this has resulted in acute scarcity of water in Madras City. The Krishna Water Scheme is also in doldrums and it would also cause much havoc in the normal life of the people of Madras City. It is high time that the Government of India should come forward to redress the grievance of people. It should allocate at least Rs. 30 crores to the State Government to enable them to sink borewells and purchase other equipments. The Centre should see that the Krishna Water Scheme is speeded up and take up the matter with Andhra Pradesh Government and Tamil Nadu Government.

12.14 hrs.

#### FINANCE BILL, 1987

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : We shall now take up Item No.10 - Finance Bill. 15 hours have been allotted for all the three stages of the Finance Bill, 1987. If the House agrees, we may have 12 hours for general discussion, 2 hours for clause-by-clause consideration and 1 hour for Third Reading.

Now, the hon. Prime Minister may move.

12.15 hrs.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): I beg to move:\*

"That the Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year, 1987-88, be taken into consideration".

\* Moved with the recommendation of the President.