

[Secretary-General]

presentation of the Report of the joint Committee of the Houses on the Shipping Agents (Licensing) Bill, 1987:-

'That the time appointed for the presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee of the houses on the Shipping Agents (Licensing) Bill, 1987, be extended upto the first day of the last week of the 150th session of the Rajya Sabha'.

- (ii) "In accordance with the provisions of rule 127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to inform the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha, at its sitting held on the 17th August, 1988, agreed without any amendments to the Arms (Amendment) Bill, 1988, which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 9th August, 1988."

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

- (i) **Need to ensure that duty concessions announced on polyester filament yarn and fibre yarn in 1988-89 Budget are available to the consumers and weavers.**

MR SPEAKER: The House now shall take up matters under rule 377. Shri Zainul Basher.

SHRI ZAINUL BASHER(Ghazipur): The Union budget 1988-89 announced a number of liberal concessions including duty concession on Polyester filament Yarn and Polyester Fibre Yarn. This was meant for giving relief to the consumers and the weav-

ing industry was supposed to get Polyester Yarn on cheaper rates. The Finance Minister had very clearly made this point during his Budget Speech. With the announcement of budget all the spinners of Polyester Yarn reduced their prices on 1st April, 1988 by about Rs.125/- per kg. as per the duty concession announced in the budget.

12.03 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

This concession was available to the weaving industry and to the consumers of cloth for hardly a month and from 1st May, 1988 onwards Polyester Yarn Spinners including Government own undertakings started increasing their rates by about Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- per kg. per week and now the increase is of more than Rs. 25/- per kg. over and above the price declared in April, 1988.

A large number of weavers, who have been producing Polyester cloth and sarees are facing tremendous problems due to hike in price. Production is coming down and looms are being closed one after another.

I request the Government to kindly intervene in the matter immediately and ensure that concessions given through the Budget are passed on to the weaving industry and the consumers.

- (ii) **Need to promote tourism in the country**

SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA (Aurangabad): The demand for tourism being treated as an export industry is justified by the rising level of tourist traffic in the world. If a small city State like Hong Kong could attract three million visitors, there is no reason why a large country like India cannot target for five million tourists a year. This could make tourism the highest foreign exchange earning industry and multiply employment opportunities all round. The study made by ASSOCHAM into this industry is revealing about its potential. The investment needed is hotels alone is stated to

be Rs. 1,500 crores and the necessary incentives for this must be provided. Airports at all tourist centres must be properly equipped. This is particularly true of the airports near the Buddhist centres of Bihar. If these centres are accessible through regular plane services, the number of foreign tourists visiting them is likely to go up many times.

[*Translation*]

(iii) Need for improvement in the working of Telephone Exchanges and installation of Electronic Exchanges in Akbarpur, Jalalpur and Tanda in Faizabad district of U.P.

SHRI R.P. SUMAN (Akbarpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is a significant contribution of Telecommunications in a developed and a developing country like India. There are a number of telephone exchanges in Faizabad district in U.P. but they are not providing satisfactory services to the subscribers. There are several Industrial towns such as Akbarpur, Jalalpur and Tanda which are situated in this district where a large number of businessmen and weavers reside. The cloth made here is sent to the several parts of the country. Tanda Thermal Power Project, Uttar Pradesh Spinning Mill and Shri Gandhi Ashram are also located in this district. The condition of telephone Exchanges in Akbarpur and Tanda Tehsil is very pitiable. Subscribers are not fully benefited with it. The equipments in these exchanges are out-dated and need repairs. The people are not getting telephone connections because of the limited capacity of these exchanges. Akbarpur Telephone Exchange is housed in a dilapidated building while land has already been acquired for it. The businessmen have to go to Lucknow or Varanasi for making calls to big cities. It is absolutely necessary to improve the condition of telephone Exchanges situated in prominent towns of district Faizabad keeping its historical, religious and geographical importance in view.

I, therefore, request the Central Gov-

ernment that a new building should be constructed for Akbarpur Telephone Exchange and electronic equipments should be installed in telephone exchanges situated in Akbarpur, Jalalpur and Tanda. Besides this, I also request the Government to release adequate number of telephone connections so that subscribers may get relief.

(iv) Need to run a shuttle train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur): I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the introduction of a new local shuttle train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory and vice-versa.

About sixty thousand workers are engaged in the Ambazari Ordnance Factory and nearby Hingna Industrial Estate. Due to non-availability of railway train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory, thousands of workers of the Ambazari Ordnance Factory as well as Hingna Industrial Estate are severely affected. Most of the workers engaged in the Ambazari Ordnance Factory and Hingna Industrial Estate have to cover distance of about 10 to 20 kilometres on cycle as these poor workers are not in a position to pay exorbitant bus fares. Thus daily they are compelled to waste their energy on cycling resulting in wasteful exertion and low efficiency in work.

There is a persistent demand from the residents of Kamptee and Nagpur and workers of the Ordnance Factory and Hingna Industrial area to introduce the local shuttle train.

In view of the position stated above, I on behalf of the workers and people of Kamptee and Nagpur demand that a local shuttle train between Kamptee and Ambazari Ordnance Factory may be introduced immediately.

(v) Need for Speedy development of Bharath Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd. Madras

DR. A. KALANIDHI (Madras Central): The Bharath Process and Mechanical Engi-