BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[*English*]

Thirty-Seventh Report

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT): I beg to move:

> "That this House do agree with the Thirty-seventh Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 30th April, 1987."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

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The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER: The House shall now take up matters under Rule 377.

12.10 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[*Translation*]

(i) Demand for setting up 'Bithoor Development Authority' for overall development of Bithoor town, district Kanpur, U.P.

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI (Bilhaur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bithoor (Brahmwart) in Kanpur district of Uttar Pradesh is situated on the bank of Ganga river and has great religious and historical importance. It is believed that Lord Brahma had created the world while sitting at this place and his seat is also located at this place. People from different parts of the country come here for worship. It is also believed to be the Central point of the earth. The ashram of great sage Valmiki is also located at this place where he practised 'Tapassaya and wrote the great epic Ramayana. It was at this ashram where Sita, the wife of Lord Rama lived in exile and gave birth to Lav and Kush. Lav and Kush fought a battle against Rama at this place which is now known as parihar area. Dhruva had also practised 'Tapassaya' here and the place is now Known as Dhurva-Tila.

It has also been the centre of activities of Nanarao Peshwa, Tantiyatope and Menawati. Maharani Laxmibai also spent her childhood at this place. The strategy of the first war of independence of 1857 was also planned here. The revolution throughout the country also ushered from this place. On full moon day in Kartika month every year a big fair is organised at this place. But it is in a very dilapidated condition due to poor maintenance. It is most regrettable.

Therefore, I request the Central Government that for all-round development of Brahmawart Bithoor, renovation of dilapidated Ghats at the banks of Ganga river and proper maintenance of historical and other religious places, a Bithoor Development Authority should be set up with the cooperation of the Government of Uttar Pradesh and this place should be declared as a tourism Centre.

[*English*]

(ii) Need to initiate talks with the Government of Nepal for construction of a multi purpose high dam on the river Kosi in Barahakshetra

DR. G.S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur): From time immemorial, the river Kosi which originates in Nepal and flows into a major portion of North Bihar, has remained a symbol of pain, anxiety and devastation in both the friendly countries. Unfortunately, it is not yet realised that with determined human efforts, this river of sorrow can be converted into a source of unimaginable prosperity. All that is needed is the construction of a multipurpose hig