

(Interruption)*

MR. SPEAKER : Not allowed. Only Kumari Saroj Khaparde goes on record.

(Interruption)*

12.09 hrs.

RAILWAYS BILL

Extension of time for Presentation of report of Joint Committee
[English]

SHRI ARVIND NETAM (Kanker) : I beg to move :

‘That this House do further extend upto the last day of the Winter Session, 1988, the time for presentation of the report of the Joint Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Railways.’

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

‘That this House do further extend upto the last day of the Winter Session, 1988, the time for presentation of the report of the Joint Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Railways.’

The motion was adopted.

12.09½ hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
[English]

Fifty-Ninth Report

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF
INFORMATION AND BROADCAST-
ING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : I beg
to move :

‘That this House do agree with the Fifty-ninth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 30th August, 1988.’

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

‘That this House do agree with the Fifty-ninth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 30th August, 1988.’

The motion was adopted

MR. SPEAKER : Now matters under rule 377. Prof. Kurien.

(Interruption)*

MR. SPEAKER : Only Prof. Kurien goes on record.

(Interruption)*

12.10 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

(1) Need for abolition of export duty on pepper

PROF. P. J. KURIEN (Idukki) : The Government deserves compliments for the various steps which it has taken during the past one year for promoting export. The recent decision to abolish the export cess on coffee is a step in the right direction which is certainly going to make India coffee more competitive in the world market. However, when such important steps are being taken to boost our export trade, it is an irony that the export duty on pepper should still continue. This duty was imposed when the price of pepper was Rs. sixty per kg. and it was then said by the Government spokesman that the high price of pepper will absorb this duty. Now, price of pepper has come down to Rs. thirty per kg. or even less, but still the export duty continues. The duty on pepper has been a major contributing factor towards the decline in prices of pepper as it has a direct impact on the price of pepper. Thus, the imposition of this duty has adversely affected the interests of the growers. The long term

consequence of this development is that the production of pepper will decline and the foreign exchange earnings will come down which will be detrimental to the interest of the country in general and the growers in particular.

I would, therefore, request that export duty on pepper may please be abolished.

- (ii) Need to initiate action to bring the mortal remains of Maulana Barkatullah, freedom fighters from San Francisco to India.

SHRI AZIZ QURESHI (Satna) : Maulana Barkatullah of Bhopal was a valiant freedom fighter who, along with Raja Mahendra Pratap, Lala Hardayal and many others, bravely fought the battle of independence abroad. He was the Prime Minister of the first provisional Indian Government in exile of which Raja Mahendra Pratap was the President-founded in Afghanistan in 1915. He, Lala Hardayal and others also founded the Ghadr Party in America and started the famous newspaper "Ghadr" which gave clarion call to Indians to overthrow the British Empire. For this purpose, an advertisement to recruit people was issued in their newspaper Ghadr on the following terms :

Salary	—	Death
Award	—	Martyrdom
Pension	—	Freedom
Battle-field	—	India

Maulana Barkatullah died in 1927 in San Francisco and was buried with the solemn promise that "when your country will attain freedom, your remains would be transferred and consigned to earth in the free India", still an unfulfilled promise.

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Arjun Singh, has renamed the Bhopal University as Maulana Barkatullah University which is being opposed by certain forces. Such opposition by the few must be condemned by all. The Govern-

ment of India should also initiate action to bring the mortal remains of Maulana Barkatullah from San Francisco to India and get it buried here with all the honour it deserves.

As N.M. Rashid, the famous rebel Urdu poet has said :

"Apne Darweje khule Rahane Do
yad ki Aag Dabak Uthi Hai Shayad is
Raat Hamare Mashhad Aa Jain

Aaj Darwaje Khule Rahane Do"

(N. M. Rashid)

Keep your doors wide open tonight.

Memory's fire is in full blaze.

Who knows this very night our martyrs
may pay us a visit!

Keep your doors wide open tonight.

[Translation]

(iii) Need to lay a new railway line from Azamgarh to Gunganganj via Atraulia-Basavari Tanda

SHRI R.P. SUMAN (Akbarpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, transport facilities are a must for the development of a region and the Indian Railways are playing a very important role in this direction. But there are some parts in the country where the people face a lot of difficulties for want of railway facilities and there are some district headquarters where only narrow gauge lines have been provided where as thousands of people belonging to these areas live in various big cities and they undertake to and fro journeys between these cities and their home towns.

District Azamgarh and some parts of eastern Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh have remained neglected in regard to these railway facilities whereas thousands of people belonging to Azamgarh and eastern tehsil of Faizabad, Tanda live in Delhi, Bombay, Punjab and other big cities of the country and they face a lot of difficulties while undertaking to and fro journey between these places and their home towns.