

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

11.10 hrs.

[English]

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Reports

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY (Kurnool) :

Sir, I beg to present the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee :

- (1) Thirteenth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 216th Report of the Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) regarding Drawback Payments.
- (2) Fourteenth Report on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the 180th Report of the Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) regarding Union Excise Duties—Exemption of Goods falling under Tariff Item 68.

11.09 hrs.

INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA BILL*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the constitution of an authority for the regulation and development of inland waterways for purposes of shipping and navigation and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the constitution of an authority for the regulation and development of inland waterways for purposes of shipping and navigation and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

The motion was adopted.

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI : I introduce the Bill.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

- (1) Need to send a Central Medical team to Shahjahanpur, U.P. to prevent the spread of diseases like Malaria, Cholera etc.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA (Shahjahanpur) : I draw the attention of the Government towards the drought prevailing in certain districts of Uttar Pradesh, specially in Shahjahanpur. The paddy, sugarcane and Kharif crops are badly damaged due to lack of rainfall. Paddy transplantation also could not be done. A very serious situation is being faced by the people of Shahjahanpur as epidemics like Malaria, Cholera and dysentery are spreading in every village resulting in deaths. Immediate relief measures be taken, a Central team be sent to assess the situation and Central Medical team with doctors and medicines be rushed to Shahjahanpur. Adequate facilities for pure drinking water be done on war footing so that the spread of the diseases is checked.

- (ii) Widening of National Highway No. 43 in Orissa

SHRI K. PRADHANI (Nowrangpur) : Koraput district is the largest district in Orissa and second largest district in the country. Large number of projects namely Upper Kolab and Upper Indravati Multi-purpose projects are under construction by the State Government in addition to some already there. The National Aluminium Factory which is the largest of its kind is also under construction in the district. There is no railway line linking these projects and as such the heavy machines required for these projects are being taken on the National Highway 43 from Vizianagram railway station in Andhra Pradesh. The road which passes over Eastern Ghat Mountains is very narrow, specially on the hill slopes. Large sized trailers carrying heavy machinery of these projects pass on this road with great difficulty and at times stop at inconvenient places and thereby block the entire traffic. The road on plains also is very narrow in Orissa compared to that of Madhya Pradesh. The