

[Sh. Pratap Bhanu Sharma]

with our neighbouring countries will also improve. As regards my colleague's submission about the neighbouring countries, my submission is that our Government tries its best to improve relations with the neighbouring countries, but you very well know as to how far can our efforts succeed when some nationals are born only to oppose our policies.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in the end I would like to say only this much that we all should try to implement the Government's accord with T.N.V. and Tripura Government effectively. For this purpose, we should rise above political considerations and try to implement it by keeping the national perspective on the top so that whatever policies have been formulated by that Government for the development of the poor and for providing employment to the youth of T.N.V. could be implemented through the Central Government and the august Houses of Parliament.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, statement by the Minister Shri Brahma Dutt.

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT : Sir, what about their discussion under Rule 193?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are containing the discussion tomorrow?

1030 hours today (30.8.88) a major fire broke out in Tank Wagon Loading gantry area of Mathura Refinery. The fire was brought under control and fire extinguished at 1400 hours with the help of 15 fire tenders including refinery and outside agencies. Two persons, one officer from refinery and one casual worker, died and five other received serviced severe burn injuries during the fire. The 5 injured persons have been fused to safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi for immediate treatment. At the time of fire there were 130 tank wagons under loading with naphtha at the two broad gauge gantries. After the fire broke out, majority of tank wagons were detached and pulled out from the gantry and about 35 tank wagons are reported to be affected by fire. The process units, tank farms, power house and pipeline facilities have not been affected. Preliminary indications are that both the broad gauge tank wagon loading gantries have been affected by the fire. Detailed advent of damage and the time to repair and rehabilitate these loading facilities are being assessed. Factory inspectorate and State authorities have been informed. Enquiry Committee to investigate into the incidence of fire is being set up.

2. An Officer from the Oil Industry Safety Directorate also has been deputed to the place. Alternative movement of products by road and through pipeline are being developed to maintain normal supplies out of the refinery. Refinery has not been affected.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fifty Ninth Report

18.02 hrs.

STATEMENT RE: FIRE AT TANK WAGON LOADING GANTRY AREA OF MATHURA REFINERY

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : At about

[English]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.NAMGYAL): Sir, I beg to present the Fifty-ninth Report of Business Advisory Committee.