

12.06 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thirteenth Report

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): I beg to move :

"That this House do agree with the Thirteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 18th November, 1985."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That this House do agree with the Thirteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 18th November, 1985."

The motion was adopted.

12.07 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

- (i) Need to undertake crash housing programme by the Ministry of Urban Development for rehabilitation of slum/pavement dwellers in Bombay

SHRI SHARAD DIGHE (Bombay North Central) : Nearly 4.7 million citizens of Bombay, that is just over half the city's population are slum dwellers. Some of them have even built their huts on the pavements and lands reserved for public purpose. According to a survey by the Tata Institute of Social Services, 33% of them are self-employed as hawkers etc. and 38% are casual labourers as construction workers, domestic servants, etc. Rehabilitation of these pavement dwellers and slum dwellers occupying lands reserved for public purpose is an urgent and human problem of public importance. Lands of Bombay Municipal Corporation and of State Government may not be sufficient to rehabilitate them. The Union Government should therefore make available to them excess lands with Bombay Port

Trust, Civil Aviation Department and Salt lands to the State Government for rehabilitation of these slum dwellers. At the same time a crash housing programme be undertaken by the Union Ministry of Urban Development for the slum dwellers of Bombay.

12.09 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

- (ii) Need to shift the Headquarters of three Chief Engineers incharge of the five Railway Projects under Construction in Orissa to places in Orissa and to Create a post of General Manager

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack) : As many as five railway projects are under execution in Orissa. They are Talcher-Sambalpur rail link, Koraput-Rayagada rail link, Jakhapura-Banspani rail link, Mancheswar Railway Workshop and new Sambalpur Railway division. The estimated costs of these projects are Rs. 70 crores, Rs. 200 crores, Rs. 60 crores, Rs. 20 crores and Rs. 30 crores respectively. All the three Chief Engineers and other senior staff involved in these projects are having their headquarters at Waltair, Bilaspur and Calcutta though the projects are located in Orissa.

The location of the offices of the Chief Engineers at distant places outside the State is creating serious difficulties in the speedy implementation of the projects and the people of the area are not getting full benefits from the execution of the projects. It is therefore, necessary that the offices of the Chief Engineers are shifted to the suitable places inside Orissa in the interest of efficient and effective implementation of those projects.

It view of this, I demand that headquarters of all the three Chief Engineers involved in the project works be set up in Orissa. As the development of Orissa depends on the speedy implementation of those projects to a large extent a post of a General Manager be created to supervise all those projects under execution in Orissa.