

(Interruptions)

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : May I reiterate by ending that a motion seeking protective order can be filed, a detailed financial analysis has to be done and that is being done by the firm which I have just mentioned? It is only after this financial analysis is completed that the Government can take a view on the pre-emptive action of stalling further sale.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : No answer to our specific questions has been given.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is all. He replied.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : He has not replied why the Mayor visited USA.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : He replied.

(Interruptions)

SHRI NARAYAN CHAUBEY : He has not given any reply why the Mayor was allowed to go.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : He has already answered. Now we will go to the next item.

(Interruptions)

13.19 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[English]

Twenty Third Report

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

"That this House do agree with the Twenty-third Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 25th April, 1986".

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

"That this House do agree with the Twenty-third Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 25th April, 1986".

The Motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will take up Matters under Rule 377.

13.20 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[English]

- (i) Need to include Maithili in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

DR. G. S. RAJHANS (Jhanjharpur) : Maithili has a special place among Indian languages. India is a multi-lingual nation and every language has its special cultural and regional value. Maithili was assured of all Government patronage at the time of its inclusion in the Central Sahitya Akademi on the basis of its being competent to have a place in the Constitution. The language was in no way inferior to any other modern Indian language, and the people speaking it were rightly proud of it.

Nearly three crore people speak Maithili in different parts of the country. There are daily newspapers in Maithili. Besides, there are innumerable periodicals in the language. Hundreds of Ph. D. Thesis have been published in Maithili. Besides other States; post graduate teaching is conducted in Maithili in Bihar, U. P. and West Bengal. It is an irony that whereas it is the second national language in Nepal, it is being ignored in India, the country of its origin.

According to philologists Maithili is as old as Sanskrit, and as sweet as any other language in the world. As such, it should be given its rightful place and included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India.