

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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*Wednesday, November 5, 1986/ Kartika 14,
1908 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have pleasure in introducing to you our new Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Shri Chintamani Panigrahi.

Shri K. Natwar Singh is now a Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Shri Santosh Mohan Dev is now the Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications.

SHRI JAIPAL REDDY: They are all encyclopaedic experts. They can serve and deal with any subject.

[Translation]

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, both *Chinta* (anxiety) and *Santosh* (contentment) are now in the Council of Ministers,

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ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Reservation Policy

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*21. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA
RAO :

SHRI SODE RAMAIAH :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the recent agitations against the reservation policy of the Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka Governments ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written to the Union Government to take initiative for a national consensus on the reservation policy ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR.
RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh had written on 21st September, 1986 to take initiative for convening a national conference. The Government of India is of the view that the status quo should be maintained until a consensus on the subject is evolved.