

12.08 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that I have received following message dated the 1st March, 1982 from the President:

"I have received with great satisfaction the expression of thanks by the Members of the Lok Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 18th February, 1982."

(Interruptions)

SHRI HARIKESH BAHADUR (Gorakhpur): Sir, I would like to know whether the External Affairs Minister has been instructed to make a statement regarding the humiliation and insult of the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh.

श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह (फिरोजाबाद)
अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस का मुल्क के मुफाद से सम्बन्ध है। आप इस पर विचार करें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जो भी इमार्टेन्ट बात होती है, उस पर विचार होता है। लेकिन एक ही दिन में सारी बात नहीं हो सकती।

(व्यवधान)

12.09 hrs.

MATTER UNDER RULE 377

(i) NEED FOR PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL CINEMA HOUSES TO GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO EDUCATED YOUTH IN WEST BENGAL

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA (Tamluk): Sir, the incidence of large-scale unemployment in West Bengal and the

acute need for opening up new opportunities for gainful work attuned to the inclinations and genius of the local people. In this State, a considerable number of talented young people would like to use their creative energy for the production of films, which also has large employment potential. Unfortunately, such creative ventures get inhibited because of the lack of sufficient outlook. Most of the cinema houses in this State are controlled by a limited number of exhibitors, who are more inclined to cater to the more lurid products coming out of Bombay and other places than to what are produced by local talent. One way tackling the problem would be to encourage the construction of large number of small cinema houses with a seating capacity—not exceeding, say, five hundred. Many young people would be willing to build such cinema houses, only provided some of the concessions available to other small-scale industries—including bank finance at concessional rates—are also made available to them.

In this connection, I may draw the attention of the House that the West Bengal Government has sent representations in this matter to the Industry Ministry, but the response has not been encouraging.

Under these circumstances, I urge upon the Government to re-examine the matter and agree to recognise the activity of construction of cinema houses upto a certain specification, a small scale industrial operation.

I demand that the concerned Minister make a statement in the House in this regard.

(ii) NEED FOR PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT TO THE LANDLESS AND SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES PEOPLE OF DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS OF MIRZAPUR, BANARAS AND ALLAHABAD DISTRICTS.

श्री उमाकांत मिश्र (मिर्जापुर) :

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मिर्जापुर, बनारस, इलाहाबाद ये विन्ध्य पर्वत के दक्षिण के पहाड़ी ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में, जहाँ समय से वर्षा न होने