

[Mr. Deputy Speaker]

Baldev Prakash, for the following periods:

- (1) Thakur Girija Nandan Singh . 17th July to 31st August, 1978 (Fifth Session).
- (2) Shri T. A. Pai . . . . . 20th November to 22nd December, 1978 (Sixth Session).
- (3) Shri Dharmasinhbhai Patel . 20th November to 22nd December, 1978 (Sixth Session).
- (4) Shri Keshavrao Dhondge. . . 1st to 31st August, 1978 (Fifth Session) and 20th November to 5th December, 1978 (Sixth Session).
- (5) Shri K. S. Chavda. . . . . 20th November to 22nd December, 1978 (Sixth Session).
- (6) Shri Annasaheb Mazar . . . . 20th November to 22nd December, 1978 (Sixth Session).
- (7) Shri Krishna Chandra Halder. . 20th November to 22nd December, 1978 (Sixth Session).
- (8) Dr. Baldev Prakash . . . . . 20th November to 22nd December, 1978 (Sixth Session).

It is the pleasure of the House that leave as recommended by the Committee may be granted?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Members will be informed accordingly.

REPORT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
COMMITTEE HUNDRED AND FIRST REPORT

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO (Hanamkonda): I beg to present the Hundred and first Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Forty-fifth Report on Incorrect Grant of Export Incentives.

13.04 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) NON-AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES TO FIGHT ENCEPHALITIS IN TIRUNELVELI AND TUTICORIN IN TAMIL NADU.

SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM (Tiruchendur): Under Rule 377, I am making statement on the following matter of urgent public importance.

I have been repeatedly requesting the hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that the Government of India should rush the required medicines to Tirunelveli and Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu,

where Encephalitis has been spreading fast. During my visit to Tuticorin in the first week of this month, I have seen personally more than 100 patients in the hospital who have become the victims of Encephalitis.

The hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in his D.O. No. 1392 VIP/78 dated 8-12-78 stated that he is asking the Department to take immediate action in the matter of sending medicines to Tuticorin. But so far nothing has happened. I have come to know that the following medicines are not available in Tuticorin and Tamil Nadu in general:

Dehydroemetine used for amoebiasis; Emetine used for amoebiasis; Rholin used for ladies on Rh negative patients immediately after delivery; Botrapse used to control bleeding; Premarin used to control bleeding; Thyroid 60 mg. Tab. used in thyroid deficiencies; Dopsone used in Leprosy; Insulin Zinc, Lente NPH for diabetes.

The non-availability of the above medicines has created a scare among people of Tamilnadu particularly in Tuticorin that even the medicines for controlling Encephalitis are not available.

There seems to be justification for which I had to write to the hon. Minister to rush medicines to Tuticorin. I want the hon. Minister to make a statement in this regard.