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श्री मनी राम बामनी : कल बीस लाख किसान हिन्दुस्तान से यहां एकत्र हो रहे हैं। मैं प्रार्थना करता हूं कि जब वह रैली खत्म हो जाए, उसके बाद आप इसके लिए समय रखें ताकि हम भी उसमें भाग ले सकें।

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA : I have no objection to a discussion taking place. Time can be given.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : (Uluberia) : There are three ways to satisfy the Members on this issue—one is that the Government should find time for two hours tomorrow for a discussion on the statement to be made by the hon. Minister. I do not think that there is anything coming in the way of such a discussion being permitted tomorrow. After all the business of the House is transacted, we can discuss this problem. Secondly, if the Government is not prepared to do that and the hon. Minister is engaged otherwise, than the Government should be prepared to extend the House for one day only for the discussion of this subject.

The third course that can be adopted is that the Business Advisory Committee should sit this afternoon and streamline the discussion to be taken up tomorrow. We can take out certain things from the Agenda and include this subject for a discussion tomorrow. These are the three courses open to the House and one of them can be adopted.

SHRI PURNA SINHA (Tezpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, time capsule has been unearthed and it has already been ripped open and contents have been found out and inventories have been prepared. Certain items were shown to the press. Can the press know much before Parliament can know it? It was Parliament which got it unearthed and it must have the first chance to know the contents. Are you going to ask the Minister to disclose the contents of the time capsule to Parliament before the House adjourns. We want a categorical statement tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister is not here. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs wants to say something.

अब तब संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री लारंग साह) : माननीय सदस्य इस मुद्दे पर चर्चा करना चाहते हैं। कुछ माननीय सदस्यों का कहना है कि इस पर चर्चा के लिए आप समय बढ़ा दिया जाए।

इस पर चर्चा हो यह आवश्यक है क्योंकि यह किसानों का मसला है और स्वाभाविक है कि माननीय सदस्य इस पर चर्चा करना चाहें। हम लंच आवर में भी अपना काम जारी रख सकते हैं। आखिर में एक घंटा और भी बैठ कर कुछ समय निकाल सकते हैं और इस पर बहस कर सकते हैं। अगर माननीय सदस्यों को एतराज न हो तो वे मेरे इस मुद्दाव को स्वीकार कर सकते हैं। यह हमारा मुद्दाव है।

SHRISAUGATAROY : On a point of order. There was half an hour discussion on sugar industry and when such discussion takes place Ministers are expected to come prepared with policy statements and other information as so that Members do not have to raise the matters again. The hon. Minister Bhanu Pratap Singh did not come prepared with a policy statement. So I request the Ministers through you that in future when they come for discussion they should come prepared with facts and figures and policy statements.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar) : I want to move a formal motion that the sitting tomorrow be extended by two hours for this discussion.

12-56 hrs.

#### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

ACCOUNT SOP ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD, MADRAS FOR 1975-76, REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT OF KERALA AGRO-INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD. FOR 1975-76; ANNUAL REPORTS (HINDI) OF ORISSA AGRO-INDUSTRIES CORPORATION FOR 1968-69 AND 1969-70 & STATEMENTS.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) : I beg to lay on the Table :—

(1) A copy of the Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Animal Welfare Board, Madras, for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon, under the sub-rule (4) of Rule, 24 of the Animal Welfare Board (Administration) Rules, 1962. [Placed in library. See No. LT-1426/77].

(2) A copy each of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :—

(a) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Kerala Agro-Industries Corporation Limited, Trivandrum, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Kerala Agro-Industries Corporation Limited, Trivandrum, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. [Placed in library. See No. LT-1427/77].

(b) Annual Report (Hindi\* version) of the Orissa Agro-Industries Corporation Limited, Cuttack, for the year 1968-69 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(c) Annual Report (Hindi\* version) of the Orissa Agro-Industries Corporation Limited, Cuttack for the year 1969-70 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. [Placed in library. See No. LT-1428/77].

(3) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reason for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the Report mentioned at 2(a) (ii) above.

(4) Two statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the reports mentioned at (2)(a), (b) and (c) above. [Placed in library. See No. LT-1428/77].

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR (Gandhinagar) : I want to make an observation with regard to the papers laid on the Table of the House ; I have sought your permission to raise this matter with particular reference to items 3, 7 and 8 in today's list of business. Papers, statements, reports etc. are being laid by various Ministers and I have purposely not sought your permission so far to raise certain objections. But now that we are coming to the close of the present session, I thought I shall invite the attention of the House to some important matters. You will be pleased to recall that a number of important statements, reports, reviews etc. covering the activities of the government

and public corporations for which the Government of India are responsible through various Ministries are being laid before the House. This practice though followed strictly and technically in effect and in spirit the purpose is lost if they are laid as late as 4 or 6 years after they were supposed to have been laid. For example, the Minister of Agriculture is laying on the Table of the House today the Hindi version of the annual report of the Orissa Agro-Industries Corporation for the year 1968-69 I know that, fortunately, there is a committee for papers laid on the table of the House which will look into all these cases and I am just now not on that question. My point is that if Ministers bring before the House reports of activities years later, they just go in a routine way ; the matter is referred to the committee and it makes a report. But the purpose of keeping vigilance and the right of interrogating the government are being denied to us. Therefore, my request to you is this. You will see a footnote which says that the English versions\* of the reports for 1968-69 and 1969-70 were laid on the Table of the House on 28th October, 1976, and the mere translation into Hindi had taken one year and two months. This is something unpardonable; even if reasons are given they are unjustifiable. How can the government take 14 months for mere Hindi translation of a report which was laid already late by six years?

Now they take 14 months more to lay the Hindi translation. You can see how this very serious procedure laid down over a period of years has been ridiculed and made fun of by the laying of delayed reports. Secondly, the reasons explaining the delay are also being laid on the Table by the Minister today. He lays the report and simultaneously lays the reasons for delay. So, tomorrow I cannot raise the matter. If I knew the reasons for the delay at least a couple of hours in advance, if then there is a serious lapse, I can invite the attention of the House to it with your permission. When both are laid simultaneously, nothing can be done. If you agree, therefore, I suggest that the statement giving reasons for delay in laying either the Hindi version or the original, English version ought to be circulated to all members of Parliament at 7-30 or 8 in the morning along with the list of business, so that we may study those reasons. If the delay is ordinary and technical, we will not waste the time of the House by raising it here. But if it is a serious matter involving accountability of a high order, we will come to you before 10 o'clock, take your permission and raise it in the House.

\* The English versions of the reports were laid on the table on the 28th October, 1976.

13:00 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER : I will look into the matter.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar) : Being the Chairman of the Committee, I want to make a submission.

मेरा कहना यह है कि जो माननीय सदस्य ने कहा है, वह बहुत गंभीर बात है। हमारी कमेटी के सामने कई-कई साल के बाद रिपोर्ट आती है और उसका परिणाम यह होता है कि जो कुछ मदन या सदस्य देख सकते हैं कि उसमें क्या गड़बड़ है, क्या ठीक है, वह नहीं देख पाते, उसका उद्देश्य खत्म हो जाता है।

कई प्राइवेट या गवर्नमेंट की ऐसी इंस्टीट्यूशन्स हैं जिनमें स्टेट या मॉटर का रुपया लगा है, उनको 7, 8 साल के बाद रिपोर्ट आती है। कोई हाउस को ऐसी कमेटी नहीं है जो उनकी एक्टिविटीज को जांच करे। कई बार देर में रिपोर्ट लाने का उद्देश्य यह भी होता है कि 7, 8 साल के बाद लाओ ताकि जो गड़बड़ हो, उसको कोई देख नहीं सके।

हमारी कमेटी इतना ही देखती है कि रिपोर्ट ठीक समय पर आई है या नहीं। अगर नहीं आई तो कह देते हैं कि गलती हो गई, नहीं आई। इससे ज्यादा कुछ नहीं हो सकता है।

मेरी प्रार्थना है कि इस कमेटी के परब्यू को थोड़ा बढ़ाना चाहिए ताकि यह कमेटी, कहां पर गड़बड़ है, कहां ठीक है, कहां ठीक नहीं है, जैसे हाउस की दूसरी कमेटीज देखती हैं, यह कमेटी भी जांच कर सके और मदन के सामने रख सके कि इसमें क्या गड़बड़ है। आपकी सूचना के लिए मैं यह प्रार्थना करना चाहता हूँ।

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA : There are two types of reports being laid today. One is in item 2(a) "Review

(Hindi & English versions) by Government on the working of the Kerala Agro Industries Corporation for the year 1975-76". There is not much delay in that. But my hon. friend is referring to item 2(b)—"Annual Report (Hindi version) of Orissa Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Cuttack, for the year 1968-69". But he has not read out what follows, viz., "along with the audited accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon".

All that has taken time, and that has been explained.

MR. SPEAKER : The delay of nearly 9 years is too much.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA : The Minister should not be allowed to explain these reasons. It is for the Committee to see why delay has taken place.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA : It was only mentioned that it was a report, "along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon."

MR. SPEAKER : Even then 9 years' delay is something unpardonable. But of course, you are not responsible. Somebody else may be responsible. At least in future, these reports should be placed on the Table of the House as early as possible. The Auditor General must have asked for the report earlier.

We will look into the matter and see how we can expedite things. If you can give it in writing, we can see how it can be stream-lined.

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धन्य तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सारंग साय) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डो की ओर से राष्ट्रीय उत्पादकता परिषद्, नई दिल्ली के वर्ष 1976-77 के वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन (हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण) की एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ।

[Placed in library. See No. LT-1429-77].

REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT OF BHARAT ALUMINUM CO. LTD., FOR 1976-77

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of