

12.25 hrs.

**SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL), 1976-77**

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL):** I beg to present a statement showing Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (General) for 1976-77.

12.25 hrs.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH (Hoshingabad):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I take my stand on Rule 376. I read out the Rule before the House:

"(1) A point of order shall relate to the interpretation or enforcement of these rules or such Articles of the Constitution as regulate the business of the House and shall raise a question which is within the cognizance of the Speaker.

(2) A point of order may be raised in relation to the business before the House at the moment".

The business before the House is given in the List of Business.

Now I would like to invite your attention to the fact that the Constitution—'asli' Constitution.....

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please tell me what is the Point of Order and on which subject.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** There is a universally accepted Constitutional legal maxim that this House or for the matter of that any corporate body cannot transact its business without the provision for a quorum in the House. Unfortunately, there is a vacuum now.

**MR. SPEAKER:** You can raise a point of order on an issue which is being discussed by the House. But here there is absolutely nothing.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** The business cannot be conducted without the provision for quorum before the House. There is a vacuum in regard to quorum. Please refer to the Rules of Procedure.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I know that. But there is no point of order at all because there is no subject before you.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** List of Business before the House is a subject.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Are you objecting to the Grants for the Railways?

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** The business cannot be transacted without a provision for quorum. That is an axiom.

*(Interruptions)*

**MR. SPEAKER:** There is no point of order.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** Will you please listen to me?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Will you kindly allow the Law Minister to explain that?

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** I have not completed my point of order.

*(Interruptions)*

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Speaker takes a decision on a point of order but not an hon. member.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** I have not completed my point of order yet. Please listen to me.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Law Minister will please explain.

**THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN):** I